

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Opening and Co-Location of The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx (09X568) with Existing School M.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade Academies in School Building X117, Beginning in 2012-2013**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS"), published and filed on February 2, 2012, on the proposed opening and co-location of The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx (09X5688) ("YWLS Bronx") with existing school M.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade Academies (09X117) ("M.S. 117") in school building X117 ("X117") beginning in 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g(8), the Panel for Educational Policy ("the Panel") undertook a public review process for review and comment on the proposed opening and co-location of YWLS Bronx with M.S. 117 in X117; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the proposal via the New York City Department of Education's (the "Department") internet website and circulation of the notice of the proposal to all community superintendents, community district education councils, community boards, and school based management teams; and

WHEREAS, such notice further included: a) a description of the purpose and substance of the proposed opening and co-location of YWLS Bronx with M.S. 117 in X117; b) information regarding where the full text of the proposal could be obtained; c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department representative from whom information concerning the proposal could be obtained; d) the date, time, and place of any hearing on the proposal; e) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposal; and f) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on February 2, 2012, at least forty-five days in advance of the March 21, 2012 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed opening and co-location of YWLS Bronx with M.S. 117 in X117 came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d), the Chancellor held a joint public hearing on the proposal with the District 9 Community Education Council and the impacted school leadership teams at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, following the public review and comment period, the Panel made available to the public, including via the Department's internet web site, an assessment of all public comments concerning the proposed opening and co-location of YWLS Bronx with M.S. 117 in X117; and

WHEREAS, the assessment of public comments included a summary and analysis of the issues raised and any significant suggested alternatives; a statement of the reasons why any significant alternatives were not incorporated into the proposed opening and co-location; a description of

any changes to the proposed opening and co-location as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved opening and co-location of YWLS Bronx with M.S. 117 in X117 may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposed opening and co-location of YWLS Bronx with M.S. 117 in X117; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the proposed opening and co-location of YWLS Bronx with M.S. 117 in X117; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed opening and co-location of The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx (09X5688) with existing school M.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade Academies (09X117) in school building X117 beginning in 2012-2013.