

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Closure of Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405) and Opening and Co-Location of New School (08X569) with New High School (08X558), Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293), and a District 75 Inclusion Program (75X721) in Building X405 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 28, 2012, on the proposed closure of Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405, “Lehman”) and opening and co-location of New School (08X569, “New School”) with New High School (08X558, “08X558”), Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293, “Renaissance”), and a District 75 Inclusion Program (75X721, “District 75 inclusion program”) in building X405 beginning in 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g(8), the Panel for Educational Policy undertook a public review process for review and comment on the proposed closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405; 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 closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405; 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 28, 2012, at least forty-five days in advance of the April 26, 2012 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405 came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2012, the Department issued an amended EIS, which includes corrected plans in New School for CTE programming, updated language to reflect that new school 08X558 has been approved to be co-located in the building X405 building beginning in September 2012, updated enrollment projections for New School and building X405, updated estimated building utilization rates, and an updated Instructional Footprint for the proposed New School, but which did not substantially revise the proposal; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d), the Chancellor has held a joint public hearing on the proposal with the District 8 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 closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405; 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 closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405; a description of any changes to the proposal as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405 may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposed closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the proposed closure of Lehman and opening and co-location of New School with 08X558, Renaissance and a District 75 inclusion program in building X405; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed closure of Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405) and opening and co-location of New School (08X569) with New High School (08X558), Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293), and a District 75 inclusion program (75X721) in building X405 beginning in 2012-2013.