



**Department of  
Education**

*Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor*

## **Public Comment Analysis**

Date: January 15, 2013

Topic: Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-850

Date of Panel Vote: January 16, 2013

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### **Summary of Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-850**

Chancellor's Regulation A-850 sets forth the Department of Education's policy on recycling and sustainability. This regulation requires all DOE facilities and schools, including charter schools located in DOE buildings, to adopt and report on sustainability practices, to emphasize the importance of sustainability, to create a culture that accepts fiscal responsibility for sustainability goals, to enhance building performance, and to foster citizenship by encouraging students to focus on sustainability.

The prior version of this regulation, which was issued on July 15, 2009, is proposed to be amended in the following respects: (1) to reflect current organization at the DOE and the DOE's policy; (2) to change the name of the regulation to "Sustainability" and highlight the importance of sustainability in DOE buildings; (3) to provide that all DOE schools and facilities operating within the DOE's jurisdiction, including charter schools located in DOE buildings, implement and maintain a site-specific waste prevention, reuse, recycling plan and energy conservation plan ("Sustainability Plan"); (4) to clarify the roles and responsibilities of DOE personnel responsible for implementing Sustainability Plans; (5) to set forth new timelines and processes for reporting progress on sustainability initiatives; and (6) to establish the DOE's policy for approving or denying building improvement requests submitted by a school or facility.

**Summary of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and  
Significant Alternatives Suggested**

No public comments were received regarding this proposal.

**Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and  
Changes Made to the Proposal**

The DOE has made no changes to the proposed amendments to the regulation. The regulation will be presented to the Panel for Education Policy as posted.

A copy of the regulation can be obtained at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Jan2013PEPRegulations.htm>