

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the
Proposed Grade Reconfiguration of P.S. 46M**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has prepared an educational impact statement on the proposal to change the grade configuration of P.S. 46M from grades Pre-K-6 to grades Pre-K-8 and has held a joint public hearing on the proposal with the District 5 Community Education Council and the P.S. 46M school leadership team at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the proposal; 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 proposal to change the grade configuration of P.S. 46M; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the proposal via the Department of Education's internet website and circulation of the notice of 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 proposal to change the grade configuration of P.S. 46M; 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 of Education representative from whom information concerning the proposed grade reconfiguration could be obtained; d) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposed grade reconfiguration; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposed grade reconfiguration; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on September 25, 2009, more than forty-five days in advance of the November 12, 2009 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed grade reconfiguration of P.S. 46M came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, following the public review and comment period, the Panel made available to the public, including via the Department of Education's internet web site, an assessment of all public comments concerning the proposed grade reconfiguration of P.S. 46M; 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 proposal; a description of any changes to the proposed grade reconfiguration as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved grade reconfiguration of P.S. 46M may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposal to change the grade configuration of P.S. 46M from Pre-K-6 to Pre-K-8; and

WHEREAS, the grade reconfiguration of P.S. 46M is necessary to create grade alignment to increase and improve access to middle school choice; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to change the grade configuration of P.S. 46M; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed grade reconfiguration of P.S. 46M.