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November 21, 2008

The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
President
Baltimore City Council
100 North Holliday Street
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear President Rawlings-Blake:

In response to Bill 08-0217, on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners ("Board") voted in support of renaming two of our schools. The Board voted to rename Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451 as New Hope Academy #345. I have enclosed an original Board resolution on this matter.

Pursuant to Baltimore City Code, Article 5, § 20-1, I am requesting on behalf of the Board that the City Council introduce legislation and pass an ordinance to officially reflect this name change. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrés A. Alonso, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer



RESOLUTION OF THE
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners ("Board") entered into public/private partnership with the SESI Company to operate and manage the two schools known as Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451;

WHEREAS, the school community, including prospective students, community members, and representatives of the Baltimore City Public Schools ("City Schools") met on June 12, 2008, to discuss the renaming of the school;

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2008, a public forum was held during which community members, advocates, parents, students, representatives of City Schools, and members of the new school's staff met to discuss possible new names for the school;

WHEREAS, the meeting and public forum led to the selection of "New Hope Academy" for the school's new name;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer for the City Schools concurs with the name "New Hope Academy" suggested by the school community and also recommends that the school be assigned with the number 345;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby renames the two schools formerly known as Woodbourne Center #372 and Central Career Center at Briscoe #451 as New Hope Academy #345.

I hereby certify that on August 14, 2008, the Board approved this Resolution.



Janet Johnson, Board Executive

Approved by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners



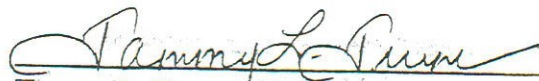
Andrés A. Alonso, Ed.D., Chief Executive Officer/Secretary

Approved by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners



Brian D. Morris, Chair of the School Board

Approved by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners



Tammy L. Turner, Chief Legal Counsel

Approved by the Office of Legal Counsel