RESOLVED, that the program in Mathematics and Sciences for Secondary Education leading to the Associate of Science degree at Borough of Manhattan Community College be approved, effective June 28, 2011, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: This program will offer a wider number of students access to the coursework required to pursue a career path as a secondary education teacher in the areas of biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Each of the four tracks in this degree has been articulated with a corresponding baccalaureate program at Lehman which leads to initial secondary education certification. By offering the foundation courses in both the subject areas and in pedagogy to community college students, the college will raise the awareness of the teaching profession to students who otherwise might not envision themselves making this career choice. At the same time the program aims to diversify the ranks of teachers in subject areas with systemic shortages, to resemble more closely New York City’s population.