



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

TO:



Background Information

I am advancing the proposed renewal charters for the following charter schools as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) in her capacity as a charter school authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law, and that the charters be extended for the terms indicated.

Pursuant to Education Law § 2852 the Regents have the authority to issue charters to all charter schools in NYS. The process for DOE-authorized charter schools is as follows:

The Chancellor for the DOE recommends that the Regents issue a charter renewal or a revision of an existing charter.

The recommendation is sent to the Department and the Regents have 90 days to act or the recommendation goes into effect by OOL.

Once a charter is received by the Department, the Regents have four options:

1. Consider the recommendation and vote on it. If the vote is affirmative, the action is effective immediately.

2. If the vote is negative, the Regents send the negative recommendation
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charter or revise an existing charter school must be reconsidered by DOE and resubmitted as a new recommendation to be considered by

Dr Richard Izquierdo Health and Science CS
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/A69AFEF5-F06F-4D4D-8B63-BB7B36B2E45C/0/DrRichardIzquierdoHSCS_RenewalReport201415_FINAL_Revised.pdf

2.5 Year Renewal Terms

Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/135BF5C7-F983-484A-9A0C-31B4FC1B51B6/0/RochdaleEarlyAdvantageCSRRenewalReport201415FINAL_POST.pdf

3.5 Year Renewal Terms

Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/E4090DAA-28B9-4A60-A5BD-583F3E2627DE/0/InwoodAcademyRenewalReport201415FINAL_POST.pdf

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/AEDE00D2-3C80-4890-B7A0-2935F2ABE528/0/BedStuyNewBeginningsRenewalReport201415_vFINAL_SEND_1515.pdf

Hyde Leadership Charter School ±Brooklyn
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/49029189-1805-4942-ADF1-60C5A0A1CC5D/0/HydeLeadershipCSBrooklynRenewalReport201415FINAL_POST_1615.pdf

Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/F58CD34C-1FBE-4D81-9608-253CB3ECAE70/0/RenaissanceInnovationCHSRenewalReport201415FINAL_POST.pdf

Bushwick Ascend Charter School
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/15C3C3E7-B9A9-4BFA-83F3-724F4C047278/0/BWAscendRenewalReport201415_vFINAL.pdf

4.5 Year Renewal Terms

Riverton Street Charter School
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/AC9D38A9-019E-4F10-9B32-73D0B4391B31/0/RivertonStreetRenewalReport201415_FINAL.pdf

Hellenic Classical Charter School
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/B2EE56A3-BF74-43E6-A431-75B7FB5507CB/0/HellenicClassicalCharterSchool_vFINAL.pdf

Democracy Prep Harlem Charter School
http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/D36B954D-420E-4A20-B7D4-9A3263A38D70/0/DemocracyPrepHarlemRenewalReport_FINAL.pdf

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the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of Bushwick Ascend Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of Riverton Street Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2019.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of Hellenic Classical Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2019.

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and issues the renewal charter of Democracy Prep Harlem Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2019.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of Challenge Preparatory Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2019.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents action for the above named charter schools will become effective immediately.

Attachments

Regents Addendum

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Regents Addendum

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Mobility

Student Mobility out of Lefferts Gardens Charter School *				
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Number of Students who Left the School ¹	17	35	69	48
Percent of Students who Left the School ²	11.6%	15.0%	21.6%	13.9%

* Figures are based on student enrollment as of October 31 for each respective school year with the exception of the 2012-2013 school year, which is as of October 26, 2012.

Enrollment of Special Populations ³

Special Population	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014 State Enrollment Target (Proposed)
Free and Reduced Lunch					

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Student Mobility out of Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School *				
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Number of Students who Left the School ¹	11	11	20	16

Enrollment of Special Populations ³

Special Population		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014 State Enrollment Target (Proposed)
Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL)	Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School	70.4%	77.6%	79.6%	72.4%	77.8%
	CSD 27	83.0%	-	-	-	
	CSD 28	-	75.8%	76.4%	76.5%	
	NYC	80.7%	83.3%	82.6%	82.4%	
Students with Disabilities (SWD)	Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School	8.5%	10.3%	13.4%	19.3%	12.0%
	CSD 27	12.8%	-	-	-	
	CSD 28	-	12.0%	12.7%	15.3%	
	NYC	14.5%	15.2%	16.7%	19.3%	
English Language Learners (ELL)						

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Student Mobility out of Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School *	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014

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Special Population



The Chancellor recommends the following schools be granted a short term renewal of three and one half years with the term expiring June 30, 2018

- 5. Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School, NYC Community School District 6
 - o The school currently serves 586 students in grades 5-9, is currently authorized to serve 500



January 9, 2015

Beth Berlin
Interim Commissioner of Education
New York State Education Department
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Albany, NY 12234

Re: Charter Renewal Recommendations

Commissioner Berlin,

On behalf of the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) as a charter authorizing entity, I respectfully request that you consider the charter renewal recommendations submitted on January 8, 2015. For our schools to succeed, we need to hold them to high-standards. We closely track $\frac{1}{2}$ of the schools in each district - and ZH ZLOO KROG WKHVH VFKRROV DFFRXQWDEOH IRU GHPRQVWUDWLQJ takes to ensure that all our schools are doing their duty of providing a great education to the children of New York City.

The DOE has set the expectation for the schools recommended for 1.5 year short-term renewal. The DOE has set the expectation for the schools recommended for a 1.5 year renewal by mandating goals outlined in the charter agreements. Schools that do not, at a minimum, meet the following academic goals will not be considered for further renewal at the end of the next charter term.

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‡ For each year of the school ¶V QH[W FKDUWHU WHUP WKH VFKRRO ZLOO VKRZ DFDQ