


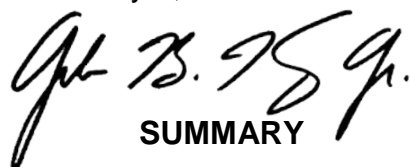


TO: P-12 Education Committee

FROM: Ken Slentz 

SUBJECT: Charter Schools: Short-term Renewals for 5 Charter Schools Authorized by Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE)

DATE: February 8, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve and issue short-term charter renewals for five charter schools authorized by the Chancellor of the NYCDOE, whose charters expire mid-academic year?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Regents P-12 Education Committee and the Full Board for action at the February 2013 meeting of the Board of Regents.

Background Information

The Board of Regents will consider the renewal of 14 public charter schools authorized by the Chancellor of the NYCDOE this academic year. All of these schools originally had charters that expired during the current school year. In January, the Regents approved short-term renewals for 9 of these schools which aligned the charter terms for those schools with the school year and will expire on June 30, 2013. The Chancellor of the NYCDOE has requested that the Regents approve similar short-term renewals, until June 30, 2013, for the other five charter schools which will allow the schools to remain operationally viable through the end of the school year (Attachment A). Those five charter schools are: NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (AECI) in CSD 7, Bronx Academy of Promise

Charter School in CSD 9, Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School in CSD 7, Future Leaders Institute Charter School in CSD 3 and South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts in CSD 7.

Recommendation

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 the NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries 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, 2013.

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 the Bronx Academy of Promise 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, 2013.

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 the Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls 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, 2013.

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 the Future Leaders Institute 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, 2013.

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 the South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts 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, 2013.

Timetable for Implementation

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

Next Steps

The Regents will consider charter renewal proposals from the NYCDOE Chancellor for all 14 schools before the short-term renewals expire on June 30th.

Attachment



**Department of
Education**

Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor

January 24, 2013

John B. King Jr.
Commissioner of Education
The State Education Department
The University of the State of New York
Albany, NY 12234

Commissioner King,

In the 2012-2013 academic year, I have and will consider the renewal of charters from 14 public charter schools in New York City. All 14 schools have charters that expire before the end of the school year. The NYC-DOE's Charter Schools Accountability and Support team has evaluated 13 of the 14 schools and is currently reviewing and evaluating the remaining charter renewal application.

The NYC DOE recommends that the following schools be granted a full 5-year renewal, with terms starting July 1, 2013.

- Brooklyn Ascend Charter School, NYC District 18
- DREAM Charter School, NYC District 4
- PAVE Academy Charter School, NYC District 15
- St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School, NYC District 5
- The Equity Project Charter School, NYC District 6
- VOICE Charter School of New York, NYC District 30

The NYC DOE recommends that the following schools be granted a 3-year renewal with conditions, with terms starting July 1, 2013:

- Bronx Community Charter School, NYC District 10
- Mott Haven Academy Charter School, NYC District 7
- The Ethical Community Charter School (TECCS), NYC District 14

In addition, in order to align charter expiration dates with the end of the school year, and to allow these schools to remain operationally viable through the end of the year, I recommend that the charters for the schools listed below be operationally renewed, short-term, through June 30, 2013, for the terms indicated:

First Renewal Charters: February 11 and 12, 2013 – June 30, 2013 for:

- NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (AECI), NYC District 7
- Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School, NYC District 9
- Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School, NYC District 7

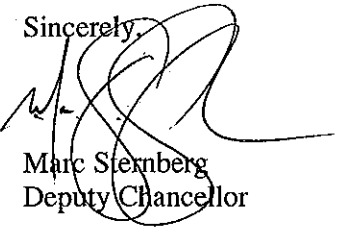
Third Renewal Charter: March 14, 2013 – June 30, 2013 for:

- Future Leaders Institute Charter School, NYC District 3

First Renewal Charters: May 16, 2013 – June 30, 2013 for:

- South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts, NYC District 7

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Sternberg', written over the printed name and title.

Marc Sternberg
Deputy Chancellor