




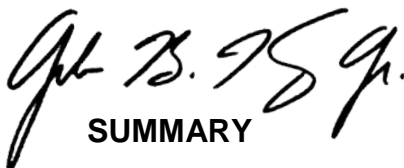
TO: P-12 Education Committee

FROM: Ken Slentz 

SUBJECT: Charter Schools: Renewal of a Charter Authorized by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE): Mott Haven Academy Charter School

DATE: March 4, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S):


SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the proposed renewal charter for Mott Haven Academy Charter School, a charter school authorized by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE)?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will be before the Regents P-12 Education Committee for action at the March 2013 Regents meeting.

Procedural History

The Chancellor of the NYCDOE approved a three year renewal charter, with conditions, for Mott Haven Academy Charter School and submitted it to the Regents for approval and issuance of the renewal charter as required by Article 56 of the Education Law, The New York State Charter School Statute.

Background Information

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the proposed renewal charter for Mott Haven Academy Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) in his capacity as a charter school

authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law, and that the charter be extended for the term indicated. The Executive Summary from the NYCDOE’s Renewal Report for Mott Haven Academy Charter School is attached (Attachment A). The Full Renewal Report is available on the NYC DOE’s Charter School Office web site at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/charters/Schools/default.htm>

Three-Year Renewal with Conditions

Name of Charter School	Mott Haven Academy Charter School
District of Location	NYC, CSD #7
Facilities	The school is located in private space located at 170 Brown Place, Bronx, NY
Terms and Date of Charter	Initial Term: January 14, 2008 – January 14, 2013 1 st Renewal Term: January 15, 2013 - June 30, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012 – 2013: Grades: K-5; 269 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 th Year of Operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	The New York Foundling
New Material Term	Second Renewal Charter: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016

Conditions:

- Improve Overall Progress Report grade and Student Progress grade on Progress Reports; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter.
- The School will revise its accountability plan goals for the Renewal Report. The plan will establish performance goals that equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term that also take into consideration the unique student population of the School.
- If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.

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 **Mott Haven Academy 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, 2016.

Timetable for Implementation

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

Attachment

Part 1: Executive Summary

School Overview and History:

Mott Haven Academy Charter School opened in 2008 and is in its first charter term, which expires on January 14, 2013. The school is housed in the Bronx in CSD 7 in a private space located 170 Brown Place, Bronx, NY 10454. Mott Haven Academy currently serves approximately 269 students in grades K-5¹. The school's primary intake grade is Kindergarten but it accepts applications and fills available seats in grades k-4². Since its inception, it has partnered with The New York Foundling and has provided an education model for a uniquely at-risk population of students: one-third of its students are involved in foster care and one-third of students are at risk of foster care based on involvement in child welfare system. Below are the school's 2012 Progress Report grade and overall assessment results and demographic data for the school and CSD.

During the 2011-12 school year, the average attendance at Mott Haven Academy was 95%. The school scored average on all four satisfaction areas (Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement, and Safety & Respect on the 2011-12 NYC DOE School Survey with 78% of Parents and 100% of Teachers responding to the survey³.

Mott Haven is an independent charter school not associated with a charter management organization (CMO). The school has been partnered with NY Foundling since its inception. Jessica Nauiokas has been the school principal since the school's founding.

	2011-12 PR overall grade	2012 ELA, 3+%	2012 Math, 3+%	FRL %	SWD %	ELL %
School ⁴	D	28	43.9	90 ⁵	18	12
CSD 7 ⁶		28.2	39.8	86	20	18

Renewal Recommendation:

In order for a charter school to be renewed it must demonstrate that it has earned renewal and is worthy of continuing the privilege of educating New York City students.

¹ Self reported in Renewal Application's Renewal Visit Data Collection Form (8/31/12)

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³ NYC DOE School Survey – <http://schools.nyc.gov/survey>

⁴ Proficiency rates from 2011-12 Progress Report. Demographics from ATS 11/20/12.

⁵ Self-reported by school, email to CSAS, 12/7/12. To be confirmed and finalized as school completes review of forms.

⁶ CSD ELA and Math data from NYC DOE website and measures average performance of common grades only. Demographics from ATS 11/26/12 data pull.

While the academic performance of students is the foremost determining factor of a school's success, a school's ability to demonstrate an effective educational program, a financially and operationally viable organization, and a strong learning community with support from stakeholders are important factors that inform a renewal decision.

Based on the evaluation of the renewal application, renewal visit, historical annual reports and visits, performance on Progress Reports, comparisons to the CSD, and other factors, the New York City Department of Education Charter Schools Accountability & Support team (NYC DOE CSAS) recommends a **Three-Year Renewal with Conditions** of the charter for Mott Haven Academy. The conditions are as follows:

- 1) Improve Overall Progress Report grade and Student Progress grade; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter term.
- 2) The School in coordination with the NYC DOE, will revise its accountability plan goals for the Renewal Report (to be attachment A) by January 31, 2013. The plan will establish performance goals that equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term that also take into consideration the unique student population of the School.
- 3) If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.