
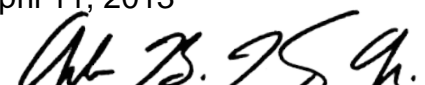




THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: P-12 Education Committee
FROM: Ken Slentz 
SUBJECT: Revision to Charters Authorized by the Board of Regents:
Believe Northside Charter High School
DATE: April 11, 2013
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the proposed revision to the charter for Believe Northside Charter High School?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by state statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will be before the P-12 Education Committee for discussion and action, and before the Full Board for action at the April 2013 meeting of the Board of Regents.

Background Information

Believe Northside Charter High School requests to change the material terms of its charter to change its name to Northside Charter High School.

Believe Northside Charter High School

Name of Charter School	Believe Northside Charter High School
Applicant	Jairo Guzman, BoT Chairperson
Management Company	N/A (formerly Believe High School Network, Inc.)
Other Partner(s)	N/A
District of Location	New York City Community School District 14
Facility	424 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York 11222 – co-located facility
School Opened For Instruction	August 2009
Current Charter Term	January 13, 2009, through June 30, 2014
Current Grade Levels/ Number of Students	Grade 9 through 12; 383 students
Maximum Enrollment	Grade 9 through 12; 400 students
Proposed Revision	Change name to “Northside Charter High School”

Background

The Board of Regents approved and chartered the Believe Northside Charter High School (“BNCHS” or “School”) located in New York City in Community School District 14 in January 2009. The school opened for instruction in August 2009. The School is currently in its fourth year of operation and will seek renewal by the Board of Regents during the 2013-2014 school year. In August 2009, the Board of Regents approved a revision to the charter permitting BNCHS to contract with a charter management organization, Believe High School Network, Inc.

The School terminated its relationship with the Believe High School Network in May 2012. The School trustees assert that the relationship was terminated by the School for cause. Further, the trustees “believe it is in the best interests of the School to ‘rebrand’ the School through a name change to reflect the prevailing focus on academic excellence and increased focus on sound management.” The School’s Board of Trustees requests that the Regents approve a material revision to its charter to allow the School to change its name to “Northside Charter High School.” The name change is further intended to clarify the separation between the charter management organization and the school. Trustees of the School approved this action by resolution on February 13, 2013.

The New York City Department of Education held a required public hearing regarding the proposed charter revision on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed revised charter: (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 the charter revision for Northside Charter High School and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents actions for Northside Charter High School will become effective immediately.