



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Registration of Public Schools
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents register the public elementary and intermediate schools listed in the attached table?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation (8 NYCRR 100.21).

Proposed Handling

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its May 2021 meeting.

Procedural History

Beginning in July 2003, the Regents have annually approved the registration of new public schools. In 2012 the date for submission of registration petitions was moved from June 15 to March 1. Therefore, in recent years the Department has been able to make recommendations to the Board of Regents at its May and/or June meetings regarding registration of public schools.

Background Information

Commissioner's regulations require that districts seeking to register a public elementary, intermediate, or high school must submit a petition to the Board of Regents.

The schools listed on the attached table are being recommended by the Commissioner for registration, based upon school districts submitting petitions and supporting materials for these schools certifying the districts' commitment to operate

these schools in compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations relating to public schools and in compliance with applicable building codes.

The attached table contains a list of the schools for which districts have petitioned for registration effective with the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Following the Board of Regents taking action to register a school, the Commissioner, pursuant to section 100.21 of the Commissioner's regulations, will determine the accountability status of the newly registered school. A school district that seeks to register a new public elementary, intermediate, or high school must submit an addendum to the petition that provides such information as:

- Student admission criteria, including those pertaining to English language learners and students with disabilities, as well as the zoning patterns;
- Staffing (administration and instructional);
- Curricula; and
- Facilities.

This information is used to determine whether a school should open with an accountability status of "Good Standing" or if the school should carry over the accountability status of a school from which it split, into which it merged, or for which it is the successor.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the schools listed on the attached table be registered effective with the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Timetable for Implementation

If approved by the Board of Regents, schools listed in the attached table will be registered effective July 1, 2021. It is anticipated that additional new public schools will be presented for registration approval at the June 2021 Regents meeting.

Attachment

Public Schools Recommended for Registration for the 2021 - 22 School Year

| School Name | School District | School Street Address | 2021 - 22 Grade Configuration | 2021 - 22 Projected Enrollment | Grade Configuration at Full Growth | Projected Enrollment at Full Growth |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Rhodes Academy of Humanities and the Arts | Hempstead UFSD | 270 Washington Street, Hempstead, NY 11550 | Pre-K - 5 | 750 | Pre-K - 6 | 850 |
| Kiryas Joel Early Childhood Educational Center | Kiryas Joel UFSD | 655 County Route105, Monroe, NY 10950 | Pre-K - K | 43 | Pre-K - K | 72 |
| Oyster Bay Middle School | Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD | 150 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 | 7-8 | 226 | 7-8 | 336 |
| South Lewis Elementary School | South Lewis CSD | 4264 East Road, Turin, NY 13473 | Pre-K - 4 | 390 | Pre-K - 4 | 425 |