



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

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: James A. Kadamus

COMMITTEE: Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education
TITLE OF ITEM: Revisions to Charter School Charters
DATE OF SUBMISSION: March 6, 2003
PROPOSED HANDLING: Action (Consent Agenda)
RATIONALE FOR ITEM: Legislative authority to act on charter schools
STRATEGIC GOAL: Goals 1 and 2
AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY:

The Board of Regents is authorized to approve proposed revisions to existing charters. The Riverhead Charter School has submitted an amendment for the remaining three years of its charter. Specifically, the school seeks to increase the grade levels offered from K-5 to K-8 starting in September 2003. There would be no increase in enrollment from the totals already approved in the charter. Attached are copies of materials submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Riverhead Charter School.

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York has also submitted to the Board of Regents proposed revisions to the charters for the East Harlem Village Academy Charter School, the East New York Village Academy Charter School, and the Libertas Charter School. The proposed revision for both the East Harlem Village Academy Charter School and the East New York Village Academy Charter School is to change the grade levels served from 6-9 to 5-8. The proposed revision for the Libertas Charter School is to change its name to the Buffalo United Charter School. The requested name change also requires approval of a change to the school's certificate of incorporation (also referred to as a provisional charter). Attached are copies of materials submitted by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the proposed revisions to the charters of the following charter schools based upon the information contained in the attachments and upon a finding by the Board of Regents that: (1) the revisions meet the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations; (2) the revisions (together with the other terms of the charters)

will permit the charter schools to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; and (3) the revisions (together with the other terms of the charters) are 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:

- Riverhead Charter School
- East Harlem Village Academy Charter School
- East New York Village Academy Charter School
- Libertas Charter School

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a revision to the certificate of incorporation of the Libertas Charter School to reflect a change in its name to the Buffalo United Charter School.