



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY,
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TO: P-12 Education Committee

FROM: John B. King, Jr.

SUBJECT: Revisions to Charters authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York

DATE: June 9, 2011

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve revisions to the following charters authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY). The charter revisions have been approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees, at their July 8, 2010 meeting, in their capacity as charter school authorizers under Article 56 of the Education Law.

Our World Neighborhood Charter School II

Charter School Name	Our World Neighborhood Charter School II
Current Charter Term	Initial Charter Term: December 14, 2010 up through and including December 13, 2015
Current Grades and Approved Enrollment	2011-12 K-1 104 students 2012-13 K-2 156 students 2012-14 K-3 208 students 2014-15 K-4 260 students 2015-16 K-5 312 students
District of Location	NYC CSD #30
Proposed Charter Revision(s)	Name Change to Academy of the City Charter School
Date Approved by Charter Schools Institute on behalf of SUNY BoT	March 29, 2011

Our World Neighborhood Charter School II was approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees to begin instruction in the 2011-12 school year. This revision changes the name of the school to Academy of the City Charter School.

Harbor Science and Arts Charter School

Charter School Name	Harbor Science and Arts Charter School
Current Charter Term	3 rd Renewal Charter: August 1, 2007 up through and including July 31, 2012
Current Grades and Approved Enrollment	2011-12 1-8 222 students
District of Location	NYC CSD # 4
Proposed Charter Revision(s)	In 2011-2012, add K and change the enrollment from 228 to 246 students 2011-2012: K-8: 246 students
Date Approved by Charter Schools Institute on behalf of SUNY BoT	April 19, 2011

Harbor Science and Arts Charter School currently serves students in grades 1-8. This revision adds a Kindergarten program and permits an increase in enrollment to accommodate the additional grade.

Achievement First Brownsville Charter School

Charter School Name	Achievement First Brownsville Charter School
Current Charter Term	Initial Charter: January 15, 2008 up through and including January 14, 2013
Current Grades and Approved Enrollment	2011-12 K-6 567 students 2012-13 K-7 645 students
District of Location	NYC CSD # 23
Proposed Charter Revision(s)	Decrease enrollment: 2010-2011: From K-3, 5: 411 to K-3: 342 2011-2012: From K-6: 567 to K-4: 416 2012-2013: From K-7: 645 to K-5: 501
Date Approved by SUNY BoT	July 8, 2010

The Resolution approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees explains the decrease in enrollment for Achievement First Brownsville Charter School as follows:

“The School, which is currently housed in public space, proposes to continue to expand but only serve students in Kindergarten through fifth grade rather than through seventh grade, at full capacity. Therefore, the school will have reduced enrollment in the existing public space for the remainder of its charter term.

Before opening, the School revised its charter to create an enrollment and growth plan where the School would begin and grow simultaneously both an elementary and middle school program. Under the revised enrollment and growth plan, the School will not begin its fifth grade until year five of the initial charter term. In year three, the School would operate a Kindergarten and grades one through three; in year four, Kindergarten through fourth grade; and in year five, Kindergarten through fifth grade. The School decided to delay its middle school to allow more time to find and retain an appropriate middle school leader.”

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed revised charters: (1) meet the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will permit the charter schools to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) 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; and, where applicable, granting these applications would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school.

RECOMMENDATION

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves the above listed charter revisions as proposed by the Trustees of the State University of New York and the provisional charters are amended accordingly.

The Regents action on the above listed charter schools is effective immediately.