



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

TO: P-12 Education Committee
FROM: David M. Steiner
SUBJECT: Revisions to Charters authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York
DATE: February 22, 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 were approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees, at their November 12, 2009 and March 16, 2010 meetings, in their capacity as charter school authorizers under Article 56 of the Education Law. The Board of Regents takes action on charter awards, revisions and renewals for all charter schools statewide. (Additional information about these charter revisions is attached).

Name of Charter School	Description of Charter Revision	Date approved by SUNY Board of Trustees
True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School	Adds an elementary program to its existing middle school program beginning with grades K - 1 in 2010-11 and increases projected enrollment from 279 students in grades 5-8 to 437 students in grades K-1 and 5-8 in 2010-11.	November 12, 2009
True North Troy Preparatory Charter School	Adds an elementary program to its existing middle school program beginning with Kindergarten in 2011-12, and revises projected enrollment in 2010 -11 from 153 students to 110, in 2011-12 from 227students to 251 and, in 2012-13 from 299 students to 390.	November 12, 2009 March 16, 2010

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.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

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.

Attachment

Additional Information from the SUNY Charter Schools Institute on Proposed Revisions to Charters Authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York

February 2011 Meeting of the Board of Regents

1. True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School - The SUNY Board of Trustees approved the charter of True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School in January 2006 and the school opened in September 2006. The school has scored well on state assessments and is generally close to meeting or meeting (and in some cases, exceeding) its accountability plan goals. The school desires to add an elementary school program that would result in a K-8th grade school. The SUNY Board of Trustees approved this revision in November 2009.

2. True North Troy Preparatory Charter School – The SUNY Board of Trustees approved the charter of True North Troy Preparatory Charter School in October 2007 and the school opened in September 2009. In November 2009 the SUNY Board of Trustees approved a revision to add an elementary program that would result in a K-8th grade school. The school cited research and data that suggests that early interventions can aid low-income students in achieving academic success. In March 2010 the SUNY Board of Trustees approved a revision to delay the implementation of the elementary school program until the 2011-12 school year.