



TO: P-12 Education Committee
FROM: Ken Slentz
SUBJECT: Charter Schools: Short-term Renewals for 2 Charter Schools Authorized by the Board of Regents
DATE: December 16, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S):

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve and issue short-term charter renewals for two charter schools authorized by the Board of Regents?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Regents P-12 Education Committee and the Full Board for action at the December 2013 meeting of the Board of Regents.

Procedural History

N/A

Background Information

The Board of Regents will consider the renewal of seven Regents authorized public charter schools this academic year. Two of these schools have charters that expire during the current school year; Evergreen Charter School (Hempstead UFSD) and Northside Charter High School (NYC CSD #14). The remaining five schools have charters that expire at the end of the current school year or after.

The Department's Charter School Office is currently completing the review and evaluation of charter renewal applications for all seven schools. Staff expects to bring a

package of renewal recommendations to the Regents for consideration and action in the early spring. Staff is preparing the Renewal Recommendation Reports for the Regents that will include a summary of the staff findings and recommendations concerning each of the renewal applications, along with discussion about student performance, operational and financial performance data for the schools. In keeping with the Department process to “right-size” charter expiration dates to the end of school year; and to enable the two schools that have charters that will expire mid-year to remain operationally viable through the end of the school year, staff is recommending that the Regents grant short-term renewals to these two schools which will expire on June 30, 2014.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the Evergreen Charter School: (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 and issues the renewal charter of the Evergreen Charter School, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2014.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the Northside Charter High School: (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 and issues the renewal charter of the Northside Charter High School, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2014.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents action for the above named charter schools will become effective immediately.