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TO: P-12 Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Revision Recommendation to a Charter School Authorized by the Board of Regents

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the proposed revision to the charter of the following school authorized by the Board of Regents?

- **New Ventures Charter School** (revision to reduce enrollment from 216 to 180 students)

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will be before the Board of Regents P-12 Education Committee and the Full Board for action at the May 2019 Regents meeting.

Procedural History

The New York State Education Department (the Department) is making a recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval and issuance of a charter revision as required by Article 56 of the Education Law.

Background Information

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents amend the charter of the New Ventures Charter School. Information about the revision request is provided below.

Related Regents Items

New Ventures Charter School

[November 2014 Initial Charter](#)

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1114p12a3.pdf>

[March 2017 Merger Revision](#)

<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/417p12a4.pdf>

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that: (1) the charter school meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) the charter school can demonstrate the ability to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the request to amend the charter 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) granting the request to amend the charter will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision for **New Ventures Charter School** and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents action for **New Ventures Charter School** will become effective immediately.

New Ventures Charter School

Table 1: School Summary

Name of Charter School	New Ventures Charter School
Board Chair	Deborah Miller
District of Location	NYC CSD 31 (Staten Island - Private Space)
Opening Month/Year	Fall 2015
Current Charter Term	July 06, 2015 - June 30, 2020
Management Company	Integration Charter Schools
Maximum Approved Grade Levels/ Number of Students	Grades 10-12/ 216 students
Mission	<i>The mission of New Ventures Charter School (NVCS) is to create a learning community in which all students, including those living in challenging economic circumstances and those living with emotional challenges and other disabilities, develop the skills and social fluency to lead fulfilling and contributive lives in their communities. Toward this end, NVCS will promote college and career readiness for over-age and under-credited, disconnected and at-risk youth aged 16 - 21 living on Staten Island, enabling them to graduate from high school prepared to excel in their academic, professional, and personal lives.</i>
Proposed Revisions	Enrollment reduction from 216 to 180 students

In November 2014 the Board of Regents approved and chartered the New Ventures Charter School (the “school”) in the NYC CSD 31 – Staten Island.

The school’s trustees request that the Board of Regents approve a material revision to its charter to allow it to reduce enrollment from 216 to 180 students. The school is located in a private space facility. As New Ventures Charter School has an educational program focused on serving over-aged, under-credited students, and due to the fact that a large percentage of the students they enroll are graduating at a faster rate than the school originally envisioned, the school seeks to reduce enrollment to align with its current enrollment pattern.

Table 1 New Ventures Charter School Approved Enrollment For the Current Charter Term

	Year 1 2015-2016	Year 2 2016-2017	Year 3 2017-2018	Year 4 2018-2019	Year 5 2019-2020
Grade Configuration	Grades 10 - 12	Grades 10 - 12	Grades 10 - 12	Grades 10 - 12	Grades 10 - 12
Total Approved Enrollment	60	150	175	200	216

Table 2: New Ventures Charter School Proposed Enrollment for the Remainder of the Current Charter Term

	Year 4 2018-2019	Year 5 2019-2020
Grade Configuration	Grades 10-12	Grades 10-12
Total Approved Enrollment	144	180

Table 3: New Ventures Charter School's Academic Achievement High School 6-Year Graduation Rates

		Charter Total Cohort	New Ventures CS	NYS Target	Differential to NYS Target
2011 Cohort	All Students	14	36%	80%	-44
	SWD	7	57%	80%	-23
	ED	9	44%	80%	-36
2012 Cohort	All Students	23	74%	80%	-6
	SWD	12	58%	80%	-22
	ED	12	75%	80%	-5

*See NOTES (2), (3), (5), and (7) below.

Table 4: New Ventures Charter School's Academic Achievement High School 5-Year Graduation Rates

		Charter Total Cohort	New Ventures CS	NYS Target	Differential to NYS Target
2011 Cohort	All Students	12	25%	80%	-55
	SWD	5	40%	80%	-40
	ED	8	25%	80%	-55
2012 Cohort	All Students	24	63%	80%	-17
	SWD	14	50%	80%	-30
	ED	13	62%	80%	-18
2013 Cohort	All Students	58	55%	80%	-25
	SWD	23	52%	80%	-28
	ED	25	44%	80%	-36

*See NOTES (2), (3), (5), and (7) below.

Table 5: New Ventures Charter School's Academic Achievement High School 4-Year Graduation Rates

		Charter Total Cohort	New Ventures CS	NYS Target	Differential to NYS Target
2012 Cohort	All Students	23	17%	80%	-63
	SWD	12	17%	80%	-63
	ED	16	13%	80%	-67
2013 Cohort	All Students	51	18%	80%	-62
	SWD	19	26%	80%	-54
	ED	27	19%	80%	-61
2014 Cohort	All Students	52	31%	80%	-49
	SWD	17	29%	80%	-51
	ED	34	26%	80%	-54

*See NOTES (2), (3), (5), and (7) below.

Notes:

- (1) Data in the table represents tested students in respective subgroups who scored proficiently (level 3 or above) on each NYS assessment.
- (2) For the students with disabilities, both current and former members of this subgroup have been combined.
- (3) In some cases, the number of students in a subgroup was <5 students. For those subgroups, pursuant to NYSED business rules, the data was suppressed, and the subgroup category was not included for the applicable metric.
- (4) Data in the table above represents students within their respective subgroups who passed the Annual Regents or equivalents (score of 65 or better).
- (5) Graduation rates reported are as of August.
- (6) Data in the table above represents a comparison between those grades served in the charter school to only those same grades in the district.
- (7) A "." in any table indicates that the data was suppressed, no student sat for the exam, or the exam was not given.

Table 6: New Ventures Charter School Demographics Compared to District of Location

	2016-2017			2017-2018		
	New Ventures Charter School	NYC CSD 31	Differential to District	New Ventures Charter School	NYC CSD 31	Differential to District
SWD	46%	21%	+25	39%	22%	+17
ELL/MLL	1%	4%	-3	4%	7%	-3
ED	63%	54%	+9	55%	56%	-1

Notes:

(1) Data in the table above represents a comparison between those grades served in the charter school to only those same grades in the district.

(2) For the students with disabilities and ELL/MLL subgroups, both current and former members of the subgroups have been combined.

Summary of Public Comment

The required public hearing was held by the New York City Department of Education on April 18, 2019. one person attended, and none spoke either in favor or opposition.