



**Department of
Education**

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Commissioner King,

Attached, please find the full set of renewal recommendations of the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education in regards to 11 charter schools whose charters expire on January 14, 2013.

The NYC DOE recommends five schools for 3-year renewals with conditions; one school for a 5-year renewal with conditions, and seven schools for a full 5-year renewal (no conditions).

The NYC DOE recommends that the following schools be granted a full 5-year renewal:

- Brooklyn Ascend Charter School, NYC District 18
- DREAM Charter School, NYC District 4
- PAVE Academy Charter School, NYC District 15
- St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School, NYC District 5
- The Equity Project Charter School, NYC District 6
- VOICE Charter School of New York, NYC District 30

The NYC DOE recommends that the following school be granted a 5-year renewal with conditions:

- Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School, NYC District 9

The NYC DOE recommends that the following schools be granted a 3-year renewal with conditions:

- Bronx Community Charter School, NYC District 10
- Mott Haven Academy Charter School, NYC District 7
- NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (AECI), NYC District 7
- The Ethical Community Charter School (TECCS), NYC District 14

The conditions (for the applicable schools) for the next renewal are:

- Bronx Community Charter School
 - Improve Overall PR grade and Student Progress grade on PRs; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter.
 - Equal or surpass CSD proficiency levels in Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term.
 - If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.

- Mott Haven Academy Charter School

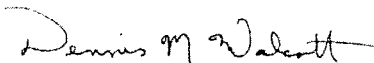
- Improve Overall PR grade and Student Progress grade; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter term.
 - The School will revise its accountability plan goals for the Renewal Report by January 31, 2013. The plan will establish performance goals that equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term that also take into consideration the unique student population of the School.
 - If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.
- NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (AECI)
 - Increase college readiness index measure, earning a minimum C grade each year of the new charter term.
 - Improve 4-year Graduation Rate by scoring in the 50th percentile or above of peer schools on the NYC DOE Progress Report within two years after renewal.
 - Improve Percent of Students Earning Regents Diploma rate by scoring in the 50th percentile or above of peer schools on the NYC DOE Progress Report within two years after renewal.
 - The Ethical Community Charter School (TECCS)
 - Improve Overall PR grade and Student Progress grade; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter term.
 - Equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term.
 - If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.
 - Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School
 - Board of Trustees must activate its committees by January 2013 Board meeting and throughout the new charter term demonstrate capacity, through recommendations made by its committees and actions taken by the Board, to provide strategic planning and support for sustainable school leadership.

Attached, please find the full renewal report for each school as well as a high level summary of achievement levels for each school. En route via US mail are the

- Signed and notarized charter agreement
- Revised Charter
- Renewal Application with Goals

We request that all recommendations be added to the Regents January vote for finalization.

Sincerely,



Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

SCHOOL NAME	DBR	Progress Report			ELA / MATH		SCHOOL INFO			NOTES	RECOMMENDATION					
		Overall Grade (11-12)	Overall Grade (10-11)	Overall Grade (09-10)	ELA-School %L3&4 (11-12)	ELA-Relevant Grades CSD %L3&4 (11-12)	Math-School %L3&4 (11-12)	Math-Relevant Grades CSD %L3&4 (11-12)	Grades served			Enrollment	# Current Charter Term *	# Years of Testing Data	Early Engagement	Expansion
Bronx Community Charter School		D	C		39.0	38.9	47.0	52.1	K-5	298	1	2	Y		3 year w/conditions	1) Improve Overall PE grade and Student Progress grade on Prg; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter. 2) Equal or surpass CSD proficiency levels in Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term. 3) If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion. 1) Improve Overall PE grade and Student Progress grade; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter term. 2) The School in coordination with the NYC DOE, will review its accountability plan goals for the Renewal Report (to be attachment A) by January 31, 2013. The plan will establish performance goals that equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term that also take into consideration the unique
Metten Haven Academy Charter School		D	D		27.2	28.2	44.3	39.8	K-5	269	1	2	Y		3 year w/conditions	1) Increase college readiness index measure, earning a minimum C grade each year of the new charter term. 2) Improve 4-year Graduation Rate by scoring in the 50th percentile or above of peer schools on the NYC DOE Progress Report within two years after renewal. 3) Improve Percent of Students Earning Regents Diploma rate by scoring in the 50th percentile or above of peer schools on the NYC DOE Progress Report within two years after renewal. The peer group is determined by the NYC DOE Progress Report.
NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (AECI)		B			67**	40**	4***	9***	9-12	417	1	4			3 year w/conditions	1) Improve Overall PE grade and Student Progress grade; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter term. 2) Equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term. 3) If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.
The Ethical Community Charter School (TECCS)		C	C		30.8	50.6	36.5	55.4	K-4	239	1	1			3 year w/conditions	1) Improve Overall PE grade and Student Progress grade; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter term. 2) Equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term. 3) If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.
Brooklyn Avenues Charter School		A	C		55.1	47.2	58.4	59.6	K-5	293	1	2		Expand to K-8	5 year	
PAVE Academy Charter School		A	C		57.1	60.2	94.3	73.6	K-5	298	1	2			5 year	
51 HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School		B	C		28.4	29.0	51.3	39.5	5-8	301	1	4			5 year	
The Equity Project Charter School		B	B		31.6	32.5	56.0	50.6	5-8	479	1	3			5 year	
VOICE Charter School of New York		B	B		56.5	54.2	65.7	67.6	K-5	441	1	2		Expand to K-8	5 year	1) Board of Trustees must activate its committees by January 2013 Board meeting and throughout the new charter term demonstrate capacity, through recommendations made by its committees and actions taken by the Board, to provide strategic planning and support for sustainable school leadership.
Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School		A	F		48.9	31.6	66.1	43.0	K-6	437	1	3		Expand to 7-8	5 year w/conditions	

NOTES:
 1) * Charter term - an asterisk designates a school that was previously renewed with conditions; * Future Leaders Institute - coming off 3 yr renewal; *South Bronx - coming off 3 yr renewal
 2) Demographics/Enrollment - based on 11/20/12 A15 data
 3) NYC AECI 2011-12 Progress Report grades are Preliminary
 ** Instead of ELA %3/4, this is the 4-yr graduation rate and the corresponding Percentile Rank citywide
 *** Instead of Math %3/4, this is the College Readiness Index and the corresponding Percentile Rank citywide
 4) ELA and Math %3&4% - School level data is calculated by (#3&4 / total tested) but CSD relevant grade data is avg of each relevant grade's %3&4, so rounding differences exist
 5) Grades served - based on School Access database