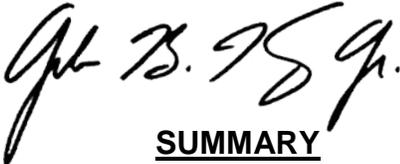




TO: P-12 Education Committee
FROM: Ken Slentz 
SUBJECT: Charter Schools: Revision to Charter Authorized by the
Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education
(NYCDOE) – Challenge Preparatory Charter School

DATE: April 2, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve a proposed revision to the charter of the Challenge Preparatory Charter School, a school authorized by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE). The school is requesting to increase its year-by-year enrollment and its overall maximum enrollment from 360 students to 504 students in the 2014-2015 school year, the last year of its charter term. The charter revision has been approved by the NYCDOE Charter Schools Office on behalf of the Chancellor of the NYCDOE in his capacity as a charter school authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law.

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| Name of Charter School | Challenge Preparatory Charter School |
| District of Location | NYC, CSD #27 |
| Facilities | The School is currently co-located with PS/MS 333, Goldie Maple Academy in Queens, NY. The School has secured private space at 710 Hartman Lane, Far Rockaway, NY, and is moving into that space during April 2012. |
| Current Charter Term | Initial Charter: February 2010-February 2015 The school opened for instruction in the fall of 2010 and is in its second year of operation. |
| Previously Approved Grade Levels | Kindergarten through Grade 5. The school started with Kindergarten and Grade 1 in the first year of operation, and added Grade 2 students this academic year. |
| Previously Approved Enrollment (max) | 360 students at full enrollment in the 2014-2015 school year. |
| Proposed Charter Revision | Increase maximum enrollment from 360 to 504 students. The school plans to expand yearly enrollment as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2012-2013 from 240 to 360 students• 2013-2014 from 300 to 432 students• 2014-2015 from 360 to 504 students |

The NYCDOE explains the rationale for the proposed increase in enrollment as follows:

“The school believes that this expansion aligns with its mission and will provide parents and students in CSD 27, a high-needs area, with an additional school choice. Challenge Preparatory has adjusted its staffing plan, professional development plan, and operational budget to accommodate the increased enrollment, and both its current and future facilities contain enough space for the additional classes.”

Additional information about Challenge Preparatory Charter School can be found in the NYCDOE’s 2010-11 Annual Site Visit Report which is posted on the NYCDOE’s web site at the following link:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/D7045822-0DAF-4073-9182-0FA55641BA1A/0/ChallengePrep2011ASVFINAL.pdf>

RECOMENDATION

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed revised charter: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will permit the charter school to 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 the above listed charter revision as proposed by Chancellor of the NYCDOE and the provisional charter is amended accordingly.

The Regents action on the Challenge Preparatory Charter School is effective immediately.