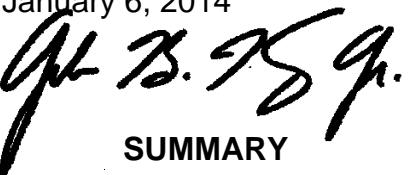




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TO: P-12 Education Committee
FROM: Ken Slentz 
SUBJECT: Registration of Public Schools
DATE: January 6, 2014
AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents register the Tuttle Avenue School so that the Eastport-South Manor Central School District can open the school in February 2014?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by Commissioner's Regulations Section 100.18.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Regents for action at its January 2014 meeting.

Procedural History

Beginning in July 2003, the Regents have been responsible for approving the registration of new public schools.

Background Information

Commissioner's Regulations require that districts that seek to register a public elementary, intermediate or high school must submit a petition to the Board of Regents seeking registration of such schools. When a district seeks to open a school during the current school year, the district must submit a petition for registration at least 90 days prior to the school's opening. The Eastport-South Manor Central School District has petitioned to open a new school that will enroll students in kindergarten through grade 2 beginning in February 2014. The Tuttle School was originally scheduled to open in September 2013 but delays caused by Super Storm Sandy forced the district to

postpone the opening of the school. Currently the district's K - 2 students are attending school in portable structures created in the 1980s and are exposed to the elements throughout the day as they walk from their portable classrooms to the main building to use the cafeteria, library and gymnasium. Tuttle Avenue School is the first gold-certified LEED school building in New York State, with state-of-the-art educational amenities and energy-saving features. Opening the Tuttle Avenue School will provide a significantly improved learning environment for students.

The Tuttle Avenue School is being recommended by the Commissioner for registration, based upon the school district submitting a petition and supporting materials certifying the district's commitment to operate this school in compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations relating to public schools and in compliance with applicable building codes.

Attachment A provides a listing of the school for which Eastport-South Manor Central School District has petitioned for registration, effective beginning in February 2014.

After the registration of this school, pursuant to section 100.18 of Commissioner's Regulations the accountability status of the newly registered school will be determined by the Commissioner. A school district that seeks to register a new public elementary, intermediate or high school must submit an addendum to the petition that provides such information as:

- Student admission criteria, including those pertaining to English language learners and students with disabilities, and zoning patterns;
- Staffing (administration and instructional);
- Curricula; and,
- Facilities.

This information is used to determine whether a school should open with an accountability status of "Good Standing" or should carry over the accountability status of a school from which it split, into which it merged, or for which it is the successor.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the school listed on the attached table be registered.

Timetable for Implementation

The school listed in Attachment A will be registered effective beginning in February 2014.

Attachment A

Public School Recommended for Registration February-2014

School District	Official Name of School	Address	Grade Configuration 2012-2013	Grade Configuration at Full Growth	2012-2013 Projected Enrollment	Enrollment at Full Growth
Eastport-South Manor Central School District	Tuttle Avenue School	149 Dayton Avenue, Manorville, NY 11949	K-2	K-2	342	567