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**TO:** P-12 Education Committee

**FROM:** John B. King

**SUBJECT:** Charter Schools: Renewal of Charter Authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY)

**DATE:** June 9, 2011

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### **SUMMARY**

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the following proposed renewal charters as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) in its capacity as a charter school authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law and that the charters be extended for terms as indicated.

The following tables outline information about these proposed charter schools. Additional information about the applications and the review of the applications can be found in the SUNY Charter Schools Institute's Renewal Reports for the schools at the web addresses indicated for each of the schools.

1. Achievement Academy Charter School  
Term: 1<sup>st</sup> Renewal: December 5, 2009 – July 31, 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2013

[http://www.newyorkcharters.org/documents/AchievementFINALRenewalReport\(2009-10\).pdf](http://www.newyorkcharters.org/documents/AchievementFINALRenewalReport(2009-10).pdf)

2. Albany Community Charter School  
Term: 1<sup>st</sup> Renewal: December 11, 2010 – July 31, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal: August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2016

<http://www.newyorkcharters.org/pdf/RenewalReports/2010-11/AlbanyCommunityRenewalReport01-03-11.pdf>

3. Albany Preparatory Charter School  
Term: 1<sup>st</sup> Renewal: April 9, 2010 – July 31, 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2013

<http://www.newyorkcharters.org/documents/AlbanyPrepFinalRenRept.pdf>

4. Henry Johnson Charter School  
Term: 1st renewal: October 27, 2010 – July 31, 2012

No renewal report available for this school. The initial charter for this school was issued in 2005 but the school took two planning years and actually began instruction in 2007. The SUNY Board of Trustees approved a two year extension/renewal of the charter for this school. A charter extension allows a school in its first charter term to operate for the same amount of time before renewal as a school which did not take a planning year, and, therefore, yields a similar data set upon which to base a renewal decision.

5. KIPP Tech Valley Charter School  
Term: 3<sup>rd</sup> renewal: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2015

<http://www.newyorkcharters.org/documents/KIPPTVFinalRenRpt.pdf>

**Achievement Academy Charter School**

Name of Charter School	<b>Achievement Academy Charter School</b>
Terms and Dates of Charter	Initial Charter: December 4, 2004 – December 4, 2009
Current Grade(s) and Enrollment	2009-2010: Grades 5-8: 300 students
Lead Applicant(s)	M. Christian Bender, BoT president
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	Brighter Choice Foundation
School District of Location	Albany CSD
<b>New Material Terms</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: December 5, 2009 – July 31, 2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2013
Grade Levels	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: 2009-2010: Grades 5-8  2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: 2010-2011: Grades 5-8 2011-2012: Grades 5-8 2012-2013: Grades 5-8
Enrollment	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: 2009-2010: 300 students  2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: 2010-2011: 260 students 2011-2012: 260 students 2012-2013: 260 students
Date Approved by SUNY BOT	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: June 16, 2009 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: January 15, 2010

**Albany Community Charter School**

Name of Charter School	<b>Albany Community Charter School</b>
Terms and Dates of Charter	Initial Charter: December 11, 2005 – December 10, 2010
Current Grade(s) and Enrollment	2009-2010: Kindergarten – Grade 4: 286 students
Lead Applicant(s)	Michael Strianese, BoT president
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	Brighter Choice Foundation
School District of Location	Albany CSD
<b>New Material Terms</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: December 11, 2010 – July 31, 2011; and increase in enrollment variance to plus or minus 20 percent  2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2016
Grade Levels	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: 2010-2011: Kindergarten – Grade 4  2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: 2011-2012: Kindergarten – Grade 4 2012-2013: Kindergarten – Grade 4 2013-2014: Kindergarten – Grade 4 2014-2015: Kindergarten – Grade 4 2015-2016: Kindergarten – Grade 4
Enrollment	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: 2010-2011: 346 students (with collar variance)  2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: 2011-2012: 345 students (with collar variance) 2012-2013: 345 students (with collar variance) 2013-2014: 345 students (with collar variance) 2014-2015: 345 students (with collar variance) 2015-2016: 345 students (with collar variance)
Date Approved by SUNY BOT	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: May 3, 2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: January 10, 2011

**Albany Preparatory Charter School**

Name of Charter School	<b>Albany Preparatory Charter School</b>
Terms and Dates of Charter	Initial Charter: April 9, 2005 – April 8, 2010
Current Grade(s) and Enrollment	2009-2010: Grades 5-8: 300 students
Lead Applicant(s)	Brian Backstrom, BoT president
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	Brighter Choice Foundation
School District of Location	Albany CSD
<b>New Material Terms</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: April 9, 2010 – July 31, 2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2013
Grade Levels	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: 2009-2010: Grades 5-8  2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: 2010-2011: Grades 5-8 2011-2012: Grades 5-8 2012-2013: Grades 5-8
Enrollment	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: 2009-2010: 230 students  2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: 2010-2011: 230 students 2011-2012: 230 students 2012-2013: 230 students
Date Approved by SUNY BOT	1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal: September 15, 2009 2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: March 16, 2010

**Henry Johnson Charter School**

Name of Charter School	<b>Henry Johnson Charter School</b>
Terms and Dates of Charter	Initial Charter: October 27, 2005 – October 26, 2010
Current Grade(s) and Enrollment	2009-2010: Kindergarten – Grade 3: 279 students
Lead Applicant(s)	Michelle Cleary, BoT president
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	Brighter Choice Foundation
School District of Location	Albany CSD
<b>New Material Term</b>	1st renewal: October 27, 2010 – July 31, 2012
Grade Levels	2010-2011: Kindergarten – Grade 4 2011-2012: Kindergarten – Grade 4
Enrollment	2010-2011: 361 students 2011-2012: 387 students
Date Approved by SUNY BOT	June 15, 2010

**KIPP Tech Valley Charter School**

Name of Charter School	<b>KIPP Tech Valley Charter School</b>
Terms and Dates of Charter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal: August 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010
Current Grade(s) and Enrollment	2009-2010: Grades 5-8: 300 students
Lead Applicant(s)	John P. Riley, BoT president
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	KIPP Foundation, Inc., Brighter Choice Foundation
School District of Location	Albany CSD
<b>New Material Term</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> renewal: August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2015
Grade Levels	2010-2011: Grades 5-8 2011-2012: Grades 5-8 2012-2013: Grades 5-8 2013-2014: Grades 5-8 2014-2015: Grades 5-8
Enrollment	2010-2011: 300 students 2011-2012: 300 students 2012-2013: 300 students 2013-2014: 300 students 2014-2015: 300 students
Date Approved by SUNY BOT	March 16, 2010

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed charter schools: (1) meet 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) are 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 schools.

**RECOMMENDATION**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the first renewal charter of the Achievement Academy Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2010.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the second renewal charter of the Achievement Academy Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the first renewal charter of the Albany Community Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2011.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the second renewal charter of the Albany Community Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2016.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the first renewal charter of the Albany Preparatory Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2010.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the second renewal charter of the Albany Preparatory Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the first renewal charter of the Henry Johnson Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2012.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the first renewal charter of the KIPP Tech Valley Charter School as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2015.