



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: Full Board
FROM: Ken Slentz 
SUBJECT: New Public School Registration
DATE: October 7, 2011

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents register the public elementary and intermediate school listed in the attached table?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by Commissioner's Regulations Section 100.2(p).

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Regents for action at its October 2011 meeting.

Procedural History

Beginning in July 2003, the Regents have annually approved 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.

Commissioner's Regulations require petitions for schools opening the following school year to be submitted by June 15; however, the Commissioner may waive this timeline for good cause. In September, the Department received a submission from Yonkers Public Schools to register Thomas Cornell Academy. The school listed on the

attached table is being recommended by the Commissioner for registration, based upon the school district submitting a petition and supporting materials for the school 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 the school for which the district has petitioned for registration to be effective with the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

After the registration of this school, pursuant to section 100.2(p) of Commissioner's Regulations, the accountability status of the newly registered school will be determined by the Commissioner. School districts that seek to register new public elementary, intermediate or high schools 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 with the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

Attachment A

Public School Recommended for Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year						
School District (SD)	Official Name of School	Address	Grade Configuration 2011-2012	Grade Configuration at Full Growth	2011-2012 Projected Enrollment	Enrollment at Full Growth
YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	THOMAS CORNELL ACADEMY	15 ST. MARY'S PLACE YONKERS, NY 10701	PK-3	PK-8	280	580