



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

TO: P-12 Education Committee

FROM: John B. King, Jr.

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

DATE: September 2, 2011

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the proposed renewal charter for Achievement First Bushwick Charter School 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 charter be extended for the term indicated.

The following table outlines information about this proposed charter school. Additional information about the application and the review of the application can be found in the SUNY Charter Schools Institute's Renewal Report for the school at the web address indicated.

Achievement First Bushwick Charter School

<http://newyorkcharters.org/pdf/RenewalReports/2010-11/AchievementFirstBushwickRenewalReport01-03-11.pdf>

Name of Charter School	Achievement First Bushwick Charter School
Terms and Dates of Charter	Initial Charter: June 26, 2006-June 27, 2011
Current Grade(s) and Enrollment	2010-11: K-8: 688 students
Lead Applicant(s)	Deborah Shanley, BoT President
Management Company	Achievement First, Inc.
Other Partner(s)	None
School District of Location	NYC Community School District 32
New Material Terms	1 st Renewal: - June 28, 2011 - July 31, 2014; add high school grades 9-11 and increase enrollment to accommodate the additional grades
Grade Levels and Enrollment	2011-12: K-9, 801 students 2012-13: K-10, 862 students 2012-14: K-11. 920 students
Date Approved by SUNY BOT	January 10, 2011

In January 2011, the SUNY Board of Trustees approved a three-year charter renewal for the school that included the following condition:

Prior to commencing instruction for the 2011-12 school year, the School shall develop and be able to operate a formal and effective program for meeting the needs of English language learners for all grades it serves and shall provide supporting documentation to the Institute by August 1, 2011.

On August 17, 2011, the SUNY Charter Schools Institute issued a letter to the school that indicated that the school had substantially met the condition of renewal and that the school's short-term charter renewal was no longer conditional.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed charter school: (1) meets 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) 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.

RECOMMENDATION

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves and issues the first renewal charter of the Achievement First Bushwick 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, 2014.