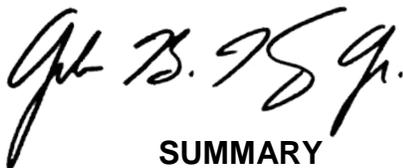




TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Ken Slentz 
SUBJECT: Revision to Charter Authorized by the Board of Regents:
Democracy Prep III Charter School
DATE: July 16, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S):


SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the proposed revision to the charter for Democracy Prep III Charter School?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by state statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will be before the full Board of Regents for discussion and action at the July 2012 meeting of the Board of Regents.

Procedural History

N/A

Background Information

As part of the more rigorous charter school application process initiated by the Board of Regents in 2010, the Regents issued a charter to Democracy Prep III Charter School in December 2010. The school is scheduled to open for instruction in the 2012-13 school year. The table below provides more information about the school and the proposed revision.

Name of Proposed Charter School	Democracy Prep III
Applicant	Khary Barnes, BoT President
Management Company	Democracy Prep Public Schools
Other Partner(s)	N/A
District of Location	CSD 5
Facility	The school will be co-located with P.S. 154 Harriet Tubman, a PK-5 elementary school at 250 West 127 th Street.
Proposed Opening Date	Fall 2012
Grade Levels/ Number of Students	Opening with 104 students in Grade 6. Expanding to 312 students in Grades 6-8
Proposed Revision	Change the name of the school to: Democracy Prep Endurance Charter school

In its request to revise the charter the school indicated that it wishes to change its name to reflect one of the attributes the school will instill in its students: Endurance.

Recommendation

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 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 for Democracy Prep III Charter School and the provisional charter for the Democracy Prep III Charter School is amended accordingly.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents actions for the above-named charter school will become effective immediately.