


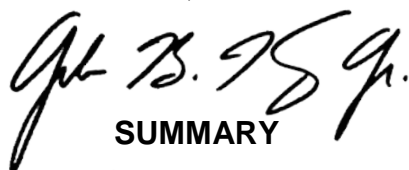


**TO:** P-12 Education Committee

**FROM:** Ken Slentz 

**SUBJECT:** Charter Schools: Renewal of Charters Authorized by the  
Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education  
(NYCDOE)

**DATE:** December 21, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**   
SUMMARY

**Issue for Decision**

Should the Regents approve the proposed renewal charters for eleven charter schools authorized by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE)?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will be before the Regents P-12 Education Committee and the Full Board for action at the January 2013 Regents meeting.

**Procedural History**

The Chancellor of the NYCDOE approved these eleven renewal charters in December 2012 and submitted them to the Regents for approval and issuance of the renewal charters as required by Article 56 of the Education Law, The New York State Charter School Statute. As indicated in the Chancellor's letter (Attachment A), he has approved full five-year renewals for six of the schools, a five-year renewal with conditions for one school, and three-year renewals with conditions for four of the schools.

## **Background Information**

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the proposed renewal charters for the following charter schools as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) in his capacity as a charter school authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law, and that the charters be extended for the terms indicated. The Executive Summary from the NYCDOE's Renewal Report for each school is attached to this item (Attachment B). The Full Renewal Reports are available on the NYC DOE's Charter School Office web site at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/charters/Schools/default.htm>

### **Full Five-Year Renewals**

Name of Charter School	<b>Brooklyn Ascend Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD #18
Facilities	The school is in a private facility located at 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY.
Terms and Date of Charter	January 14, 2008 – January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012 – 2013 Grades: K-6; 715 Students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5th Year of Operation
Management Company	Ascend Learning, Inc.
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 to January 14, 2018</b>

Name of Charter School	<b>DREAM Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD#4
Facilities	DREAM is co-located at 232 East 103rd St., Manhattan with P.S. 38.
Terms and Date of Charter	Initial Charter: January 13, 2008 to January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-2013: Grades K-5 with 300 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> year of operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	Harlem RBI
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>Second Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 to January 14, 2018</b>

Name of Charter School	<b>PAVE Academy Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC,CSD #15
Facilities	The school is currently co-located at 71 Sullivan Place with PS 15. Beginning in January 2013, the school will be in a private facility 732 Henry Street, Brooklyn, NY.
Terms and Date of Charter	January 14, 2008 – January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012 – 2013 Grades: K-5; 246 Students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> Year of Operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 – January 14, 2018</b>

Name of Charter School	<b>St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD #5
Facilities	The school is currently co-located at 222 W. 134 <sup>th</sup> St. in Manhattan with Mary McLeod Bethune School (P.S. 092) and Democracy Prep Charter School.
Terms and Date of Charter	January 14, 2008 - January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-13: Grades 5-8; 300 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> Year of Operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 – January 14, 2018</b>

Name of Charter School	<b>The Equity Project</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD # 6
Facilities	The school is currently sited in private trailers at 540 Audobon Ave in Manhattan.
Terms and Date of Charter	January 14, 2008 - January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-13: Grades 5-8; 480 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 4 <sup>th</sup> Year of Operation, 5 <sup>th</sup> Year of Charter (School took a planning year)
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 – January 14, 2018</b>

Name of Charter School	<b>VOICE Charter School of New York</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD #30
Facilities	VOICE is split-sited in private space at 37-15 13th St., Long Island City, NY and co-located at 36-14 12th St., Long Island City, NY with P.S. 111
Terms and Date of Charter	Initial Charter: January 13, 2008 to January 14, 2012
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-2013: Grade K-5 with 440 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> year of operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>Second Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 to January 14, 2018</b>

### **Five-Year Renewal with Conditions**

Name of Charter School	<b>Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD #9
Facilities	The school is currently split-sited in two private spaces: 1166 River Ave., Bronx, NY and 416 Willis Ave., Bronx, NY.
Terms and Date of Charter	February 11, 2008--February 11, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-2013: Grade K-6 with 602 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> year of operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: February 12, 2013—February 11, 2018</b>

#### **Conditions:**

- Board of Trustees must activate its committees by January 2013 Board meeting and throughout the new charter term demonstrate capacity, through recommendations made by its committees and actions taken by the Board, to provide strategic planning and support for sustainable school leadership

### Three-Year Renewals with Conditions

Name of Charter School	<b>Bronx Community Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD # 10
Facilities	The school is currently split-sited in two private spaces: 2348 Webster Ave., Bronx, NY and 2255 Webster Ave., Bronx, NY.
Terms and Date of Charter	January 14, 2008—January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-2013: K-5; 300 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> year of operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013—January 14, 2016</b>

**Conditions:**

- Improve Overall Progress Report grade and Student Progress grade on Progress Reports; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter.
- Equal or surpass CSD proficiency levels in Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term.
- If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.

Name of Charter School	<b>Mott Haven Academy Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD #7
Facilities	The school is currently located in private space located at 170 Brown Place, Bronx, NY.
Terms and Date of Charter	January 14, 2008—January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-13: K-5; 232 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> year of operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	The New York Foundling
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013—January 14, 2016</b>

**Conditions:**

- Improve Overall Progress Report grade and Student Progress grade on Progress Reports; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter.
- The School will revise its accountability plan goals for the Renewal Report by January 31, 2013. The plan will establish performance goals that equal or surpass proficiency levels of CSD for Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term that also take into consideration the unique student population of the School.
- If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.

Name of Charter School	<b>NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD #7
Facilities	The school is located in a private facility at 838 Brook Avenue, Bronx, NY.
Terms and Date of Charter	February 11, 2008 – January 14, 2013
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012 – 2013: Grades: 9-12 with 499 Students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5 <sup>th</sup> Year of Operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	Victory Education Partners, Inc.
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 – January 14, 2016</b>

**Conditions:**

- Increase college readiness index measure, earning a minimum C grade each year of the new charter term.
- Improve 4-year Graduation Rate by scoring in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or above of peer schools on the NYC DOE Progress Report within two years after renewal.
- Improve Percent of Students Earning Regents Diploma rate by scoring in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile above of peer schools on the NYC DOE Progress Report within two years after renewal.

Name of Charter School	<b>The Ethical Community Charter School</b>
District of Location	NYC, CSD # 14
Facilities	The school is currently housed in a NYC DOE facility at 700 Park Avenue in Brooklyn, NY.
Terms and Date of Charter	Initial Charter: January 13, 2008 to January 14, 2012
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2012-2013: Grades K-4 with 240 students
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 4 <sup>th</sup> year of operation
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
<b>New Material Term</b>	<b>Second Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 to January 14, 2016</b>

**Conditions:**

- Improve Overall Progress Report grade and Student Progress grade on Progress Reports; score C or better in each of the years of the new charter.
- Equal or surpass CSD proficiency levels in Math and ELA in grade to grade comparisons during new charter term.
- If above goals are met during the term, the school can apply to move forward with middle school expansion.

**Recommendation**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Brooklyn Ascend Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the DREAM Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the PAVE Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of The Equity Project Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the VOICE Charter School of New York as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including February 11, 2018.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Bronx Community Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2016.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Mott Haven Academy Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2016.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2016.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that 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, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of The Ethical Community Charter School as proposed by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including January 14, 2016.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

The Regents action for the above named charter schools will become effective immediately.

Attachments