




**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** James A. Kadamus 

**COMMITTEE:** Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education


**TITLE OF ITEM:** Revisions to Charter School Charters

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** January 22, 2003

**PROPOSED HANDLING:** Approval (Consent Agenda)

**RATIONALE FOR ITEM:** Legislative authority to act on charter schools

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 1

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Regents is authorized to approve proposed revisions to the charters of existing charter schools received from another charter entity. The Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education has entered into memorandums of understanding with the following charter schools for which he is the charter entity: Clearpool Children's Charter School; Explore Charter School; and John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy Charter School. These memorandums of understanding provide greater detail concerning the rights and responsibilities of the Chancellor and the charter schools than set forth in the original charter school charters. The memorandums provide that that they will become effective as revisions to the original charters upon approval by the Board of Regents.

The memorandums of understanding are attached hereto. Complete copies of the original charters of these schools are available for your review by contacting Shelia Evans-Tranumn at 718-722-2796 or 518-474-4715.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the attached memorandums of understanding between the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education and the following charter schools as revisions to the charters upon a finding by the Board of Regents that: (1) the revisions meet the requirements set forth in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations; (2) the revisions (together with the other terms of the charters) will permit the charter schools to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; and (3) the revisions (together with the other terms of the charters) 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:

- Clearpool Children's Charter School
- Explore Charter School
- John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy Charter School