

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

TO:	P-12 Education Committee
FROM:	David M. Steiner
SUBJECT:	Revisions to Charters authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York
DATE:	January 3, 2011

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve revisions to the following charters authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY). The charter revisions have been approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees, at their July 8, 2010 meeting, in their capacity as charter school authorizers under Article 56 of the Education Law. The Board of Regents takes action on charter awards, revisions and renewals for all charter schools statewide. (Additional information about these charter revisions is attached).

Name of Charter School	Description of Charter Revision	Date approved by SUNY Board of Trustees
Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School	 Enrollment changes: In the 2010-11 school year, an increase from 116 students in Kindergarten through first grade to 145 students in the same grades; In the 2011-12 school year, an increase from 171 students in Kindergarten through second grade to 232 students in the same grades; and In the 2012-13 school year, an increase from 223 students in Kindergarten through third grade to 313 students in the same grade 	July 8, 2010

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed revised charters: (1) meet the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will permit the charter schools to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) 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; and, where applicable, granting these applications would have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves the above listed charter revisions as proposed by the Trustees of the State University of New York and the provisional charters are amended accordingly.

The Regents action on the above listed charter schools is effective immediately.

Attachment

Additional Information on Proposed Revisions to Charters Authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY)

January 2011 Meeting of the Board of Regents

1. Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School

Revision: Increase in enrollment for school years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13

The SUNY Charter School Institute reviewed the proposed staffing plan and budget that would be affected by the School's requested charter revision and found them satisfactory. The School seeks this charter revision due to overwhelming demand for its Kindergarten class. The School, which is currently housed in public space, proposes to continue to serve students in Kindergarten through third grade in the existing public space for the remainder of its charter term. The School was to be in IS 271 for three years based on its original allocation of space. The revision will permit the School to stay in IS271 for only two years after which it will have to find another facility. The School is in discussions to find such a space.