




TO: P-12 Education Committee
FROM: Ken Slentz 
SUBJECT: Charter Schools: Revision to Charter Authorized by the
Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education
(NYCDOE) – South Bronx Classical Charter School
DATE: January 25, 2012
AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve a proposed revision to the charter of the South Bronx Classical Charter School, authorized by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE). The charter revision has been approved by the NYCDOE Charter Schools Office on behalf of the Chancellor of the NYCDOE in his capacity as a charter school authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law.

Name of Charter School	South Bronx Classical Charter School
District of Location	NYC, CSD #12
Facilities	The school is co-located at 977 Fox Street, Bronx, NY with two NYCDOE public schools: IS 217 and Entrada Academy.
Current Charter Term	December 9, 2010 - June 30, 2015
Previously Approved Grade Levels	K-5
Previously Approved Enrollment (max)	350
Proposed Charter Revision	Change grade span from K-5 to K-8 and increase enrollment to a maximum of 364 in the 2014-15 school year. The school will remain in the current facility.

In their revision request to the NYCDOE, the South Bronx Classical Charter School explained the request to expand into middle school grades as follows:

This revision allows the school to serve our families for an additional three years. We have many parents who have voiced a desire to have our school expand into middle school, so they are able to keep a constancy and familiarity with their school of choice. We believe that,

since we know our scholars best, we would be best able to provide them with educational opportunities through their middle school years.

In addition, the Board of Trustees and Executive Director spent nearly a year analyzing the costs and benefits of such proposed expansion.

RECOMENDATION

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 permit the charter school to 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 as proposed by Chancellor of the NYCDOE and the provisional charter is amended accordingly.

The Regents action on the South Bronx Classical Charter School is effective immediately.