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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Registration of Public Schools
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents register the public elementary and intermediate schools listed in the attached table?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by Commissioner's Regulations Section 100.18.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Regents for action at its July 2015 meeting.

Procedural History

Beginning in July 2003, the Regents have annually approved the registration of new public schools. Because the date for submission of registration petitions was moved from June 1 to March 1 in 2012, the Department has in recent years been able to make recommendations to the Regents at their June or July meeting regarding registration of public schools.

Background Information

Commissioner's Regulations require that districts that seek to register a public elementary, intermediate or high school must submit a petition to the Board of Regents seeking registration of such schools.

The schools listed on the attached table are being recommended by the Commissioner for registration, based upon school districts submitting petitions and supporting materials for these schools certifying the districts' commitment to operate these schools in compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations relating to public schools and in compliance with applicable building codes.

Attachment A contains a list of the schools for which districts have petitioned for registration effective with the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

After the registration of these schools, pursuant to section 100.18 of Commissioner's Regulations, the accountability status of the newly registered schools will be determined by the Commissioner. A school district that seeks to register a new public elementary, intermediate or high school must submit an addendum to the petition that provides such information as:

- Student admission criteria, including those pertaining to English language learners and students with disabilities, and zoning patterns;
- Staffing (administration and instructional);
- Curricula; and,
- Facilities

This information is used to determine whether a school should open with an accountability status of "Good Standing" or should carry over the accountability status of a school from which it split, into which it merged, or for which it is the successor.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the schools listed on the attached table be registered.

Timetable for Implementation

Schools listed in Attachment A will be registered effective with the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

Attachment A

Public Schools Recommended for Registration for the 2015-16 School Year

School Name	School District	School Street Address	2015-16 Grade Configuration	2015-16 Projected Enrollment	Grade Configuration at Full Growth	Enrollment at Full Growth
Fort Ann Elementary School	Fort Ann Central School District	1 Catherine Street, Fort Ann, NY 12827	K-5	210	K-5	350
West Hill Middle School	Albany City School District	395 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12206	6-8	280	6-8	300