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To: Dr. Bolgen Vargas, Superintendent  
C: Public and Non-public Schools in the Same Geographic Area as the Charter School

From: NYS Ed. Dept. Charter School Office (on behalf of the NYS Board of Regents)

Re: Notice of Receipt of Pending Action on a Charter School Application

Date: March 30, 2015

This notice is to inform you that on February 10, 2015 the New York State Board of Regents received an application to establish a charter school in the Rochester City School District.

The application for this school is being reviewed for possible action at the June 2015 meeting of the Board of Regents. Full application materials may be viewed at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter>.

Please note that pursuant to Education Law section 2857(1) and 8 NYCRR 119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/publichearing.html>), the school district of location is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community in connection with the foregoing application. These hearings, which are required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the charter school, must be held within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

**Please provide the following required documentation:**

- A copy of the public hearing notice must be provided to the Charter School Office at the time of dissemination.
- No later than the next business day following the hearing, written confirmation that this hearing was held must be sent to the Charter School Office.
- Copies of any and all written records or comments generated from this hearing must be sent to the Charter School Office within 15 business days after the hearing.

**All documentation listed above should be submitted electronically to [charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should include the NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL *Public Hearing*).**

In addition, the Board of Regents welcomes your comments on the proposed charter school, including those related on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school or other public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than May 20, 2015 to [charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should read: School District Response to Charter School *Application*).

<b>Name of Charter School:</b>	Exploration Elementary Charter School for Science and Technology
<b>Proposed Board Chair:</b>	Kevin Williams
<b>Proposed Management Company:</b>	
<b>Proposed Partner(s):</b>	
<b>Proposed District:</b>	City of Rochester School District
<b>Proposed Opening Date:</b>	August 15, 2016

The proposed grade levels and enrollment for the proposed charter school are as follows:

<b>Charter Term</b>	<b>Grade Levels</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
Year 1: 2016-2017	K-1	175
Year 2: 2017-2018	K-2	246
Year 3: 2018-2019	K-3	325
Year 4: 2019-2020	K-4	400
Year 5: 2020-2021	K-5	475

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-1762 or [vickie.smith@nysed.gov](mailto:vickie.smith@nysed.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Vickie Smith  
CSO, New School Coordinator

c: Superintendents, Principals/Heads of public and non-public schools within county