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To: School District in which Charter School of Educational Excellence is Located
Public and Nonpublic Schools in the Same Geographic Area as Charter School of Educational Excellence

From: Lisa Long, Executive Director

Subject: Notice of Receipt of and Pending Action on Charter School Renewal with Revisions

Date: September 15, 2022

Name of Charter School:

Charter School of Educational Excellence

BEDS Code:

662300860862

District/CSD of Location:

Yonkers City School District

District(s) Required to Hold a Hearing:

Yonkers City School District

Deadline to Hold Hearing:

10/17/2022 (30 calendar days)

Type of Request:

Renewal with Revisions

Current Charter Term:

07/01/2018-06/30/2023

Proposed New Charter Term:

07/01/2023-06/30/2028

Management Company:

NA

Grades Served in the Current Academic Year:

K – Grade 12

Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment:

K – Grade 12; 1129

Proposed Revision(s):

Revisions requested by this charter school to:

- Increase its authorized enrollment from the currently approved 1129 students to 1180 students;
- Approve its vision statement, "Our vision is to preserve a school that has high expectations for everyone. CSEE is committed to an active and sustainable learning environment that is individualized to each student, provides enrichment opportunities to all, with ongoing measurements of student progress. CSEE is committed to a supportive partnership, inclusive of all school community members, families, partners in education and alumni. Every student will develop critical thinking skills, with a healthy mindset, to be career focused, a life-long learner, and a future leader. CSEE is committed to providing a welcoming and safe environment for a diverse population." beginning in the 2023-2024 school year;
- Amend its mission from "The Mission of the Charter School of Educational Excellence ("CSEE") is to produce students who meet or exceed all New York State learning standards. CSEE will do this by creating a challenging learning environment with high expectations for every child with an emphasis on the basic subject areas of English-language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. The school will employ standards-based and

research-proven curriculum, implement best educational practices, use a variety of assessments to measure on-going student progress in skills and content learning, and support teachers with professional development opportunities that are aligned to the instructional program. CSEE's emphasis on basic subjects will give students a strong academic foundation that will allow them to become critical thinkers and life-long learners. The school will also expose students to a diverse curriculum that promotes appreciation of art, music, and cultural awareness. The Charter School for Educational Excellence will provide a safe and nurturing environment for all students and foster a strong partnership with families and the community." to "The Charter School of Educational Excellence mission is that EVERYONE belongs, EVERYONE learns, EVERYONE has purpose, and EVERYONE succeeds.", beginning in the 2023-2024 school year; and

- Amend its Key Design Elements to reflect provide flexibility regarding the school's extended day schedule, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

A determination regarding these revisions has not yet been made and is currently under review by the New York State Education Department.

The application of this school is being reviewed for possible action at an upcoming Board of Regents meeting. You are receiving this notice since the school is located in your school district and/or your school is located in the same geographic region as the charter school seeking this proposed action. If you are not the school's district of location, as indicated above, nothing further is required. However, if you seek to provide public comment regarding this proposed revision, additional information on how to do so is provided below.

Please note that pursuant to Education Law §2857(1) and 8 NYCRR §119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/aboutcharterschools/lawsandregs/law.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. The hearing, which is required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the charter school, must be held within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter.**

The charter school's district of location is required to provide the following required documentation to the Charter School Office:

1. A copy of the public hearing notice, at the **time of dissemination**.
2. Written confirmation that this hearing was held, no later than the **next business day** following the hearing.
3. Copies of any and all written records or comments generated from this hearing within **15 business days** after the hearing.
4. **A summary** (shown below) outlining the date and time of the hearing, the number of people who

attended, the number of speakers, the number of people in favor, and the number of people opposed, and any comments received **in the following format:**

"The required public hearing was held by the ___[full name of School District/New York City Department of Education] on ___[Date]___, 20[YY]. ___[Number]___ people attended, and ___[Number]___ spoke. ___[Number]___ were in favor of the [renewal/revision/merger] and ___[Number]___ were opposed."

All documentation listed above must be submitted to charterschools@nysed.gov. The subject line of the e-mail should read "[Name of Charter School] Public Hearing."

In addition, as stated above, the Board of Regents welcomes all public comments on the proposed application, including those related to the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed application on other public and nonpublic schools in the area. Comments can be submitted during the public hearing or can be submitted to charterschools@nysed.gov with a subject line of "School District Response to [Name of Charter School] Application."

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Charter School Office at charterschools@nysed.gov or (518) 474-1762.