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To: Kenneth R. Hamilton, Superintendent, Mount Vernon City School District
From: NYSED Charter School Office (on behalf of the NYS Board of Regents)
Re: Notice of Receipt of Pending Action on a Charter School Application
Date: September 16, 2016

This notice is to inform you that on August 16, 2016 the New York State Board of Regents received an application to establish a charter school in the Mount Vernon City School District.

The application for this school is being reviewed for possible action at the November 14-15, 2016 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 (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 November 9, 2016 to charterschools@nysed.gov (the subject line of the email should read: School District Response to Charter School *Application*).

Name of Charter School:	Friendship Tech Charter School of Excellence
Proposed Board Chair:	Dr. C. Nathan Edwers
Proposed Management Company:	N/A
Proposed Partner(s):	N/A
Proposed District:	Mount Vernon City School District
Proposed Opening Date:	September, 2017

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

Charter Term	Grade Levels	Number of Students
2017-2018	K-1	111
2018-2019	K-2	174
2019-2020	K-3	237
2020-2021	K-4	300
2021-2022	K-4	315

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-1762 or 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