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

From: Dr. Lisa Long, NYSED CSO Executive Director

Subject: Notice of Receipt of and Pending Action on Charter School Revision

Date: January 8, 2026

Name of Charter School: Vertus Charter School
BEDS Code: 261600861069
District/CSD of Location: Rochester City School District
District(s) Required to Hold a Hearing: Rochester City School District
Deadline to Hold Hearing: February 9, 2026 (30 calendar days)
Type of Request: Revision
Current Charter Term: 07/01/2024-06/30/2029
Management Company: NA
Grades Served in the Current Academic Year: 9-12
Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment: 9-12; 380
Proposed Revision(s): A revision requested by this charter school to increase its grade span to add Grades 7 through 8 to its current Grade 9 through 12 configuration; and to make a corresponding increase to its authorized enrollment from 380 students to 560 students by 2031-2032. A determination regarding this revision has not yet been made and is currently under review by the New York State Education Department.

Proposed Enrollment / Grade Configuration*

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
Grade Configuration	Grades 9-12	Grades 9-12	Grades 9-12	Grade 7, Grades 9-12	Grades 7-12
Total Proposed Enrollment	380	380	380	455	515

**Pending renewal of the school in 2029, the school will continue to expand in the next charter term with Grades 7-12 and 530 students in 2029-2030; Grades 7-12 and 545 students in 2030-2031; and Grades 7-12 and 560 students in 2031-2032.*

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.