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

From: Lisa Long, Executive Director

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

Date: September 13, 2022

Name of Charter School: American Dream Charter School II
BEDS Code: 310600861157
District/CSD of Location: NYC CSD 6
District(s) Required to Hold a Hearing: New York City Department of Education
Deadline to Hold Hearing: 10/13/2022 (30 calendar days)
Type of Request: Revisions
Current Charter Term: 09/01/2023-06/30/2028
Proposed New Charter Term: NA
Management Company: NA
Grades Served in the Current Academic Year: Planning Year
Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment: K – Grade 5; 616
Proposed Revision(s): Revisions requested by this charter school to:

- Amend its educational philosophy, program, goals, curriculum model, policies, and overall school design, including elimination of the summer school program, to align with the original American Dream Charter School;
- Amend the mission from: “the mission of the Education Unlimited Lyceum Charter School is to provide an emotionally and intellectually supportive K through Grade 5 dual-immersion, STEM focused learning environment, dedicated to student achievement by cultivating the best in each child. The majority of students will reach proficiency on NYS exams in ELA, Math and Science and proficiency in two languages by the end of elementary school”, to “the mission of the American Dream Charter School II is to develop academic excellence in both Spanish and English, preparing students to excel in in middle and high school and become leaders in their communities.”
- Amend the vision from: “EULCS is a 21st century whole child model of education fostering Language Arts Literacy, Numeracy and Math Literacy, Scientific Literacy, Computer literacy, Cultural and Civic Literacy, and a school where students are encouraged to be curious, creative and critical thinkers.”, to “The vision of American Dream Charter School II is to cultivate an environment that is welcoming and encouraging for English language

learners (ELL) and immigrant students where learning and language development experience is supported. Our students will be promoted from the American Dream Charter School II better prepared for the achievement of becoming bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish. This model of instruction is designed to allow students to achieve academic success in two languages based on models that support language acquisition, both home language and new language acquisition.”;

- Amend the key design elements from: a) Instruction Content Blocks; b) STEM Education; c) Dual Language Instruction Program; d) Cambridge Primary; e) Teaching Tolerance; f) Physical Education; and g) Parent Education to a) Dual Language Program; b) Project and Experiential Based Learning; c) Culturally Responsive Instruction; d) Data Driven Instruction and Assessment; e) Teacher Development and Support; f) June Mini-mester (accelerated two week course); g) DREAM Advisory; and h) a two week intensive Teacher Academy;
- Amend its organizational/leadership structure and staffing plan to reflect significant changes upon approval; and
- Decrease its authorized enrollment from the currently approved 616 students to 450 students.

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.