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

From: David M. Frank, Executive Director

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

Date: April 15, 2022

Name of Charter School:	American Dream Charter School
BEDS Code:	320700861062
District/CSD of Location:	NYC CSD 7
Type of Request:	Revision
Current Charter Term:	07/01/2019- 06/30/2024
Proposed New Charter Term:	NA
Management Company:	NA
Grades Served in the Current Academic Year:	Grades 6-12
Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment:	Grades 6-12; 600
Proposed Revision(s):	Requesting revisions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend the charter school’s organizational chart to reflect significant changes; The school has grown to its full capacity from Grade 6 in 2014 with about 85 students to its current grade offerings of 6th to 12th with almost 600 students. The additional positions in the org chart will support the work ADCS does with special populations and will extend the existing organizational structure, adding critical academic and managerial support for the growing organization.• Amend the ELA and Spanish language instructional time requirements by changing the dual language program key design element from “Dual Language Program: Students who are native speakers and English language learners will be placed in advisories together. This will allow for students to serve as language models for each other, giving each group of students an opportunity to show mastery in their native language as well as develop their second language. Students will receive an hour and twenty minutes of English language arts as well as an hour and twenty minutes of Spanish language arts daily” to “Dual Language Program: Students who are native speakers and English language learners will be placed in advisories together. This will allow for students to serve as language models for each other, giving each group of students an opportunity to show mastery in their native language as well as develop their

second language. Students will receive English language arts and Spanish language arts daily.”

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.