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**To:** School District in which Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School is Located  
Public and Nonpublic Schools in the Same Geographic Area as Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School

**From:** Lisa Long, Executive Director

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

**Date:** January 18, 2024

<b>Name of Charter School:</b>	Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School
<b>BEDS Code:</b>	140600860861
<b>District/CSD of Location:</b>	Buffalo City School District
<b>District(s) Required to Hold a Hearing:</b>	Buffalo City School District
<b>Deadline to Hold Hearing:</b>	February 20, 2024 (30 calendar days)
<b>Type of Request:</b>	Merger
<b>Current Charter Term:</b>	7/01/2020-6/30/25
<b>Management Company:</b>	NA
<b>Grades Served in the Current Academic Year:</b>	K-12
<b>Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment:</b>	K-12; 928
<b>Proposed Revision:</b>	The board of the Rochester Academy of Science Charter School, a charter school education corporation authorized by the State University of New York (SUNY), seeks to merge with the board of Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School, a charter school education corporation authorized by the New York State Board of Regents ("Board of Regents"), currently operating two charter schools, Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School and Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School II, such that when the merger is approved, Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School would be the surviving education corporation under the amended name, "BrightSci Schools" and authorized by the Board of Regents beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. A determination regarding this revision 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) or (518) 474-1762.