



CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE  
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**To:** Superintendent, Buffalo City School District

**CC:** Public, Non Public and Charter Schools in the Same Geographic Area as the Proposed Charter School

**From:** NYS Ed. Dept. Charter School Office (on behalf of the NYS Board of Regents)

**Re:** Notice of Receipt of Pending Action on a Charter School Application

**Date:** April 28, 2016

This notice is to inform you that on April 7, 2016 the New York State Board of Regents received an application to establish a charter school in the Buffalo City School District.

The application for this school is being reviewed for possible action at the June 14, 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/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. 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.
- Written confirmation that this hearing was held must be sent to the Charter School Office no later than the next business day following the hearing
- 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](mailto: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 to the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school or other public and non-public schools in the area. Comments should be submitted no later than May 20, 2016 to [charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov). The subject line of the email should read: School District Response to Charter School Application.

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| Name of Charter School      | REACH Academy Charter School  |
| Board President             | Dolores Prezyna Ed.D          |
| Proposed Management Company | NA                            |
| Proposed Partner(s)         | Catholic Charities of Buffalo |
| Proposed District           | Buffalo City School District  |
| Proposed Opening Date       | 9/1/2017                      |

The proposed grade level and enrollment for the fifth year of the proposed charter school is as follows:

| Fifth Year of Charter Term | Grade Levels | Number of Students |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2021-2022                  | K-5          | 480                |

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-1762 or [Vickie.Smith@nysed.gov](mailto:Vickie.Smith@nysed.gov).

Sincerely,



Vickie Smith  
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