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To: Chancellor Carmen Fariña, New York City Department of Education

C: Public and Non-public Schools in the Same Geographic Area as the Charter School

From: SED Charter School Office (on behalf of the NYS Board of Regents)

Re: Notice of Receipt of Pending Action on a Charter School Revision

Date: July 1, 2015

This notice is to inform you that Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School (DPE) has requested a revision to its charter so that DPE students can participate in a new special education program called Democracy Prep Pathways. Pathways will be an addition to Democracy Prep's current special education program, and will take place at 240 East 123rd Street in CSD 6.

Pathways is proposed to be an intensive, transitional program to serve eight to 10 DPE sixth grade students with disabilities in 2015-2016, potentially growing by one to two students per year. In addition to DPE Students, Pathways will serve students with disabilities from other Democracy Prep network schools. Pathways is a new program (not a new school or grade), and is designed as a one year intensive intervention for Grade 6 students, with a plan to provide transitional support after students leave the program and return to their home Democracy Prep schools. Pathways would permit DPE to provide more targeted and specialized services than those currently available at DPE.

Across its network, 30% of Democracy Prep's sixth graders are SWDs, and Pathways will service only a small fraction of those students. Pathways students will be identified based on recommendations in their individualized education programs (IEPs) by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), and when the nature or severity of the disability of a student is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(5)(A)-(B); 34 CFR §§300.114-300.120.

The Board of Regents welcomes additional comments on the proposed charter school's revision request. The subject line of the email should read: School District Response to Charter School Revision Request.

Name of Charter School	Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School
Board President	Khary Barnes
District of Location	New York City CSD 5
Opening Date	August 2012
Current Operating Term	August 20, 2012 – June 30, 2017
Current Grade Levels/ Number of Students	Currently authorized to instruct 312 students in grades 6 through 8; growing to 540 students in grades 6 through 10 in current charter term
Mission	“The mission of Democracy Prep is to educate responsible citizen-scholars for success in the college of their choice and a life of active citizenship.”
Proposed Revision	Seeks to add a new one year intensive transitional intervention program for Grade 6 special education students from Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School. The program will be in a separate setting and co-located with students from other Democracy Prep network charter schools.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact (518) 474-1762 or Karonne.Jarrett@nysed.gov.