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**To:** School District in which Harlem Hebrew Language Academy Charter School is Located  
Public and Nonpublic Schools in the Same Geographic Area as Harlem Hebrew Language Academy  
Charter School

**From:** David M. Frank, Executive Director

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

**Date:** September 15, 2021

**Name of Charter School:** Harlem Hebrew Language Academy Charter School  
**BEDS Code:** 310300861034  
**District/CSD of Location:** NYC CSD 3  
**Type of Request:** Renewal with Revisions  
**Current Charter Term:** 07/01/2018-06/30/2022  
**Proposed New Charter Term:** 07/01/2022-06/30/2027  
**Management Company:** National Center for Hebrew Language Charter School Excellence  
and Development, Inc. d/b/a Hebrew Public

**Grades Served in the Current Academic Year:** K-8  
**Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment:** K-8; 783  
**Proposed Revision(s):**

- A revision requested by this charter school to reduce the charter school's authorized enrollment from the currently approved 783 students to 550 students beginning in the 2022-2023 school year and proposed to be fully implemented by the 2026-2027 school year. A determination regarding this revision has not yet been made and is currently under review by the New York State Education Department.
- A revision requested by this charter school to remove the following Key Design Elements from the school's charter: (1) Gradual release of Responsibility and Balanced Literacy; (2) Hebrew Language Instruction; (3) Service Learning; (4) Instructional Supports for Students at Risk; (5) Time on Task; (6) Partner Organization Support; and (7) Support entity; and to add the following key design elements to the school's charter: (1) OLAM Values; (2) Modern Hebrew Language; (3) Differentiated Instruction; (4) SEL and Supports; (5) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; (6) Harlem Studies; (7) Community Partnerships; and (8) Partnership with Hebrew Public. This revision is proposed to commence in the 2022-2023 school year. A determination regarding this revision has not yet been made and is currently under review by the New York State Education Department.

- A revision request to amend the charter school’s organizational chart to reflect significant changes. This revision is proposed to commence in the 2022-2023 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.