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To: School District in which Collegiate Academy for Mathematics and Personal Awareness Charter School is Located
Public and Nonpublic Schools in the Same Geographic Area as Collegiate Academy for Mathematics and Personal Awareness Charter School

From: Dr. Lisa Long, Executive Director

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

Date: October 23, 2025

Name of Charter School: Collegiate Academy for Mathematics and Personal Awareness Charter School

BEDS Code: 331900861065

District/CSD of Location: New York City Geographic District #19

District(s) Required to Hold a Hearing: New York City Geographic District #19

Deadline to Hold Hearing: 11/24/2025

Type of Request: Revision

Current Charter Term: 07/01/2023-06/30/2027

Management Company: MESA Links

Grades Served in the Current Academic Year: 7-8

Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment: 6-8; 120

Proposed Revision(s): Revisions requested by this charter school to:

- Change the charter school's currently approved grade span from Grades 6-8 to Grades 9-12 using a phased approach to commence in the 2026-2027 school year and be fully implemented by the 2029-2030 school year. A determination regarding this revision has not yet been made and is currently under review by the New York State Education Department.
- Change its Key Design Elements **from** "High School Level Mathematics in Middle School; Personal Awareness and Wellness; More Instructional Time; Peer Tutoring by High School Students; Co-Planning Instruction and Co-Teaching with High School in Mind; SEL to Support Student Achievement; Partnering with Community; Organizational Structure; and Capacity" **to** "Standards-Referenced Grading; Universal Design for Learning; STEM Block; College Bound Program; and Daily 9th Grade Writing Seminar" beginning in 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.

Proposed Enrollment / Grades Requested by the School for the Current Charter Term

| | Year 1 2023 to 2024 | Year 2 2024 to 2025 | Year 3* 2025 to 2026 | Year 4** 2026 to 2027 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Proposed Grade Configuration | Grades 6-8 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 8-9 |
| Total Proposed Enrollment | 120 | 120 | 120 | 155 |

*The school is approved to serve grades 6-8 in 2025-26, however, the school is actually only serving grades 7-8. This change was made without approval of the Board of Regents.

**If the school's charter is renewed at the end of its current term, high school expansion would be completed as follows:

2027-2028: Grades 9-10 – 250 students
 2028-2029: Grades 9-11 – 375 students
 2029-2030: Grades 9-12 – 500 students

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.