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To: School District in which Riverhead Charter School is Located
Public and Nonpublic Schools in the Same Geographic Area as Riverhead Charter School

From: David M. Frank, Executive Director

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

Date: September 13, 2021

Name of Charter School: Riverhead Charter School
BEDS Code: 580602860032
District/CSD of Location: Riverhead Central School District
Type of Request: Renewal with Revisions
Current Charter Term: 07/01/2017-06/30/2022
Proposed New Charter Term: 07/01/2022-06/30/2027
Management Company: NA
Grades Served in the Current Academic Year: K-10
Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment: K-10; 850
Proposed Revision(s):

- A revision requested by this charter school to increase the charter school's current grade span to add Grades 11 through 12 to the school's currently approved K through Grade 10 configuration and an enrollment increase from 774 to 1244 to commence in the 2022-2023 school year and be fully implemented by 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.
- 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.
- A revision requested by this charter school to remove the following Key Design Element from the school's charter "High expectations; Advisory; Choice and commitment; Professional development; Culture of all staff;" to "Focus on quality of instruction based on individual students needs; High expectations; A uniquely affirming and supportive school culture; Deep linkages to the surrounding community; Integration of technology within classrooms; and Continuous development of staff." 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 requested by this charter school to amend the charter school's mission from "Our mission is to inspire leaders by setting high academic standards, promoting solution-orientated thinking, and embracing the cultural diversity of our community." to "Our mission is to inspire today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders by setting high academic standards, promoting solution-orientated thinking, and embracing the cultural diversity of our community." 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. 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.