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Dr. Waveline Bennett-Conroy  
Mount Vernon City School District  
165 North Columbus Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10553

September 12,  
2022

Dear Dr. Bennett-Conroy:

This notice is to inform you that on August 29, 2022, the New York State Board of Regents received one application to establish a charter school within the City of Mount Vernon. This application is under review for possible action at the December 12-13, 2022 Board of Regents meeting. Full application materials may be [viewed on our website](#).

Please note that pursuant to [Education Law section 2857\(1\)](#) and [8 NYCRR 119.4](#), the school district of location is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community relating to the foregoing applications. This hearing, which is 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** (*October 12, 2022*).

Please provide the following required documentation:

1. A copy of the public hearing notice at the time of dissemination.
2. Written confirmation that the hearing was held no later than the next business day following the hearing.
3. Copies of all written records or comments generated from this hearing should be sent **within 15 business days** after the hearing (*November 2, 2022*).

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, Mount Vernon City School District has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school on traditional public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than **October 12, 2022** to [CharterSchools@nysed.gov](mailto:CharterSchools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should read: *Mount Vernon City School District response to NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL application*).

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). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vickie Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vickie Smith  
New Schools Coordinator

cc: Lisa Long

Proposed School Name; Grade Levels; Max Enrollment Over 5 Year Term	Community School District of Location	Proposed Board Chair Name	Public Contact Name and Contract	Mission Statement	Key Design Elements
<b>Ubuntu Preparatory Charter School</b>  Grades 9-12; 400 students	Mt. Vernon City SD, Westchester County	Ms. Saskia Parkes	Dr. Auriel Watson awatson@ubuntuprep.org	Ubuntu Preparatory Charter school's mission is to prepare and empower students with the college, career, and life skills needed to be successful leaders in life and their communities.	College and Career Readiness Mentoring Social Emotional Learning Inquiry Based Instruction