## **Application: NYC Autism Charter School Bronx**

Erin Solomon -Annual Reports

#### **Summary**

**ID:** 0000000101

Status: Annual Report Submission

## **Entry 1 School Info and Cover Page**

Completed Jul 30 2020

#### **Instructions**

#### **Required of ALL Charter Schools**

Each Annual Report begins with a completed School Information and Cover Page. The information is collected in a survey format within Annual Report portal. When entering information in the portal, some of the following items may not appear, depending on your authorizer and/or your responses to related items.

## **Entry 1 School Information and Cover Page**

(New schools that were not open for instruction for the 2019-20 school year are not required to complete or submit an annual report this year).

Please be advised that you will need to complete this cover page (including signatures) <u>before</u> all of the other tasks assigned to you by your school's authorizer are visible on your task page. While completing this cover page task, please ensure that you select the correct authorizer (as of June 30, 2020) or you may not be assigned the correct tasks.

## **BASIC INFORMATION**

#### a. SCHOOL NAME

(Select name from the drop down menu)

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL BRONX 321200861108

# a1. Popular School Name NYC Autism Charter School Bronx b. CHARTER AUTHORIZER (As of June 30th, 2020) Please select the correct authorizer as of June 30, 2020 or you may not be assigned the correct tasks. SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES c. DISTRICT / CSD OF LOCATION CSD #12 - BRONX d. DATE OF INITIAL CHARTER 8/2016 e. DATE FIRST OPENED FOR INSTRUCTION 9/2017 h. SCHOOL WEB ADDRESS (URL) www.nycacharterschool.org

i. TOTAL MAX APPROVED ENROLLMENT FOR THE	2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (exclude Pre-K
program enrollment)	
32	
j. TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT ON JUNE 30, 20	020 (exclude Pre-K program enrollment)
32	
k. GRADES SERVED IN SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020	(exclude Pre-K program students)
Check all that apply	
Grades Served	Ungraded
I1. DOES THE SCHOOL CONTRACT WITH A CHARTOR ORGANIZATION?	TER OR EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT
No	
FACILITIES INFORMATION	
m. FACILITIES	
Will the school maintain or operate multiple sites in 20	020-2021?
	No, just one site.

## School Site 1 (Primary)

#### m1. SCHOOL SITES

Please provide information on Site 1 for the upcoming school year.

	Physical Address	Phone Number	District/CSD	Grades to be Served at Site for coming year (K-5, 6-9, etc.)	Receives Rental Assistance for Which Grades (If yes, enter the appropriate grades. If no, enter No).
Site 1	1180 Tinton Ave., 4th Fl. Bronx, NY 10456		NYC CSD 12	Ungraded	No

#### m1a. Please provide the contact information for Site 1.

	Name	Work Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address
School Leader	Julie Fisher			
Operational Leader	Christina Secharan			
Compliance Contact	Erin Solomon			
Complaint Contact	Julie Fisher			
DASA Coordinator	Julie Fisher			
Phone Contact for After Hours Emergencies	Julie Fisher			

## m1b. Is site 1 in public (co-located) space or in private space?

Co-located Space

#### m1c. Please list the terms of your current co-location.

	Date school	Is school	If so, list	Is school	If so, list the	School at
	will leave	working with	year	working with	proposed	Full Capacity
	current co-	NYCDOE to	expansion	NYCDOE to	space and	at Site
	location	expand into	will occur.	move to	year planned	
		current		separate	for move	
		space?		space?		
Site 1	No date identified	No		No		Yes

#### IF LOCATED IN PRIVATE SPACE IN NYC OR IN DISTRICTS OUTSIDE NYC

m1d. Upload a current Certificate of Occupancy (COO) and the annual Fire Inspection Report for school site 1 if located in private space in NYC or located outside of NYC.

Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Inspection. Provide a copy of a current and non-expired certificate of occupancy (if outside NYC or in private space in NYC). For schools that are not in district space (NYC co-locations), provide a copy of a current and non-expired certificate of occupancy, and a copy of the current annual fire inspection results, which should be dated on or after July 1, 2020.

**Site 1 Certificate of Occupancy (COO)** 

**Site 1 Fire Inspection Report** 

#### **CHARTER REVISIONS DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

n1. Were there any revisions to the school's charter during the 2019-2020 school year? (Please include approved or pending material and non-material charter revisions).

No

PLEASE NOTE CHARTER SCHOOLS WILL NO LONGER SUBMIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ANNUAL BUDGETS, AND RELATED FISCAL DATA VIA THE ANNUAL REPORT. HOWEVER, NYSED BOARD OF REGENTS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOUR SCHOOL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS APPROVED A BUDGET FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR.

o. Has your school's Board of Trustee's approved a budget for the 2020-2021 FY?

Yes

#### **ATTESTATION**

p. Individual Primarily Responsible for Submitting the Annual Report.

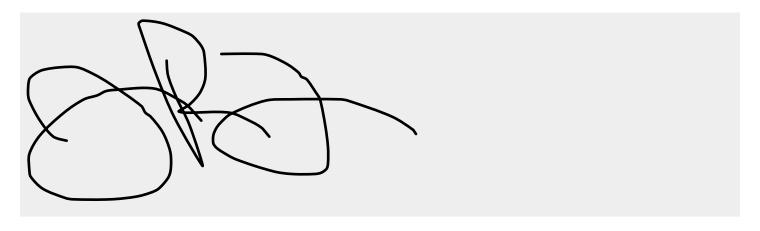
Name	Julie Fisher
Position	Executive Director
Phone/Extension	
Email	

p. Our signatures (Executive Director/School Leader/Head of School and Board President) below attest that all of the information contained herein is truthful and accurate and that this charter school is in compliance with all aspects of its charter, and with all pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and rules. We understand that if any information in any part of this report is found to have been deliberately misrepresented, that will constitute grounds for the revocation of our charter. Check YES if you agree and then use the mouse on your PC or the stylus on your mobile device to sign your name).

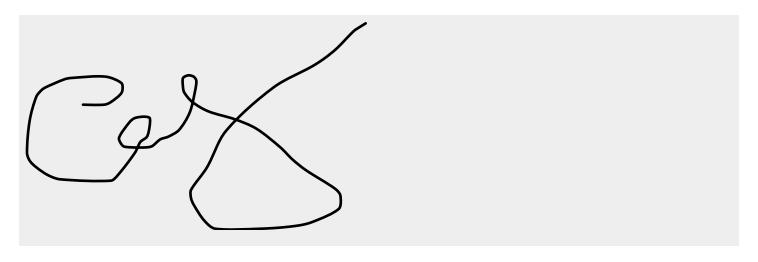
#### **Responses Selected:**

Yes			

#### **Signature, Head of Charter School**



#### Signature, President of the Board of Trustees



#### **Date**

Jul 31 2020



Thank you.

## **Entry 2 NYS School Report Card**

Completed Jul 30 2020

**Instructions** 

#### **SUNY-authorized charter schools only**

Provide a direct web link to the most recent New York State School Report Card for the charter school (See <a href="https://reportcards.nysed.gov/">https://reportcards.nysed.gov/</a>). This report captures school-level enrollment and demographic information, staff qualifications, electronic student records, and attendance rates, as prescribed by New York State statute (8 NYCRR 119.3).

## **Entry 2 NYS School Report Card Link**

**NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL BRONX 321200861108** 

#### **NEW YORK STATE REPORT CARD**

Provide a direct URL or web link to the most recent New York State School Report Card for the charter school (See https://reportcards.nysed.gov/).

(Charter schools completing year one will not yet have a School Report Card or link to one. Please type "URL is not available" in the space provided.)

https://data.nysed.gov/profile.php?instid=800000087932

## **Entry 3 Progress Toward Goals**

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## **Instructions**

#### Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-authorized charter schools

For the 2019-2020 school year, any academic or organization goals that cannot be evaluated due to school closure resulting in a lack of data and changes in testing, surveying, and other usual practices should be reported as "N/A".

## **Entry 3 Progress Toward Goals**

PROGRESS TOWARD CHARTER GOALS

#### Board of Regents-authorized and NYCDOE-authorized charter schools only.

Complete the tables provided. List each goal and measure as contained in the school's currently approved charter, and indicate whether the school has met or not met the goal. Please provide information for all goals no later than November 2, 2020.

For the 2019-2020 school year, any academic goals that cannot be evaluated due to school closure resulting in a lack of data and changes in testing, surveying, and other usual practices should be reported as "N/A".

#### **2019-20 Progress Toward Attainment of Academic Goals**

	Academic Student Performance Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress Toward Attainment of Goal	Goal - Met, Not Met or Unable to Assess	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal. If unable to assess goal, type N/A for
				Not Applicable
Academic Goal 1				
Academic Goal 2				
Academic Goal 3				
Academic Goal 4				
Academic Goal 5				
Academic Goal 6				
Academic Goal 7				
Academic Goal 8				
Academic Goal 9				
Academic Goal 10				

#### 2. Do have more academic goals to add?

(No	response

#### **2019-2020 Progress Toward Attainment of Academic Goals**

	Academic Student Performance Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress Toward Attainment of Goal	Goal - Met, Not Met or Unable to Assess	2019-2020 progress toward attainment of goal Met/Not Met/Unable to Assess During Due to Closure
Academic Goal 11				
Academic Goal 12				
Academic Goal 13				
Academic Goal 14				
Academic Goal 15				
Academic Goal 16				
Academic Goal 17				
Academic Goal 18				
Academic Goal 19				
Academic Goal 20				

## 3. Do have more academic goals to add?

(1	No	res	nor	ise)
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## **2019-2020 Progress Toward Attainment of Academic Goals**

	Academic Student Performance Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress Toward Attainment of Goal	Goal - Met, Not  Met or Unable to  Meet	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal. If unable to assess goal, type N/A for Not Applicable
Academic Goal 21				
Academic Goal 22				
Academic Goal 23				
Academic Goal 24				
Academic Goal 25				
Academic Goal 26				
Academic Goal 27				
Academic Goal 28				
Academic Goal 29				
Academic Goal 30				
Academic Goal 31				
Academic Goal 32				
Academic Goal 33				
Academic Goal 34				
Academic Goal 35				
Academic Goal 36				
Academic Goal 37				
Academic Goal 38				
Academic Goal 39				
Academic Goal 40				

#### 4. ORGANIZATION GOALS

For the 2019-2020 school year, any organization goals that cannot be evaluated due to school closure resulting in a lack of data and changes in testing, surveying, and other usual practices should be reported as "N/A".

#### **2019-2020 Progress Toward Attainment of Organization Goals**

	Organizational Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Unable to Assess	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal. If unable to assess goal, type N/A for Not Applicable
Org Goal 1				
Org Goal 2				
Org Goal 3				
Org Goal 4				
Org Goal 5				
Org Goal 6				
Org Goal 7				
Org Goal 8				
Org Goal 9				
Org Goal 10				
Org Goal 11				
Org Goal 12				
Org Goal 13				

Org Goal 14		
Org Goal 15		
Org Goal 16		
Org Goal 17		
Org Goal 18		
Org Goal 19		
Org Goal 20		

## 5. Do have more organizational goals to add?

(No response)

#### **6. FINANCIAL GOALS**

## 2019-2020 Progress Toward Attainment of Financial Goals

	Financial Goals	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Partially Met	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal.
Financial Goal 1				
Financial Goal 2				
Financial Goal 3				
Financial Goal 4				
Financial Goal 5				

## 7. Do have more financial goals to add?

(No response)

#### 2019-2020 Progress Toward Attainment of Financial Goals

	Financial Goals	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Partially Met	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal.
Financial Goal 6				
Financial Goal 7				
Financial Goal 8				
Financial Goal 9				
Financial Goal 10				

Thank you.

## **Entry 3 Accountability Plan Progress Reports**

Completed Sep 17 2020

## Instructions

## **SUNY-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY**

SUNY-authorized charter schools must download an <u>Accountability Plan Progress Report template</u>. After completing, schools must upload the document into the by September 15, 2020.

## NYCACS Bronx Accountability Plan Progress Report 2020\_FINAL

Filename: NYCACS Bronx Accountability Plan Progr VXurVrs.pdf Size: 658.2 kB

## **Entry 7 Disclosure of Financial Interest Form**

Completed Jul 30 2020

## Instructions - Multiple Uploads Permitted

#### **Required of ALL Charter Schools by August 3**

Each member of the charter school's Board of Trustees who served on a charter school education corporation governing one or more charter schools for any period during the 2019-2020 school year must

complete a signed:

- <u>Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Schools:</u> <u>Disclosure of Financial Interest</u>
   Form
- SUNY- Authorized Charter Schools: Trustee Financial Disclosure Form

All completed forms must be collected and uploaded in .PDF format for each individual member. If a trustee is not able or available to complete the form by the deadline, the education corporation is responsible for doing so on behalf of the trustee. (Forms completed from past years will not be accepted).

Trustees serving on an education corporation that governs more than one school are not required to complete a separate disclosure for each school governed by the education corporation. In the Disclosure of Financial Interest Form, trustees must disclose information relevant to any of the schools served by the governing education corporation.

#### **Ashley Garrett**

 $\textbf{Filename:} \ \, \textbf{Ashley Garrett ClXgvyi.pdf Size:} \ \, 106.4 \ kB$ 

#### **Christine Sandler**

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#### **ALYSIA STEINMANN**

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#### **Hannah Hoch**

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#### **Naeema Livingston**

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#### **Paul ONeill**

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#### **Mitch Baum**

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#### **Carol Santiago**

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#### Ben Hartman

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#### **Alvin Shih**

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#### **Ilene Lainer**

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#### **ELAINE FLORIO**

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#### **Mark Saretsky**

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## **Entry 8 BOT Membership Table**

Completed Jul 30 2020

## **Instructions**

## Required of All charter schools

ALL charter schools or education corporations governing multiple schools must complete the Board of Trustees Membership Table within the online portal. Please be sure to include and identify parents who are members of the Board of Trustees and indicate whether parents are voting or non-voting members.

## **Entry 8 BOT Table**

- 1. SUNY-AUTHORIZED charter schools are required to provide information for VOTING Trustees only.
- 2. REGENTS, NYCDOE, and BUFFALO BOE-AUTHORIZED charter schools are required to provide information for all --VOTING and NON-VOTING-- trustees.

#### **NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL BRONX 321200861108**

#### 1. 2019-2020 Board Member Information (Enter info for each BOT member)

Tr	rustee	Position	Committ	Voting	Number	Start	End Date	Board
N	lame	on the	ee	Member	of Terms	Date of	of	Meetings
aı	nd	Board	Affiliation	Per By-	Served	Current	Current	Attended
E	mail		S	Laws		Term	Term	During
A	ddress			(Y/N)		(MM/DD/	(MM/DD/	2019-

						YYYY)	YYYY)	2020
1	Mitchell Baum;	Trustee/M ember	Operatio ns Committ ee	Yes	3	06/30/20 19	06/01/20 22	12
2	Elaine Florio;	Trustee/M ember	Develop ment Committ eee	Yes	1	04/30/20 19	06/01/20 22	11
3	Ashley Garrett ;	Vice Chair	VP, Secretary , Executive Committ ee, Develop ment Committ ee Chair, Operatio ns Committ ee Chair	Yes	2	06/30/20 18	06/01/20 21	12
4	Benjamin Hartman;	Trustee/M ember	Finance Committ ee	Yes	3	07/13/20 20	06/01/20 23	12
5	Hannah Hoch;	Trustee/M ember	Operatio ns Committ ee	Yes	1	06/30/20 18	06/01/20 21	12
6	llene Lainer;	Trustee/M ember	Governan ce Comittte e	Yes	5	07/13/20 20	06/01/20 23	11

7	Naeema Livingsto n;	Trustee/M ember	Operatio ns Committ ee	Yes	1	07/13/20 20	06/01/20 23	10
8	Paul O'Neill;	Trustee/M ember	Executive Committ ee, Governan ce Committ ee Chair	Yes	1	06/30/20 18	06/01/20 21	11
9	Christine Sandler;	Trustee/M ember	Finance Committ ee, Develop ment Committt ee	Yes	1	07/13/20 20	06/01/20 20	7

#### 1a. Are there more than 9 members of the Board of Trustees?

Yes

#### **1b. Current Board Member Information**

	Trustee Name and Email Address	Position on the Board	Committ ee Affiliation s	Voting Member Per By- Laws (Y/N)	Number of Terms Served	Start Date of Current Term (MM/DD/ YYYY)	End Date of Current Term (MM/DD/ YYYY)	Board Meetings Attended During 2019- 2020
10	Carol Santiago;	Chair	President , Executive Committ ee Chair, Governan ce Committ ee	Yes	3	06/30/20 18	06/01/20 21	12
11	Mark Saretsky;	Trustee/M ember	Finance Committ ee	Yes	1	04/06/20	06/01/20 23	5 or less
12	Alvin Shih;	Trustee/M ember	Operatio ns Commite e	Yes	1	06/30/20 18	06/01/20 21	12
13	Alysia Steinman n;	Trustee/M ember	Executive Committ ee, Finance Committ ee Chair	Yes	1	07/13/20 20	06/01/20 23	12
14								
15								

#### 1c. Are there more than 15 members of the Board of Trustees?

No

#### 2. INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 1. SUNY-AUTHORIZED charter schools provide response relative to VOTING Trustees only.
- 2. REGENTS, NYCDOE, and BUFFALO BOE-AUTHORIZED charter schools provide a response relative to all trustees.

a. Total Number of BOT Members on June 30, 2020	13
b.Total Number of Members Added During 2019- 2020	2
c. Total Number of Members who Departed during 2019-2020	1
d.Total Number of members, as set in Bylaws, Resolution or Minutes	18

#### 3. Number of Board meetings held during 2019-2020

14

#### 4. Number of Board meetings scheduled for 2020-2021

14

Thank you.

## **Entry 9 Board Meeting Minutes**

Incomplete Hidden from applicant

**Instructions** 

Schools must upload a complete set of monthly board meeting minutes (July 2019-June 2020), which should <u>match</u> the number of meetings held during the 2019-2020 school year, as indicated in the above table. The minutes provided must be the final version approved by the school's Board of Trustees and may be uploaded individually or as one single combined file. Board meeting minutes must be submitted by August 3, 2020.

## **Entry 10 Enrollment & Retention**

Completed Jul 30 2020

## Instructions for submitting Enrollment and Retention Efforts

ALL charter schools must complete this section. Describe the efforts the charter school has made toward meeting targets in 2018-2019 to attract and retain enrollment of Students with Disabilities (SWDs), English Language Learners/Multilingual Learners (ELLs/MLLs), and students who are economically disadvantaged. In addition, describe the school's plans for meeting or making progress toward meeting its enrollment and retention targets in 2019-2020.

## **Entry 10 Enrollment and Retention of Special Populations**

## Instructions for Reporting Enrollment and Retention Strategies

Describe the efforts the charter school has made in 2019-2020 toward meeting targets to attract and retain enrollment of students with disabilities, English language learners/Multilingual learners, and students who are economically disadvantaged. In addition, describe the school's plans for meeting or making progress toward meeting its enrollment and retention targets in 2020-2021.

#### **NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL BRONX 321200861108**

#### **Recruitment/Attraction Efforts Toward Meeting Targets**

Describe Recruitment Efforts in 2019-2020	Describe Recruitment Plans in 2020-2021
NYC Autism Charter School consistently serves a high percentage of students eligible for FRPL. Within the context of enrolling high need/under-served students, the school made the	NYC Autism Charter School student recruitment will continue to target high need neighborhoods with a particular

## Economically Disadvantaged

following outreach efforts: print and/or electronic open house and information session ads in English and Spanish in El Diario and Amsterdam News; presentations at four open house and information sessions; distribution of flyers and/or electronic notices to community organizations, service agencies, daycare facilities and city administrative councils; in person presentations to neighborhood and parent groups; and recruitment messages on the school's website and Facebook pages. In addition, recruitment and outreach to communities served by our sister school NYC Autism Charter School Bronx also bolstered recruitment at the East Harlem School, as parents were invited to submit lottery applications to both schools.

emphasis on East Harlem and the South Bronx. Electronic and print ads in English and Spanish will be placed in local publications. The school will continue to reach out to a wide variety of community organizations and agencies, in particular those in high need/under-served neighborhoods working with preschool aged children and their families. The school will make increased use of social media in order to reach as broad an audience as possible. NYC Autism was scheduled to conduct two presentations, in addition to the efforts above, but they were unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19.

NYC Autism Charter School actively recruits high need students from heavily Spanish speaking neighborhoods in the surrounding community, providing both English and Spanish literature and presentations. Additionally, translation services are utilized to reach families for whom the home language is other than English or Spanish. However, the school's effective outreach and recruitment practices are not correlated with the enrollment of ELL designated students for the following reason: all NYC Autism Charter School students have an autism diagnosis or

NYC Autism Charter School will

English Language Learners/Multilingual Learners classification and demonstrate significant language impairment as a component of their autism. Because they lack functional language skills, they are generally not evaluated by the Committees on Special Education using the English Language Learner (ELL) assessments that are otherwise given to the general education student population. As a result, NYC Autism Charter School students are not designated as ELL students and

are not

recommended for an ELL

an ELL-specific program,
NYC Autism Charter School

program of intensive,

instructional program. Instead of

students are recommended for a

individually designed language instruction to address deficits in

the speech, language, and communication arena.

continue to serve students who, as a component of their autism diagnosis, are significantly language impaired. Recruitment efforts will continue to reach out to families in heavily Spanish speaking neighborhoods and neighborhoods in which multiple languages are spoken.

Students with Disabilities

100% of NYC Autism Charter
School's students are designated
as Students with
Disabilities, surpassing the
district enrollment of 16%. As
defined by the school's charter,
NYC Autism Charter School
serves only students falling on
the severe to moderate end of
the autism spectrum who
need a highly structured,
staffing-intensive special
education setting.

Students with Disabilities, specifically those with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder or a classification of autism, will continue to make up 100% of the school's enrollment, as per the school's charter.

## **Retention Efforts Toward Meeting Targets**

	Describe Retention Efforts in 2019-2020	Describe Retention Plans in 2020-2021
Economically Disadvantaged	NYC Autism Charter School works diligently to retain economically disadvantaged students. In the 2019-20 school year, NYC Autism Charter School's retention rate of economically disadvantaged students was 100%.	Given the nature of the NYC Autism Charter Schools special education population and their specialized instructional needs, retention rates for all students will continue to be high, with the caveat that one of the school's accountability goals is to move 5% of its students to less restrictive placements over a five-year period.
English Language Learners/Multilingual Learners	The district retention of 87% for students designated as ELLs is not a meaningful target for NYC Autism Charter School, as its students are not designated as ELL students. This is due to the confounding nature of their significant language deficits, a component of their autism.  Nonetheless, NYC Autism Charter School continues to work effectively with students with autism whose families speak languages other than or in addition to English.	NYC Autism Charter School will continue to work effectively with students with autism whose families speak languages other than or in addition to English.
Students with Disabilities	NYC Autism Charter School's retention of Students with Disabilities was 97%, surpassing the district's target of 86%. One student transferred to a less restrictive setting.	Given the nature of the school's special education population and their specialized instructional needs, retention rates for Students with Disabilities will continue to be high, with the caveat that one of the school's accountability goals is to move 5% of its students to less restrictive placements over a five-year period.

## **Entry 12 Percent of Uncertified Teachers**

Incomplete Hidden from applicant

**Instructions** 

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

The table below reflects the information collected through the online portal for compliance with New York State Education Law 2854(3)(a-1) for teaching staff qualifications. Uncertified teachers are those not certified pursuant to the State Certification Requirements established by the NYSED Commissioner of Education.

## **Entry 12 Uncertified Teachers**

School Name: NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL BRONX 321200861108

## Instructions for Reporting Percent of Uncertified Teachers

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools

The table below reflects the information collected through the online portal for compliance with New York State Education Law 2854(3)(a-1) for teaching staff qualifications. Uncertified teachers are those not certified pursuant to the State Certification Requirements established by the NYSED Commissioner of Education. Enter the relevant full-time equivalent (FTE) count of teachers in each column. For example, a school with 20 full-time teachers and 5 half-time teachers would have an FTE count of 22.5.

If more than one line applies to a teacher, please include in only one FTE uncertified category. Please do not include paraprofessionals, such as teacher aides.

#### **CATEGORY A. 30% OR 5 UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS WHICHEVER IS LESS**

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2020)	
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2020)	
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2020)	
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2020)	
Total Category A: 5 or 30% whichever is less	0

## CATEGORY B. PLUS FIVE UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2020)	
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2020)	
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2020)	
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2020)	
Total Category B: not to exceed 5	0

#### **CATEGORY C: PLUS 5 ADDITIONAL UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS**

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2020)	
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2020)	
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2020)	
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2020)	
Total Category C: not to exceed 5	0

#### CATEGORY D: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF UNCATEGORIZED, UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS

(Include teachers who do not fit in one of these categories or if did fit would exceed the numerical limits for that category)

	FTE Count
Total Category D	

#### **CATEGORY E: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF <u>CERTIFIED</u> TEACHERS**

	FTE Count
Total Category E	

#### **CATEGORY F: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF ALL TEACHERS**

Please do not include paraprofessionals, such as teacher aides.

	FTE Count
Total Category F	



Thank you.

## **Entry 13 Organization Chart**

Incomplete Hidden from applicant

**Instructions** 

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

Upload the 2019-2020 **Organization Chart.** The organization chart should include position titles and reporting relationships. Employee names should not appear on the chart.

## **Entry 14 School Calendar**

**Completed** Jul 30 2020

Instructions for submitting School Calendar

#### **Required of ALL Charter Schools**

Given these uncertain and changing times, charter schools may or may not have a school calendar ready to upload by the submission deadline this year of August 3, 2020. If the charter school has a tentative calendar based on available information and guidance at the time, please submit with the August 3<sup>rd</sup> submission. Charter schools will be able to upload an updated school calendar into the portal at any time but no later than **September 15, 2020**.

School calendars must meet the <u>minimum instructional requirements</u> adopted by the Board of Regents in 2018.

Board of Regents-authorized charter schools are required to submit school calendars that clearly indicate the start and end date of the instructional year AND the number of instructional hours and/or instructional days for each month.

#### **School Year Calendar 2019-2020 (Student)**

Filename: School Year Calendar 2019 2020 Student PFGFYi0.pdf Size: 75.5 kB

## **Entry 15 Links to Critical Documents on School Website**

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#### **Instructions**

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

By law, each charter school is required to maintain certain notices and policies listed on its website. Please insert the link from the school's website for each of the items:

- 1. Most recently filed Annual Report (i.e., 2018-19 Annual Report);
- 2. Most recent board meeting notice, documents to be discussed at the meeting (if any), and webcast of Board meetings (if held virtually per Governor's Executive Order);
- 3. Link to New York State School Report Card;
- 4. Lottery Notice announcing date of lottery;
- 5. Authorizer-approved DASA Policy;
- 6. District-wide safety plan and Authorizer-approved Discipline Policy (as per August 29, 2019 <a href="Emergency Response Plan Memo">Emergency Response Plan Memo</a>);
- 7. Authorizer-approved FOIL Policy; and
- 8. Subject matter list of FOIL records.
- 9. Link to School Reopening Plan

## Form for Entry 15 Links to Critical Documents on School Website

School Name: NYC Autism Charter School Bronx

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

By law, each charter school is required to maintain certain notices and policies listed on its website. Please insert the link from the school's website for each of the items:

	Link to Documents
1. Most Recent Annual Report (i.e., 2018-19)	
2. Most Recent Board Meeting Notice and Related Agenda Item Documents	
2a. Webcast of Board Meetings (per Governor's Executive Order)	
3. Link to NYS School Report Card	
4. Most Recent Lottery Notice Announcing Lottery	
5. Authorizer-Approved DASA Policy	
6. District-wide Safety Plan	
6a. Authorizer-Approved Discipline Policy (as per August 29, 2019 Emergency Response Plan Memo)	
7. Authorizer-Approved FOIL Policy	
8. Subject matter list of FOIL records	
9. Link to School Reopening Plan	



Thank you.

## **Entry 16 COVID 19 Related Information**

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#### **Instructions**

#### **Required of ALL charter schools**

Please provide the number of students attending instruction on the last day instruction was provided within physical school facilities and the number of students participating in virtual programming on the last day such programming was offered for the 2019-2020 school year.

If applicable, please provide the name and publisher of all end of year assessments provided by grade level as well as the number of participating students. Board of Regents-authorized charter schools are

encouraged to refer to Appendix B of the <u>Remote Monitoring and Oversight Plan Spring 2020</u> remote for best practices regarding end of year assessments in a remote learning environment.

## **Entry 16 COVID 19 Related Information**

School Name: NYC Autism Charter School Bronx

# TABLE 1: 2019-2020 Enrollment, Attendance and Participation Between March-June 2020

Please provide the number of students attending instruction on the last day instruction was provided within physical school facilities and the number of students participating in virtual programming on the last day such programming was offered for the 2019-2020 school year.

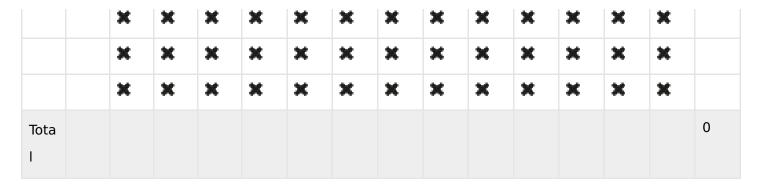
Number of students enrolled in school on the last day instruction was provided within physical school facilities	Number of students attending instruction on the last day instruction was provided within physical school facilities	Number of students participating in virtual programming on the last day such programming was offered for the 2019-20 school year
32	31	26

Table 2: 2019-2020 Assessments and Grade Participation

If applicable, please provide the name and publisher of all end of year assessments provided by grade level as well as the number of participating students. Board of Regents-authorized charter schools are encouraged to refer to Appendix B of the <u>Remote Monitoring and Oversight Plan Spring 2020</u> remote for best practices regarding end of year assessments in a remote learning environment.

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## **Entry 17 Staff Roster - NEW TASK For Regents Schools Only**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS - NEW TASK FOR REGENTS-AUTHORIZED CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Please provide the full name of <u>ANY and ALL</u> instructional and non-instructional employees and their respective positions/titles, and employment start dates in the charter school by clicking on the MS Excel file link to the <u>Staff Roster</u>.



## **2019-20 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

Submitted to the SUNY Charter Schools Institute on:

September 15, 2020

By Julie Fisher

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Julie Fisher, Executive Director, and Erin Solomon, Compliance Specialist, prepared this 2019-20 Accountability Progress Report on behalf of the school's Board of Trustees:

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Julie Fisher has served as the Executive Director (initially Co-Director) since 2006.

# 2019-2020 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The NYC Autism Charter School Bronx (NYCACS Bronx) is a comprehensive educational program that serves the needs of individuals diagnosed with severe to moderate autism. As such, NYCACS Bronx offers a high teacher: student ratio and utilizes a well-rounded, functional curriculum that enables a high level of individualized and differentiated instruction. Data are collected to ensure that learning is taking place and if not, to allow for timely and focused problem solving. In addition, family involvement is strongly encouraged with school observations (including clinic and planning meetings), home visits, and parent/caregiver training offered to all.

NYCACS Bronx was chartered by the SUNY CSI in August 2016 and opened to serve students in September 2017. The school is approved to serve (at capacity) 32 students with severe to moderate degrees of autism ages 5-12 years in an ungraded setting. NYCACS Bronx served 20 students in 2018-2019 and has reached its full enrollment of 32 students in the 2019-2020 school year. NYCACS Bronx is modeled on its sister school, NYCACS East Harlem, which met its full enrollment of 40 students in the 2018-2019 school year. Both schools operate under the SUNY CSI authorized NYC Autism Charter Schools Education Corporation.

NYCACS Bronx is committed to providing an effective, research-based education to each of its students with autism. Autism is characterized by deficits in language and social skills, and by behavioral excesses such as aggression, self-injury, and perseverative or stereotypic behavior. NYCACS Bronx employs only those science-based education and treatment strategies empirically demonstrated to be effective with students on the autism spectrum, all of whom are at risk for academic failure. NYCACS Bronx provides its students with a comprehensive program of academic and support services based on the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA).

The educational philosophy of NYCACS Bronx is aligned to its mission. It focuses on the treatment of individual students, recognizes the centrality of the environment in shaping behavior, includes the use of the scientific method (observation, collection and recording of data, use of data to inform instruction or interventions), and assumes that progress can be achieved by every student. This philosophy emphasizes the use of small classroom environments and optimal staff-student ratios to provide intensive, individualized instruction as prescribed by each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Finally, NYCACS Bronx holds that families are an integral part of the students' education and that parental involvement in the form of classroom observations, regularly scheduled clinic meetings, home and family consultations, annual reviews and transition planning meetings are all highly desired elements of the school's program.

The NYCACS Bronx curriculum is aligned with and cross-walked to the New York State Next Generation Alternate Learning Standards. The curriculum is comprised of research-based teaching procedures and individualized skill acquisition programs that facilitate the development of skills across 23 curriculum areas, including expressive language, social interaction, reading, mathematics, speech, fine motor, gross-motor, behavior, and self-care. Close to 1200 targeted instructional programs provide clearly defined behavioral objectives, specific teaching procedures, assessment procedures to determine the effectiveness of interventions, and terminal goals to ensure maintenance and generalization. When appropriate, standardized curriculum materials (e.g., Everyday Mathematics, Fundations) may be adapted for use with particular students. Data collection informs all decision-making. Educational goals for each student are developed as part of the student's IEP and skill acquisition list (updated quarterly), with voluntary parental input playing an integral role in program design.

NYCACS Bronx students are assessed primarily by examining the percentage of objectives mastered on each student's IEP, and through assessments that are designed specifically for this population and conducted annually. As per their IEP recommendations, NYCACS Bronx students do not take the statewide ELA, math, and science exams given to their typically developing age-matched peers. Instead, once they meet grade three age equivalence, they are assessed on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) for students with severe disabilities. Consequently, the majority of the metrics requested in this template do not apply to our students.

Instead, the approved NYCACS Bronx Accountability Plan identifies seven goals and 29 measures specifically designed to assess the school's success in meeting the needs of its students with severe to moderate degrees of autism. Progress toward each of those goals and measures for the 2019-20 school year is set forth below. While NYCACS Bronx experienced a disruption to in-person instruction due to COVID-19, the majority of goals—described in more detail below—have been reported on and achieved.

## **ENROLLMENT SUMMARY**

School Enro	School Enrollment by Grade Level and School Year														
School Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Ungraded	Total
2015-16															
2016-17															
2017-18														12	12
2018-19														20	20
2019-20														32	32

## PROMOTION POLICY

Not applicable.

## 2019-2020 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT GOAL 1: STUDENT PROGRESS IN TARGETED PROGRAMMING

GOAL 1: Students will demonstrate progress in targeted skill acquisition programming.

#### Measure 1: Progress on IEP Objectives

Annually, at least 75% of students will master a minimum of 85% of the objectives (skill acquisition and behavior reduction) set forth in their Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Data are collected on all programs that support IEP goals and objectives. Annually, a percent score will be generated by dividing the number of completed IEP objectives by the total number of objectives determined at each student's annual review.

#### METHOD

This measure serves as an indicator of progress on skills contained within each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Data are collected on all programs that support IEP goals and objectives. Annually, a percent score is generated by dividing the number of completed IEP objectives by the total number of objectives determined at each student's annual review. An IEP objective is considered complete once the student is able to demonstrate the corresponding skill at a predetermined level (e.g., 90% correct responding or better for at least three consecutive data points).

## RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The table below contains a line for each student and highlights the total number of IEP objectives determined in the annual review, the number of completed IEP objectives, and the percentage mastery generated. 20%, or 6/30 students, mastered a minimum of 85% of their annual IEP objectives<sup>1</sup>. NYCACS Bronx was on track for students to meet 85% of IEP objectives, as of March 2020. However, due to a disruption to in-person instruction following school closures resulting from COVID-19, certain objectives become more challenging to track and target, such as Community Based Instruction (CBI). It is important to note that, despite the disruption, the majority of students still mastered a high percentage of their IEP objectives. Additionally, NYCACS Bronx came close to meeting the target, as 43%, or 13/30 students, mastered at least 80% of IEP objectives, 60%, or 18/30 students, mastered at least 75% of IEP objectives, and 67% or 20/30 students mastered at least 70% of IEP objectives.

Student IEP Objective Mastery 2019-2020					
Students Completed IEP Objectives Total IEP Objectives Percent of IEP Objectives Complete					
Student 1	17	23	73.91%		
Student 2	21	25	84.00%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Two students were excluded from this analysis: one who left the school in December 2019, and another that joined in December 2019.

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2019-2020 ACCOUNT	ABILITY PLA	AN PROGRES	S REPORT
Student 3	21	23	91.30%
Student 4	22	27	81.48%
Student 5	8	24	33.33%
Student 6	9	28	32.14%
Student 7	9	22	40.91%
Student 8	18	28	64.29%
Student 9	21	25	84.00%
Student 10	20	26	76.92%
Student 11	17	27	62.96%
Student 12	23	27	85.19%
Student 13	18	24	75.00%
Student 14	13	20	65.00%
Student 15	22	27	81.48%
Student 16	19	24	79.17%
Student 17	22	26	84.62%
Student 18	15	28	53.57%
Student 19	10	21	47.62%
Student 20	18	24	75.00%
Student 21	17	23	73.91%
Student 22	17	20	85.00%
Student 23	15	21	71.43%
Student 24	18	23	78.26%
Student 25	9	22	40.91%
Student 26	17	20	85.00%
Student 27	19	21	90.48%
Student 28	17	19	89.47%
Student 29	17	21	80.95%
Student 30	20	25	80.00%

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

IEP objective selection is based upon: 1) results from annual assessments (VB-MAPP and/or AFLS), 2) evidence of past learning history and rate of acquisition, and 3) input from parents. Teachers understand the importance of these objectives for each student, and monitor progress through weekly electronic data collection via the Thread Learning application.

#### **Measure 2: Annual Assessments**

Annually, at least 75% of NYCACS students assessed using the Verbal Behavior-Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP) will increase their score by a minimum of three points across at least two domains.

## **METHOD**

Assessments are conducted twice each year for the first year of a student's enrollment at NYCACS Bronx–once at the start of the year, and again at the end of the year. After students' first year, these assessments are conducted on an annual basis. Typically, one of two assessments are conducted – the Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP), or the Assessment of Functional Living Skills (AFLS). The former is focused primarily on language, communication, and academics, and thus geared toward younger students and those on the more sophisticated end of the autism spectrum. The latter is focused primarily on life skills, and thus geared toward older students and those on the more profoundly affected end of the autism spectrum. Scores are compared for each student year to year, and a determination is made as to whether there has been an increase that meets or surpasses the criteria set within the assessment accountability measure.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

These assessments require specific materials and cannot readily be conducted remotely, particularly given the profile of students served at NYCACS. At NYCACS Bronx, VB-MAPP testing typically occurs in the spring. As a result of school closure on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19, testing was cancelled. Therefore, this goal cannot be reported on.

## **Measure 3: Group Instruction**

Annually, 100% of students will participate in some amount of group instruction—regardless of classroom ratio, in order to promote social interaction and build social tolerance and social skills.

## **METHOD**

At NYCACS Bronx, group instruction is prioritized to promote social interaction and build social tolerance and social skills. Group instruction includes circle time activities, curriculum-based lessons, turn-taking during shared leisure activities, shared chores, and more. To collect data for Measure 3, Clinical Supervisors tracked whether each student received group instruction throughout the school year.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The table includes data regarding participation in group instruction in the 2019-20 school year. Despite traditional in-person instruction ending on March 13, 2020 due to the shift to virtual instruction, 31 of 32—or 97%—of students participated in group instruction throughout the school year.

Student Participation in Group Instruction 2019-2020				
Student Name	Yes/No			
Student 1	Yes			
Student 2	Yes			
Student 3	Yes			
Student 4	Yes			
Student 5	Yes			
Student 6	Yes			
Student 7	Yes			
Student 8	Yes			
Student 9	Yes			
Student 10	Yes			
Student 11	Yes			
Student 12	Yes			
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Student 28	Yes			
Student 29	Yes			
Student 30	Yes			

Student 31	Yes
Student 32	Yes

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

Despite behavior challenges that may limit our ability to meet this measure, group instruction remains an important goal for every student. NYCACS Bronx will continue to prioritize such opportunities to the greatest extent possible, even during periods of remote instruction or for students whose families have opted for remote instruction exclusively.

#### Measure 4: IEP Goals

Annually, 100% of students will have at least three IEP objectives focused on self-care, life skills, and/or increased independence.

#### **METHOD**

Prioritizing instruction in the areas of self-care, life skills, and independence is critical to ensure that NYCACS Bronx students develop the skills necessary to care for themselves. Examples of these IEP objectives include bathroom skills (like washing hands, brushing teeth, toileting), cleaning, walking safely in the community, dressing independently, and eating using utensils.

#### RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The table below includes data indicating whether a given student has had at least three IEP objectives focused on self-care, life skills, and/or increased independence. NYCACS Bronx met this goal for 32 of 32, or 100%, of its students. On average, students had seven such objectives included on their IEPs, far exceeding the goal.

	Student IEP Objectives 2019-2020				
Students	Total IEP Objectives Falling Within Target Categories	Met Goal? Yes/No			
Student 1	4	Yes			
Student 2	3	Yes			
Student 3	3	Yes			
Student 4	5	Yes			
Student 5	10	Yes			
Student 6	11	Yes			

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Student 7	6	Yes
Student 8	12	Yes
Student 9	5	Yes
Student 10	7	Yes
Student 11	6	Yes
Student 12	10	Yes
Student 13	8	Yes
Student 14	4	Yes
Student 15	5	Yes
Student 16	6	Yes
Student 17	4	Yes
Student 18	12	Yes
Student 19	7	Yes
Student 20	9	Yes
Student 21	7	Yes
Student 22	5	Yes
Student 23	9	Yes
Student 24	8	Yes
Student 25	8	Yes
Student 26	8	Yes
Student 27	6	Yes
Student 28	5	Yes
Student 29	5	Yes
Student 30	6	Yes
Student 31	7	Yes
Student 32	7	Yes

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

While this measure aimed for students to have at least three objectives focused on prioritizing self-care, life skills, and independence, NYCACS Bronx students far exceeded the goal with an average of seven such objectives. The intentional value placed on these skill areas serves as a means to achieve the best outcomes possible for our student population. As our school plans for the coming year and limitations resulting from COVID-19, we will work closely with families to ensure that these skill areas continue to be addressed.

#### Measure 5: Student Inclusion in a Less Restrictive Environment

100% of students who have attended NYCACS for at least two school years and who reach a predetermined performance level in the Transition domain and/or decrease in the Barriers section of the VB-MAPP assessment will participate in some form of inclusion for part of the week.

#### **METHOD**

Each school year, a subset of NYCACS Bronx students are assessed on the VB-MAPP. Performance levels in the Transition domain and/or decrease in the Barriers section of the VB-MAPP assessment are used to determine which students will participate in inclusion. If a student meets the criteria, inclusion in a less restrictive environment is planned for the following school year. This measure looks at whether each student who demonstrated readiness criteria in the previous year did, in fact, participate in inclusion during the current year.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

At NYCACS Bronx, three students qualified for inclusion based on VB-MAPP testing data. One student participated in an inclusion art class two hours per week. Two additional students were scheduled to begin their inclusion assignment in March 2020, but unfortunately were not able to participate because of school closure due to COVID-19. Both of these students went on to graduate at the end of Summer 2020.

Student Inclusion Participation 2019-20						
Students	Inclusion Setting	Hours Per Week				
Student 1 First Grade Art Class		2				
Student 2	Unable to participate due to COVID-19					
Student 3	Unable to participate due to COVID-19					

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

It will remain to be seen if any type of inclusion (possibly remote) can be offered in the coming year to those students who meet criteria given restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

Measure 6: Movement to less restrictive environments

In any five-year period, NYCACS will seek to move at least 5% of its students from their NYCACS classroom placement to a less restrictive educational setting.

#### **METHOD**

Across a five-year charter period, NYCACS Bronx tracks the number of students who transition to a less restrictive full-time educational setting. Typically, students who participate in inclusion within a less restrictive environment (see Measure 4)—successfully and for increasing amounts of time—will ultimately graduate and transition into a less restrictive educational environment full time.

## RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The table below contains a line for each student who transitioned full-time to a less restrictive educational setting within the current five-year charter period. In the current five-year period, two students have transitioned to less restrictive educational settings. Given that this goal spans the entire five-year charter period, the school is well-positioned to meet it.

Students Transitioning to Less Restrictive Educational Settings Full Time					
Students Date of Transition Educational Setting					
Student 2	June 2019	Mohegan Elementary School General Education Classroom			
Student 3	December 2019	Thiells Elementary			

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

As referenced in Measure 4 above, most graduates move from NYCACS Bronx to a less restrictive specialized environment, such as an ASD Horizon classroom or an 8:1:1 or 12:1:1 District 75 classroom. NYCACS Bronx looks to create partnerships and consistent pipelines to such settings so that transitions, and the process leading up to them, can be as successful as possible. The two graduates listed in the table above moved to specialized classrooms in schools outside of NYC.

#### SUMMARY OF GOAL 1: STUDENT PROGRESS IN TARGETED PROGRAMMING

While NYCACS Bronx was initially on track to meeting all of the Measures below, some of the Measures were not met due to COVID-19 and school closure. Details and specifics for each Measure are found above.

	Measure	Outcome
1.	Annually, at least 75% of students will master a minimum of 85% of the objectives (skill acquisition and behavior reduction) set forth in their Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Data are collected on all programs that support IEP goals and objectives. Annually, a percent score will be generated by dividing the number of completed IEP objectives by the total number of objectives determined at each student's annual review.	Not Met
2.	Annually, at least 75% of NYCACS students assessed using the Verbal Behavior-Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP) will increase their score by a minimum of three points across at least two domains. The VB-MAPP is an assessment that is frequently used to assess children on the autism spectrum.	N/A
3.	Annually, 100% of students will participate in some amount of group instruction—regardless of classroom ratio, in order to promote social interaction and build social tolerance and social skills.	Not Met
4.	Annually, 100% of students will have at least three IEP objectives focused on self-care, life skills, and/or increased independence.	Met
5.	100% of students who have attended NYCACS for at least two school years and who reach a pre-determined performance level in the Transition domain and/or decrease in the Barriers section of the VB-MAPP assessment will participate in some form of inclusion for part of the week.	Partially Met
6.	In any five-year period, NYCACS will seek to move at least 5% of its students from their NYCACS classroom placement to a less restrictive educational setting outside of NYCACS.	On Track to Meeting

## **ACTION PLAN**

NYCACS Bronx mastered two of six of the applicable measures set forth under Goal #1. All goals that were not yet mastered were the result of challenges encountered due to the shift to remote instruction as a result of COVID-19. Given the year ahead, NYCACS Bronx will continue to enhance remote instruction and find innovative ways to provide students with as many pertinent learning opportunities as possible across the areas outlined above.

# GOAL 2: PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCTION OF CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR

GOAL 2: Students will demonstrate reduced levels of challenging behavior (in frequency and/or magnitude). Additionally, staff will work to fade Behavior Intervention Plans in a thoughtful manner, always keeping in mind the safety and well-being of each student and those around him/her.

## **Measure 1: Reduction of Challenging Behavior**

Annually, 100% of students who have had one or more Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP) in place to address challenging behavior for at least six months will show a reduction in challenging behavior—either in terms of frequency, magnitude, or both. Data will be collected on all student BIPs daily. Progress will be defined as movement in the desired direction from previous BIPs and/or baseline measures (i.e., a reduction in rates of targeted behavior). Progress will be assessed across every BIP, even if more than one is associated with an individual student.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS Bronx collects student Behavior Intervention Plan data on a daily basis. Student progress is defined as movement in the desired direction from previous BIP and/or baseline measures (i.e., a reduction in rates of targeted behavior).

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The table below contains a row for each student Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP). Some students have multiple BIPs, addressing different forms of challenging behavior simultaneously. Each BIP indicates mean and range percentages or occurrences of behavior (depending upon measurement procedures utilized within each plan) from baseline or previous plan contrasted with the most recent month. The final column indicates if a reduction in behavior has been demonstrated. Five students had BIPs in place for at least six months. All five showed a decrease in rates of targeted challenging behavior across all Behavior Intervention Plans, with the exception of one of two plans designed for one of the five students (89%).

Re	Reduction in Challenging Behavior 2019-20					
Students	Mean Previous BIP or Baseline	Mean Current BIP	Reduction Demonstrated? Yes/No			
Student 1						
BIP 1	11.35% (BL)	4.70%	Yes			
BIP2	3.87% (BLs)	0.10%	Yes			
Student 2						
BIP 1	6.8% (BL)	1.50%	Yes			
BIP 2	N/A	0.40%				
Student 3	ľ					
BIP1	5.0% (BL)	7.25%	No			
BIP 2	3.00%	0.30%	Yes			
Student 4						
BIP 1	15.60%	3.55	Yes			
Student 5						
BIP1	3.00%	1.60%	Yes			
BIP 2	49	1	Yes			
BIP 3	6	2	Yes			

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

Many NYCACS Bronx students exhibit different forms of challenging behavior at different times during their enrollment as a result of their diagnosis. Neither school has ever suspended or expelled a student since opening in East Harlem in 2005. Rather, NYCACS Bronx has demonstrated effectiveness in reducing levels of such challenging behavior through careful baseline and functional assessment procedures, intervention probes, and formal Behavior Intervention Plans. Parental consent is secured for every step of that process, starting with the baseline and assessment phase. Given how many different forms these plans can take, how long they may be in place, and the general ebb and flow of rates of behavior for this population at different times in their lifespan, meaningfully capturing progress can be difficult. NYCACS Bronx will continue to look at how it reports on these data, given the critical nature of this area of programming.

## **Measure 2: Improvement in Barriers Section**

For those students without BIPs who are assessed using the VB-MAPP assessment, 100% will show improvement in the barriers section.

## **METHOD**

For students without BIPs, NYCACS assess using the VB-MAPP assessment. NYCACS Bronx aims for 100% improvement in the barriers section on this assessment.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

These assessments require specific materials and cannot readily be conducted remotely, particularly given the profile of students served at NYCACS. At NYCACS Bronx, VB-MAPP testing typically occurs in the spring. As a result of school closure on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19, testing was cancelled. Therefore, this goal cannot be reported on.

# SUMMARY OF GOAL 2: PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCTION OF CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR

Me	asure	Outcome
1.	Annually, 100% of students who have had one or more Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP) in place to address challenging behavior for at least six months will show a reduction in challenging behavior—either in terms of frequency, magnitude, or both. Data will be collected on all student BIPs daily. Progress will be defined as movement in the desired direction from previous BIPs and/or baseline measures (i.e., a reduction in rates of targeted behavior). Progress will be assessed across every BIP, even if more than one is associated with an individual student.	Not Met
2.	For those students without BIPs who are assessed using the VB-MAPP assessment, 100% will show improvement in the barriers section.	N/A

## **ACTION PLAN**

Behavior Intervention Plans can take many different forms and be in place for varied amounts of time. The nature of autism, paired with changes that come during adolescence and/or the appearance or co-morbid conditions, means that challenging behavior can appear suddenly or change in magnitude and topography at different points. Given how much time, planning, collaborating, and problem-solving goes into managing and reducing challenging behavior, NYCACS will continue to look at ways to capture all of the work that goes on in this arena. As we look toward the year ahead, NYCACS Bronx will continue to find new ways to address behavior challenges that are safe for students and staff working in person and effective, even for those students in remote instruction. Adjusted procedures for data collection will be created to reflect changes that come with remote instruction, as well.

## GOAL 3: ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

GOAL 3: A Human Rights Committee (HRC) will meet two times per year and judge NYCACS programs and procedures as respecting the human rights of each individual student.

#### Measure 1: HRC Positive Assessment of Behavior Intervention Plans

A Human Rights Committee will positively respond to at least 80% of assessment items requested for each Behavior Intervention Plan reviewed. Any negative responses will be followed by immediate and documented modifications.

## **METHOD**

In a typical school year, NYCACS convenes a Human Rights Committee (HRC) two times per year. This committee consists of individuals from a variety of fields: a doctor, an attorney, an educator from another school, a journalist, and the parent of a child with autism who does not attend NYCACS. Over the year, all Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) with any restrictive component (e.g., time out, response cost) are reviewed by the HRC. For each, a history of challenging behavior is provided, as well as results from assessments, baseline data, and a rationale for the current BIP. Details of the BIP are reviewed along with data collected to date. HRC members are given the opportunity to discuss and seek clarification on any aspects of the plan. They are asked a series of questions including "Is there evidence of parental consent?", "Was a functional behavior assessment conducted?", and "Is there evidence of reinforcement procedures being utilized?" Committee member "yes" responses are tallied and divided by the total number of questions to determine a percentage of positive responses.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The table below contains a row for each student whose Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) was reviewed. The final column indicates whether the HRC responded positively to 80% or more of the assessment items. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, one of the two HRC meetings had to be canceled. Therefore, the table NYC Autism Charter School Bronx 2019-2020 Accountability Plan Progress Report Page 17 of 51

below reflects data from the HRC's first meeting. The Human Rights Committee observed an 80% positive response for three out of three, or 100% of BIPs reviewed.

Human Rights Committee Responses to Reviewed BIP Plans 2019-20					
Student BIP	Number of Assessment Items Requested	Number of Assessment Items with Human Rights Committee Positive Response	80% Positive Response? Yes/ No		
Student 1	10	11	Yes		
Student 2	11	11	Yes		
Student 3	10	11	Yes		

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

The purpose of the Human Rights Committee is to ensure that NYCACS Bronx respects the rights of students who, in many cases, are unable to advocate for themselves. Close work with parents/caregivers around behavior reduction (and all other programming) is also evidence of the importance placed on this issue, as is the extensive training provided to staff on effective and ethical modes of instruction, respect and positivity, confidentiality, and professionalism. Given the limitations resulting from COVID-19, it is unclear whether NYCACS will be able to implement BIPs during the coming year and, thus, whether HRC meetings will be necessary.

Measure 2: HRC Evidence of Parental Consent

Evidence of parental consent will be demonstrated for 100% of plans reviewed.

#### **METHOD**

In a typical school year, NYCACS convenes a Human Rights Committee (HRC) two times per year. It consists of individuals from a variety of fields: a doctor, an attorney, an educator from another school, a journalist, and the parent of a child with autism who does not attend NYCACS. Over the year, all Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) with any restrictive component (e.g., time out, response cost) are reviewed by the HRC. For each, a history of challenging behavior is provided, as well as results from assessments, baseline data, and a rationale for the current BIP. Details of the BIP are reviewed along with data collected to date. HRC members are given the opportunity to discuss and seek clarification on any aspects of the plan. Then they are asked a series of questions. The number of yes responses to the question, "Is there evidence of parental consent?" is divided by the total number of plans reviewed to determine a percentage of plans with parental consent.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, one of the two HRC meetings had to be canceled. Therefore, the data below reflects data from the HRC's first meeting. Parental consent was given for three of three, or 100%, of BIPs reviewed.

Parenta	Parental Consent for BIP Plans 2019-20				
Student BIP	Parental Consent? Yes/No				
Student 1	Yes				
Student 2	Yes				
Student 3	Yes				

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

See Additional Evidence and Comments section from Measure #1 above.

## SUMMARY OF GOAL 3: ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Both measures contained within Goal #3 were mastered for the one meeting conducted this school year. The Human Rights Committee positively rated and observed evidence of parental consent in all of the Behavior Intervention Plans reviewed.

Me	Outcome		
1.	A Human Rights Committee will positively respond to at least 80% of assessment items requested for each Behavior Intervention Plan reviewed. Any negative responses will be followed by immediate and documented modifications.	to at least 80% of Met Intervention Plan	
2.	Evidence of parental consent will be demonstrated for 100% of plans reviewed.	Met	

## **ACTION PLAN**

Given the forms of challenging behavior demonstrated by some of the students served—including self-injury, aggression, property destruction—NYCACS Bronx must focus on ensuring the safety of students and staff at all times. Given the school's primary focus is on antecedent management strategies (arranging a NYC Autism Charter School Bronx 2019-2020 Accountability Plan Progress Report Page 19 of 51

student's schedule, environment, reinforcement system, etc., to minimize the occurrence of challenging behavior), there are times that staff must respond to incidents of such behavior, and times when those responses may be restrictive in nature in order to ensure the safety of all. Building in BIP reviews by a Human Rights Committee (in addition to parental consent at every step of the BIP process and ongoing dialogue with parents as rates of challenging behavior are monitored) ensures students are protected. While NYCACS Bronx is committed to continuing this important practice, the school will continue to think about feasibility issues in the 2020-2021 school year, given the restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19.

## **GOAL 4: PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION**

GOAL 4: Families will be actively involved in their children's education program, gain a broader understanding of autism-related issues and how best to address them, and prepare for life after school has ended. They will express satisfaction with the NYCACS East Harlem educational program and judge it to be effective in achieving these goals.

## **Measure 1: Individualized Parent Training**

Annually, 85% of parents/guardians whose children are 12 years old or younger will participate in a minimum of 10 hours of individualized parent training focused on school, home, and/or community learning on an annual basis. 85% of parents/guardians whose children are 13 years old or older will participate in a minimum of 5 hours.

## **METHOD**

The NYCACS Bronx educational philosophy holds that families are an integral part of the students' education, and that parental involvement is a highly desired element of the school's programs. While no action is taken against parents, or children of parents, who do not choose to participate, NYCACS Bronx has established a variety of initiatives and activities to engage parents in training focused on school, home and/or community for which participation hours are logged. These include the following: clinic meetings in which family members participate with clinical staff in reviewing, problem-solving, and enhancing educational programming; scheduled observations that allow parents to observe specific educational activities, some of which may take place off-site in the community; access to Home and Family Consultation by NYCACS Bronx personnel and/or visits by parents to NYCACS Bronx to develop specific skill acquisition and behavior reduction programs that improve quality of life for the child and the family outside of the school setting; and annual planning meetings in which future goals in the areas of work, living, and community participation are discussed.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The table below contains a row for each student and indicates the number of home hours conducted, the number of clinic hours in which a parent/guardian participated, and the total number of hours of such training activities.

Overall, 9/32—or 28%—of parents/guardians met the required number of training hours as determined by their child's age. The number of hours ranged from 3 to 19. However, this chart does not reflect data from January 2020 through March 16, 2020, due to inability to collect hard copies of records that remain in the school building but were inaccessible because of COVID-19 closure. All home visit and clinic meeting hours were disrupted as a result of the school closure due to COVID-19.

Historically, parents have been allowed to opt out of home visits, as was the case for the parents of the four younger students who did not meet criterion. Since the recent revisions to the Accountability Plan, parents may choose not to participate in home visits, but staff are still expected to find alternate ways of engaging parents in the requisite number of training hours. This continues to be a challenge but is something the school is committed to working on given how important training and education is for parents of children with autism.

Parent Training Hours 2019-2020						
Students	Student Age	Clinic/School Observation Hours (JO)	Home Consultation Hours (CS)	Total Hours of Parent Training	Met Target? Yes/No	
Student 1	Under 12	5	4.32	9.32	No	
Student 2	Under 12	2	3.58	5.58	No	
Student 3	Under 12	5	9.53	14.53	Yes	
Student 4	Under 12	2	3.13	5.13	No	
Student 5	Under 12	6	3.218	9.218	No	
Student 6	Under 12	6	6.67	12.67	Yes	
Student 7	Under 12	1	10.95	11.95	Yes	
Student 8	Under 12	8	10.57	18.57	Yes	
Student 9	Under 12	2	6.18	8.18	No	
Student 10	Under 12	4	2.5	6.5	No	
Student 11	Under 12	4	1.16	5.16	No	
Student 12	Under 12	3	3.5	6.5	No	
Student 13	Under 12	6	4	10	Yes	
Student 14	Under 12	5	2.94	7.94	No	
Student 15	Under 12	2	2.75	4.75	No	
Student 16	Under 12	3	2	5	No	
Student 17	Under 12	2	1.67	3.67	No	
Student 18	Under 12	6	2.77	8.77	No	
Student 19	Under 12	4	2.58	6.58	No	
Student 20	Under 12	3	4.53	7.53	No	
Student 21	Under 12	5	4.25	9.25	No	
Student 22	Under 12	7	4.5	11.5	Yes	

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2019-20	20 ACCOUNT	ΓABILITY PLAN	PROGRESS	REPORT	
Student 23	Under 12	5	5	10	Yes
Student 24	Under 12	6	2.75	8.75	No
Student 25	Under 12	5	2.33	7.33	No
Student 26	Under 12	5	7.17	12.17	Yes
Student 27	Under 12	5	2.83	7.83	No
Student 28	Under 12	5	3.25	8.25	No
Student 29	Under 12	1	1.83	2.83	No
Student 30	Under 12	2	5.5	7.5	No
Student 31	Under 12	5	8.12	13.12	Yes
Student 32	Under 12	4	4.58	8.58	No

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

Minutes of all clinic sessions, home consultation visits, and annual planning meetings are maintained in each student's file and attest to the quality and value of these activities, all aimed at helping each parent gain a broader understanding of 1) autism-related issues, 2) how best to address them as they relate to their child(ren), and 3) how to prepare for their child's life ahead.

COVID-19 presented its own unique set of challenges from March 13, 2020 on, as in-person hours were not possible. However, what NYCACS staff found was that parents were more likely to participate in virtual home consultation hours; specifically, many families who did not meet the hourly goal overall still participated in many remote school sessions. This finding may be useful in thinking through the structure of what parental training looks like for NYCACS students moving forward, particularly during the coming year in which parent contact will continue to be affected by COVID-19.

## **Measure 2: NYCACS Program Effectiveness Survey**

Annually, 85% of parents/guardians will rate the NYCACS Bronx education program as effective in the annual NYCACS Program Effectiveness Survey. The school will obtain a 75% participation rate.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS Bronx conducted an internally designed NYCACS Program Effectiveness Survey to determine parent satisfaction with the school. The survey consists of 27 statements applicable specifically to NYCACS. Statements were scored using a Likert scale of 1 to 4, where 1 means Strongly Disagree and 4 means Strongly Agree. Comments and open-ended questions were solicited as well. The survey was distributed anonymously using the Survey Monkey platform. It was made available in English and Spanish.

#### **RESULTS and EVALUATION**

Due to COVID-19, the response rate on the Program Effectiveness Survey was much lower than expected. The response rate in the 19-20 school year was 29%.

NYCA	NYCACS Program Effectiveness Survey				
<u> </u>	Response Rate 2018-	2019			
Number of	Number of	Response			
Responses	Families	Rate			
12	32	29%			

**Eighty percent of NYCACS parents rated the school program as effective.** NYCACS parents indicated strong satisfaction with their child's program. In response to the question "Overall, the school program is effective," 96% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed.

NYCACS Program Effectiveness Sur	vey
Parent Satisfaction on Key Survey Results	2017-2018
Item	Percent Satisfied
"Overall, the school program is effective."	80%

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

The Parent Program Effectiveness Survey offers open ended questions, including the following: "Please list important skills your child has learned at NYCACS this year"; "Please list the strengths of the school and leadership team"; "Please list ways in which the school and/or leadership team could better support you"; and "Do you or your child have any stories you would like to share?". Comments and anecdotes reinforced numerical findings from this and other surveys. A few responses to open-ended questions include the following:

- "Always thinking about ways to improve teaching and the environment."
- "I have had a great experience thus far with staff and the leadership team. I am grateful for the
  help I have been given throughout the time my child has been enrolled here. Whenever I need
  help or have an issue, the staff helps me try to resolve it quickly. I have also had help at home, at
  doctor's visits, and with my child's babysitter."
- "Good communication with families, support to the families, actually having goals for the kids, always keeping families engaged."
- "I really like monthly clinics. It allows me to see the progress my child has made. I love that the teachers feel like family and they are very prompt with keeping you updated."

## Measure 3: Parent Observation Form

Of the NYCACS Observation Forms completed by parents immediately following instruction-focused visits/parent training sessions, at least 85% will indicate overall satisfaction with the quality of education provided to their child.

#### **METHOD**

Parents/guardians are asked to complete a NYCACS Observation Form immediately following a visit or training session at school or in the community. Questions are presented in a yes/no format and request feedback on student engagement, instructional interaction, appropriateness of learning tasks, communication, learning environment, clarity of student performance data, safety, and overall satisfaction with the quality of education observed. Open-ended questions solicit further feedback on successes, concerns and recommendations. Observation Forms are then reviewed and signed by the Clinical Supervisor, and Head of School and, for community-based observations, the Director of Transition and Community Outreach. Translation support is provided where needed.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

Of the 135 NYCACS Bronx School Observation Forms completed, 99% expressed overall satisfaction with the quality of education observed, surpassing the goal of 85% satisfaction.

NYCACS School Observation Survey Results Following Instruction-Focused Visits/Parent Training Sessions 2019-20			
Item	Surveys Completed	Percent Satisfied	
"Overall, did you feel the quality of education was satisfactory?  (Yes/No)	135	99% Yes	

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

The observation forms are valuable in providing immediate feedback following instruction-focused visits/training sessions. The forms are straightforward and give parents a voice in the continued development and shaping of instruction. We will continue to look at ways of enhancing content and process to maximize value. One such change may be to send surveys directly to the Head of School so that each parent/caregiver feels as comfortable as possible sharing both good and critical feedback about their child's classroom staff. The Head of School will continue to ensure that any concerns are promptly considered and addressed. It remains unclear whether this survey will be as readily used or returned during the coming year given the remote parent clinics and meetings planned due to COVID-19.

## Measure 4: NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey

Annually, parents/guardians will express satisfaction with the school's program, based on the NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey on which the school will receive scores of 75% or higher on each of the domains surveyed as designated by the NYC DOE. The school will obtain a 75% participation rate on the survey.

#### METHOD

The NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey is distributed to all parents/guardians of NYCACS Bronx students and anonymously solicits parent/guardian responses to a variety of statements designed to measure parent satisfaction across three domains: Effective School Leadership; Strong Family Community Ties; and Trust. The survey can be completed by hand or online and is available in multiple languages as needed. By design, the survey's questions are general in nature, so as to pertain to schools citywide. The survey was distributed to all families.

#### RESULTS AND EVALUATION

As of September 15, 2020, NYCACS has not yet received the NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey results. Therefore, results for this Measure cannot be reported.

## NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey Parent Satisfaction Survey Response Rate 2018-2019

Number of Responses	Resnonse R	
XX	36	X%

## NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey Parent Satisfaction on Key Survey Results 2018-2019

Item	Percent of Respondents Satisfied
Effective School Leadership	XX%
Strong Family Community Ties	XX%
Trust	XX%

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

The NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey holds value as a generic measure of parent satisfaction in areas held in common with schools across the city. It is best appreciated in conjunction with the NYCACS-specific surveys that measure satisfaction in areas related to the unique educational program provided to

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NYCACS students. These measures combined reflect an exceptionally high level of parent satisfaction with the education their children receive. It is unclear when results from the 2019-2020 school year will be made available.

## **Measure 5: Parent Alumni Survey**

100% of parents or caregivers of children who have transitioned out of NYC Autism Charter Schools to attend a less restrictive educational setting (LRE), and who complete a biennial survey, will positively rate their experience at NYC Autism Charter Schools and the impact it had on their children.

## **METHOD**

Due to COVID-19 and concern around increased communication burdens on parents, this goal was omitted for the 2019-20 school year.

## **Measure 6: Parent Alumni Survey**

100% of parents or caregivers of children who have transitioned out of NYC Autism Charter Schools to attend a more restrictive educational setting (MRE), and who complete a biennial survey, will positively rate their experience at NYC Autism Charter Schools and the impact it had on their children.

#### **METHOD**

Due to COVID-19 and concern around increased communication burdens on parents, this goal was omitted for the 2019-20 school year.

## SUMMARY OF GOAL 4: PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION

Me	asure	Outcome
1.	Annually, 85% of parents/guardians whose children are 12 years old or younger will participate in a minimum of 10 hours of individualized parent training focused on school, home, and/or community learning on an annual basis: 85% of parents/guardians whose children are 13 years old or older will participate in a minimum of five hours of individualized parent training focused on school, home, and/or community learning.	Not Met
2.	Annually, 85% of parents/guardians will rate the NYCACS education program as effective in the annual Program Effectiveness Survey. The school will obtain a 75% participation rate.	Not Met
3.	After every instruction focused visit at school, home, or in the community across the year, at least 85% of parents/guardians will indicate overall satisfaction with the quality of education provided to their child.	Met
4.	Annually, parents/guardians will express satisfaction with the school's program, based on the NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey in which the school will receive scores of 75% or higher in each of the domains surveyed as designated by the NYC DOE. The school will obtain a 75% participation rate on the survey.	N/A
5.	100% of parents or caregivers of children who have transitioned out of NYC Autism Charter Schools to attend a less restrictive educational setting (LRE), and who complete a biennial survey, will positively rate their experience at NYC Autism Charter Schools and the impact it had on their children.	N/A
6.	100% of parents or caregivers of children who have transitioned out of NYC Autism Charter Schools to attend a more restrictive educational setting (MRE), and who complete a biennial survey, will positively rate their experience at NYC Autism Charter Schools and the impact it had on their children.	N/A

## **ACTION PLAN**

NYCACS Bronx demonstrates high levels of parent engagement and satisfaction across measures. The school will continue to work with students, parents and the broader community to enrich satisfaction and to better identify, prepare for, and transition its adolescent students to (and ready their families for) post-school adult services. NYCACS Bronx will also work in the 2020-2021 school year to establish remote parent engagement opportunities, given the ongoing nature of the pandemic. NYCACS will determine if many of the surveys that were omitted this year can be implemented in the coming year.

## **GOAL 5: STAFF PROFICIENCY AND SATISFACTION**

GOAL 5: NYCACS Teachers and Instructors will demonstrate proficiency in interventions and terminology related to applied behavior analysis and will judge the NYCACS educational program to be effective.

## Measure 1: Staff understanding of training concepts

Annually, post-test measures of staff understanding of concepts presented within training segments will show a minimum of 80% accuracy.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS Bronx teachers and instructors complete an intensive training program designed to enable them to effectively identify and meet the instructional and behavior management needs of special education students on the severe to moderate end of the autism spectrum, and to assist families in implementing appropriate strategies at home and in the community. Training combines small group presentations as well as online training modules developed by Rethink Autism, each culminating in post-tests to ensure the content is learned. Training components include the following: Understanding Autism; Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis; Relationship Building; Discrete Trial Instruction; Response Chains; Data Collection; Prompting; Stimulus Control; Shaping; Incidental Teaching; Generalization and Maintenance; Describing Behaviors; Common Interventions; and Functional Assessment of Problem Behavior. An overall post-test score is calculated across components with a criterion of at least 80% required for mastery.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The table below provides the average post-test scores compiled for 12 staff members and indicates whether they met the criteria of at least 80% mastery. 100% of staff or 12 of 12 staff members surpassed the 80% post-test criterion, with an average post-test score of 97%.

Post-test Training Scores 2019-20			
Staff Member	Post-Test Score Average	Criteria Met? Yes/No	
Student 1	98	Yes	
Student 2	96	Yes	
Student 3	96	Yes	
Student 4	99	Yes	
Student 5	95	Yes	
Student 6	98	Yes	
Student 7	99	Yes	
Student 8	98	Yes	
Student 9	95	Yes	
Student 10	97	Yes	
Student 11	96	Yes	
Student 12	98	Yes	

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

The training summarized above represents only one component of the training program for new and experienced staff. All didactic training is accompanied by observation and practice of skills in the classroom (and now remotely) with real time feedback and correction to ensure understanding, consistency of instruction, and reliability of data collection.

## **Measure 2: Key Learning Points**

Annually, an average of 80% of staff surveyed will indicate that they acquired valuable information as a result of attending staff development meetings.

## **METHOD**

NYCACS Bronx teachers and instructors are asked to complete brief written summaries the conclusion of topic specific staff development meetings held throughout the year. Part of this summary includes a question indicating whether they have acquired valuable information as a result of attending the development meeting.

#### RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The table below summarizes the percentage of staff rating information from staff development meetings as valuable. Overall and on average, 100% of staff in attendance rated the information as valuable, surpassing the target of 80% for the measure.

Staff Development Ratings 2019-20			
Meeting Date	Topic	% of Staff Rating Information as Valuable	80% Criteria Met? Yes/No
11/13/19	Teaching Intraverbals	100	Yes
11/20/19	Dyad and Group Instruction	100	Yes
1/22/20	ASD In Minority Populations	100	Yes
5/28/20	Providing ABA Services During a Pandemic	100	Yes

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

While the structure of staff development meetings changed on March 13, 2020 when the school year shifted to remote instruction, professional learning continued remotely. Looking forward to the 2020-21 school year, NYCACS Bronx will continue to work to ensure that virtual professional development is high quality, as this will likely be the way in which it is delivered.

## Measure 3: Performance Proficiency Standards

Of instructional staff invited to return for the upcoming school year, 100% will show proficiency in teaching techniques and satisfactory execution of job requirements as assessed through the NYCACS performance evaluation rubric. Evaluations are comprised of information gathered across the school year as part of regular supervision (varied formats include in vivo observation, video review, and written feedback), and aggregated annually for each staff member.

#### METHOD

NYCACS utilizes a comprehensive, data-driven assessment of teacher and instructor performance to assess proficiency in teaching techniques and satisfactory execution of job requirements. All teachers and instructors receive an initial three-month and comprehensive performance evaluation. Data regarding each staff's performance of pivotal teaching skills are collected. The evaluations employ objective measures, including the following: frequency of behavior-specific praise; levels of engagement and ontask behavior of both students and staff; ability to implement a variety of teaching strategies; ability to follow and implement a written behavior intervention plan; and ability to use and understand behavioral terminology. Data are collected on clearly defined areas (e.g., discrete trial instruction, incidental teaching, professionalism with colleagues) that are further broken down into many discrete instructional skills (e.g. within discrete trial instruction, subcomponents include ensuring attending prior to presenting instruction, providing effective prompts, delivering appropriate levels of reinforcement). Points are assigned to each area according to a Likert Rating Scale ranging from Ineffective, to Developing, to Effective, to Highly Effective. Proficiency is defined as a rating of effective or above. To be invited to return the following year, staff must obtain a performance rating between Developing and Highly Effective.

## RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The table below verifies that 25 of 25, or 100%, of staff invited to return in 2019-2020 demonstrated proficiency in teaching techniques and satisfactory execution of job requirements.

Staff Proficiency Ratings 2019-20		
Staff Member Proficiency Shown? Yes/No		
Staff Member 1	Yes	
Staff Member 2	Yes	
Staff Member 3	Yes	
Staff Member 4	Yes	
Staff Member 5	Yes	

Staff Member 6	Yes
Staff Member 7	Yes
Staff Member 8	Yes
Staff Member 9	Yes
Staff Member 10	Yes
Staff Member 11	Yes
Staff Member 12	Yes
Staff Member 13	Yes
Staff Member 14	Yes
Staff Member 15	Yes
Staff Member 16	Yes
Staff Member 17	Yes
Staff Member 18	Yes
Staff Member 19	Yes
Staff Member 20	Yes
Staff Member 21	Yes
Staff Member 22	Yes
Staff Member 23	Yes
Staff Member 24	Yes
Staff Member 25	Yes

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

The NYCACS Performance Evaluation rubric is both comprehensive and objective. Beginning at the three-month evaluation, it provides a blueprint for individualized staff training and supervision. Areas to be strengthened are identified early and targeted for additional training and support. In the few cases where proficiency is not demonstrated after concerted effort, the decision not to continue employment is typically a mutual one. There have been several modifications to the performance evaluation rubric over the years of its development. The hope is, once in its final form and consistent year over year, another accountability metric may be included to assess improvement in performance evaluation scores over time. Additionally, adjustments will be made to the rubric in order to account for skills required to deliver effective remote instruction.

## **Measure 4: Teacher Survey**

Annually, teachers will express satisfaction with the school's program, based on the NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey in which the school will receive scores of 75% or higher in each of the applicable surveyed domains. The school will obtain a 75% participation rate on the survey.

#### **METHOD**

The NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey is distributed to all NYCACS Bronx teachers and instructors and anonymously solicits their responses to a variety of statements designed to measure teacher satisfaction and perception of the school across 6 domains: Rigorous Instruction; Collaborative Teachers; Supportive Environment; Effective School Leadership; Strong Family Community Ties; and Trust. The survey is completed online. By design, the survey's questions are general in nature so as to pertain to schools citywide. Note: NYCACS students, unlike students in a typical school, do not take the survey due to their disability. As a result, scores that would otherwise combine teacher and student ratings on the same domain (Rigorous Instruction, Collaborative Teachers, Supportive Environment, Trust) reflect only the responses of NYCACS teachers.

#### RESULTS AND EVALUATION

NYCACS Bronx has not yet received the results from the 19-20 NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey. Therefore, results for this measure cannot be reported.

# NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey Teacher Satisfaction Survey Response Rate 2019-20

Number of Responses	Number of Instructional Staff	Response Rate
XX	XX	XX%

# NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey Teacher Satisfaction on Key Survey Results 2019-20

ltem	Percent of Respondents Satisfied
Rigorous Instruction	XX%
Collaborative Teachers	XX%
Supportive Environment	XX%
Effective School Leadership	XX%
Strong Family Community Ties	XX%
Trust	XX%

#### Measure 5: ABA Certification

Annually, at least 10% of instructional staff across both sites will be working toward certification in Applied Behavior Analysis (with supervision hours provided by NYCACS licensed staff) or certification in Special Education.

## **METHOD**

The Board Certification in Behavior Analysis is a graduate level certification in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Certification requires: 1) the completion of a graduate degree in a related field, 2) the completion of a defined period of supervised practical experience and 3) passing the BCBA certification exam. NYCACS offers experienced staff who are working toward their BCBA credential qualifying supervision hours by a board certified NYCACS staff member. Hours of supervision are documented according to the requirements of the Behavior Analysis Certification board. NYCACS also records staff working towards SPED certification.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

Eighteen of 35 or 51% of staff members were working toward their ABS or SPED certification in the 2019-20 school year, exceeding the goal. The NYCACS instructional program is strongly enhanced by the expertise brought by its Board Certified Behavior Analysts. To the extent that the school is able to support staff who are working towards their BCBA, both the program and staff retention are stronger.

Staff Certification 2019-20			
Staff Member	Working Toward ABA or SPED Certification? Yes/No		
Staff Member 1	No		
Staff Member 2	Yes - BCBA		
Staff Member 3	No		
Staff Member 4	Yes - SPED		
Staff Member 5	Yes - SPED		
Staff Member 6	No		
Staff Member 7	No		
Staff Member 8	No		
Staff Member 9	No		
Staff Member 10	Yes - BCBA		
Staff Member 11	Yes - BCBA		
Staff Member 12	Yes - SPED		
Staff Member 13	Yes - BCBA		
Staff Member 14	No		
Staff Member 15	No		
Staff Member 16	Yes - SPED		
Staff Member 17	Yes - SPED		
Staff Member 18	Yes - SPED		

Staff Member 19	Yes - BCBA
Staff Member 20	Yes - BCBA
Staff Member 21	No
Staff Member 22	No
Staff Member 23	No
Staff Member 24	Yes - SPED
Staff Member 25	No
Staff Member 26	No
Staff Member 27	Yes - BCBA
Staff Member 28	No
Staff Member 29	No
Staff Member 30	Yes - BCBA
Staff Member 31	No
Staff Member 32	Yes - BCBA
Staff Member 33	No
Staff Member 34	Yes - BCBA
Staff Member 35	Yes - BCBA

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

NYCACS Bronx prides itself on attracting and retaining high-caliber ABA-trained instructors and teachers. The school will continue to provide incentives such as BCBA supervision in order to accomplish this goal.

#### **Measure 6: Tuition Assistance**

Annually, at least 30% of staff will take advantage of the NYCACS tuition assistance program to further their education in a relevant field.

## **METHOD**

NYCACS prides itself on offering a tuition assistance program to help staff members further their education in a relevant field. As such, NYCACS set a goal of at least 30% of staff taking advantage of this program.

## **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

Sixteen of 35 or 46% staff members participated in the tuition assistance program, exceeding the goal of 30%.

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Staff Participating in Tuition Assistance 2019-20		
Staff Member	Participation in Tuition Assistance? Yes/No	
Staff Member 1	No	
Staff Member 2	Yes	
Staff Member 3	No	
Staff Member 4	Yes	
Staff Member 5	No	
Staff Member 6	No	
Staff Member 7	No	
Staff Member 8	No	
Staff Member 9	No	
Staff Member 10	Yes	
Staff Member 11	No	
Staff Member 12	Yes	
Staff Member 13	No	
Staff Member 14	Yes	
Staff Member 15	No	
Staff Member 16	Yes	
Staff Member 17	Yes	
Staff Member 18	No	
Staff Member 19	Yes	
Staff Member 20	No	
Staff Member 21	No	
Staff Member 22	Yes	
Staff Member 23	No	
Staff Member 24	No	
Staff Member 25	No	
Staff Member 26	Yes	
Staff Member 27	Yes	
Staff Member 28	Yes	
Staff Member 29	No	
Staff Member 30	No	
Staff Member 31	No	
Staff Member 32	Yes	
Staff Member 33	Yes	
Staff Member 34	Yes	
Staff Member 35	Yes	

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

NYCACS Bronx prides itself on attracting and retaining high-caliber instructors and teachers. Additional education helps to further improve the caliber of teaching at NYCACS.

#### Measure 7: Alumni Satisfaction

Of staff who are no longer employed by NYCACS and who complete a biennial alumni survey, 90% will report having learned valuable skills during their time at NYCACS that support their current work

## **METHOD**

Due to COVID-19 and difficulties sending and securing survey responses, this goal was omitted in the 2019-20 school year.

## SUMMARY OF GOAL 5: STAFF PROFFICIENCY AND SATISFACTION

	Measure	Outcome
1.	Annually, post-test measures of staff understanding of concepts presented within training segments will show a minimum of 80% accuracy for each staff member.	Met
2.	Annually, an average of 80% of staff surveyed will indicate that they acquired valuable information as a result of attending staff development meetings.	Met
3.	Of instructional staff invited to return for the upcoming school year, 100% will show proficiency in teaching techniques and satisfactory execution of job requirements as assessed through the NYCACS performance evaluation rubric. Evaluations are comprised of information gathered across the school year as part of regular supervision (varied formats include in vivo observation, video review, and written feedback), and aggregated annually for each staff member.	Met

4.	Annually, teachers will express satisfaction with the school's program, based on the NYC DOE Learning Environment Survey in which the school will receive scores of 75% or higher in each of the applicable surveyed domains. The school will obtain a 75% participation rate on the survey.	N/A
5.	Annually, at least 10% of instructional staff across both sites will be working toward certification in Applied Behavior Analysis (with supervision hours provided by NYCACS licensed staff) or certification in Special Education.	Met
6.	Annually, at least 30% of staff will take advantage of the NYCACS tuition assistance program to further their education in a relevant field.	Met
7.	Of staff who are no longer employed by NYCACS and who complete a biennial alumni survey, 90% will report having learned valuable skills during their time at NYCACS that support their current work.	N/A

#### **ACTION PLAN**

NYCACS Bronx will continue its highly successful staff development, supervisory and evaluation practices and continue to seek ways to enhance the satisfaction and well-being of its staff. While many of the typical practices and protocols may look different in the 2020-2021 school year, the school will work to ensure all staff receive adequate training, support, and supervision.

# 2019-2020 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT GOAL 6: COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

#### **GOAL 6: Community and Professional Outreach**

NYCACS will share practices with the broader community (including personnel, students, participants, and employees at other schools, organizations, and businesses) and raise awareness about autism and autism education. This is done through internships, training, observations, workshops, peer mentoring, conference presentations, and more.

#### Measure 1: Open Houses and Professional Observations

NYC Autism Charter Schools will conduct minimum of 10 open houses or professional observations each year across both sites, during which parents and professionals from outside of NYCACS will have the opportunity to hear a description of the NYCACS education model and observe students receiving instruction in their classrooms, shared space, or community based instruction sites.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS welcomes visits by professionals from other schools, autism service providers, community organizations, charitable organizations, university students and international visitors seeking to learn more about effective autism education and the NYCACS program. NYCACS also reaches out to representatives from schools and adult services programs that may serve its students in the future, programs or enterprises that are potential resources for community based instruction, potential partners for peer mentoring, potential collaborative partners, and foundations interested in supporting autism initiatives. Finally, NYCACS actively reaches out to the NYC DOE, community representatives, and government leaders to educate and advocate for high quality services for students with autism. The schools outreach efforts result in a stimulating exchange of expertise that inevitably benefits all involved.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

NYCACS hosted a total of 18 professional observation visits across both NYCACS East Harlem and NYCACS Bronx sites, as listed below. These visits included 152 attendees.

	Open House/Professional Development 2019-20			
Date	Number of Attendees	Name/Organization Purpose		
140/22/40   6		Learn about NYCACS and best practices for educating children with ASD		
Garden Academy - Dr. Lauren Grow (ED), Dr. Danielle Gureghian			Learn about our Preparation of students and families for transition to adulthood	

		(CD), Allison Neaman (BS), Taylor (Teacher)	
11/21/19	7	Uncommon Charter School	Best practices for educating students with autism
11/12/19	9	Open House	
12/17/19	9	Open House	
1/13/20	2	Kennedy Children's Center	Observe best practice strategies
12/18/29	9	Bronx Open House	
1/15/20	17	Bronx Open House	
1/28/20	15	EH Open House	
1/24/20	1	Dream Charter School	Classroom observation
1/30/20	1	Manhattan Psychology Group	Tour and observation of classroom practices
1/28/20	2	Equality Charter School	Tour, classroom observation, discussion of best practices
2/4/20	16	EH Open House	
2/12/20	1	Anna Lonergan	Tour and potential volunteer
2/12/20	11	Bronx Open House	
3/5/20	7	Denmark Education Team	Observe best practices
4/1/20	28	NYC DOE OT's	Follow up from training- observe best practices
3/20/20	7	KIPP Charter School	Observation of best practices- life skills

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

In addition to the above outreach visits, NYCACS hosted students from colleges and universities working to complete classroom observation requirements for their degree programs. While NYCACS exceeded its goal, inperson sessions came to an end on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19. Therefore, there were fewer sessions than anticipated. Given the ongoing nature of the pandemic, NYCACS will consider the possibility of virtual observation sessions moving forward.

#### **Measure 2: Student Interns**

During non-expansion years, a minimum of two student interns will be placed within NYCACS classrooms each year, at each school. Interns will be provided both didactic and hands-on training related to autism and how the principles of applied behavior analysis are used to educate students with autism.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The 2019-20 school year was an expansion year for NYC Autism Bronx. Therefore, this goal is not applicable.

#### **Measure 3: Peer Mentors**

During non-expansion years, a minimum of four peer mentors will participate in a peer mentor program. Peers will be provided with didactic instruction, an opportunity to observe instruction, and hands-on training to learn how to interact effectively with NYCACS students. Pre- and post-test measures and/or written summaries of their experience will show understanding of concepts and of the disorder.

#### **METHOD**

The NYCACS Peer Mentoring Program introduces public school students, generally middle or high schoolers, to autism through highly structured training sessions. The peers then become mentors to NYCACS students, working under the supervision of the NYCACS Peer Mentoring Coordinator and classroom teachers. Mentors must apply for the position, make a commitment to attend the twice weekly sessions for up to 14 weeks, be on time, be professional in their interactions with NYCACS students, and share what they learn with their own classmates, friends and family.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The 2019-20 school year was an expansion year for NYC Autism Bronx. Therefore, this goal is not applicable.

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

The Peer Mentoring Program is a ground-breaking program, developed by NYCACS in 2006 and since replicated nationally. From March 13, 2020 on, peer mentor participation shifted to a virtual format due to COVID-19. Given the ongoing nature of the pandemic, NYCACS may need to consider postponing or adjusting the Peer Mentoring Program for the 2020-2021 school year.

#### Measure 4: Autism Awareness

NYC Autism Charter Schools will conduct a minimum of five autism awareness outreach efforts across both sites, reaching at least 100 people annually. These efforts will be aimed at increasing awareness of autism and providing a basic understanding of its complexities.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS conducts autism awareness outreach efforts reaching a variety of parent, community and school audiences with the intent of informing, educating, and networking. Sessions are a result of outreach by NYCACS and requests from interested groups. Attendance logs are maintained to verify the audiences reached.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

NYCACS conducted nine Autism Awareness sessions reaching 220 people across the East Harlem and Bronx sites, exceeding the goal. NYCACS Autism Awareness outreach efforts reach a broad range of audiences and address autism in general as well as topics of specific relevance to the particular attendees.

	2019-20 Autism Awareness Outreach Efforts				
Date	Event Title	Audience	Number of Participants		
10/4/19	Intro to Autism & Working Together	EH Bus Personnel	10		
10/7/19	Introduction to Autism & Working Together	Bx Bus Personnel & OPT reps	4		
10/22/19	Understanding Autism	P212 Family Workshops	9		
12/16/19	Intro to Autism & Becoming Known to OPWDD and Accessing Services	PS 89 - BX	5		
3/2/20	Introduction to Autism and Accessing Services	PS 89 - BX	7		
4/1/20	Autism Awareness	CPE2	100		
4/1/20	Autism Awareness	P212	50		
6/18/20	Autism Awareness	CPE2	35		
3/30/20	Autism Awareness	Dream Charter School Parents	Unknown		

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

NYCACS autism awareness efforts are beneficial not only to the students and families of NYCACS, but to the broader autism community. The more educated the general public is about autism, the more likely individuals on the autism spectrum will be treated with respect and compassion, and the more opportunities they may have moving forward. These efforts have a secondary benefit of contributing to NYCACS student recruitment efforts. The school's lottery open houses and information sessions (not listed in the table above) also have the effect of raising autism awareness. Due to COVID-19, all sessions from March 13 on were canceled. Therefore, total events held were lower than anticipated. For the 2020-21 school year, NYCACS will consider seeking remote presentation opportunities given the ongoing nature of the pandemic.

#### Measure 5: Conference Presentation

Staff from one or both of the NYC Autism Charter Schools will present annually at a minimum of one local, national or international conference, sharing research and/or best practice strategies around educating students with autism.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS staff submit proposals to present research and best practices or speak on panels at national, state, and city professional conferences for professionals in the field of autism education and applied behavior analysis.

#### RESULTS AND EVALUATION

On October 17, 2019 two of the NYCACS Bronx Head Teachers, Sawyer Gibbs and Sidney Bellamy, presented at a poster session in Atlantic City, NJ at the annual Autism NJ Conference. The title of the poster was "Evaluating the Effects of a Video Model Training Package on Staff Implementation of a Brief Multiple Stimulus Without Replacement Preference Assessment." The conference was attended by several hundred people.

	2019-20 Staff Presentations				
Attendees Conference Name		Topic	Date		
Several Hundred	Autism NJ	Evaluating the Effects of a Video Model Training Package on Staff Implementation of a Brief Multiple Stimulus Without Replacement Preference Assessment	10/17/19		

#### ADDITONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

Invitations to present at professional conferences are highly competitive. NYCACS is proud of its track record of annual presentations at major behavior analytic and autism specific conferences. For the 2020-21 school year, NYCACS will consider seeking remote presentation opportunities given the ongoing nature of COVID-19.

#### **Measure 6: Training for Other Schools**

Staff from one or both of the NYC Autism Charter Schools will provide training in the areas of challenging behavior and/or effective inclusion practices to personnel at two or more schools.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS staff submit proposals to present research and best practices or speak on panels at national, state, and city professional conferences for professionals in the field of autism education and applied behavior analysis.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

Staff at both schools provided training on five separate occasions, ranging from October 21, 2019 through April 28, 2020, surpassing the goal. These trainings reached 120 individuals across five different school sites.

	2019-20 Staff Presentations				
Date	Attendees	Training Topic Participating School Name			
10/21/19	12	Assessing and Addressing Challenging Behavior in the Classroom	P212 and NYCACS East Harlem		
11/25/19	36	Assessing and Addressing Challenging Behavior in the Classroom	CPE2 and NYCACS East Harlem		
12/4/19	24	Effectively Educating Individuals with ASD	The Charter Center and staff from NYCACS Bronx and NYCACS East Harlem		
1/30/20	28	Understanding and Navigating Challenging Behavior	NYC DOE Pre-K Occupational Therapists and NYCACS East Harlem		
4/28/20	20	Effectively Educating Individuals with ASD in the Classroom	Equality Charter School, P160, D75 and NYCACS Bronx		

#### ADDITONAL EVIDENCE AND COMMENTS

NYCACS prides itself in providing support and training to other schools and has built a formal goal around sharing best practices to signal how the school communities value and prioritize sharing best practices. For the 2020-21 school year, NYCACS will consider providing remote training given the ongoing nature of COVID-19.

## SUMMARY OF GOAL 6: COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

	Measure	Outcome
1.	NYC Autism Charter Schools will conduct minimum of 10 open houses or professional observations each year across both sites, during which parents and professionals from outside of NYCACS will have the opportunity to hear a description of the NYCACS education model and observe students receiving instruction in their classrooms, shared space, or community based instruction sites.	Met
2.	During non-expansion years, a minimum of two student interns will be placed within NYCACS classrooms each year, at each school. Interns will be provided both didactic and hands-on training related to autism and how the principles of applied behavior analysis are used to educate students with autism.	N/A
3.	During non-expansion years, a minimum of four peer mentors will participate in a Peer Mentor program. Peers will be provided with didactic instruction, an opportunity to observe instruction, and hands-on training to learn how to interact effectively with NYCACS students. Pre- and post-test measures and/or written summaries of their experience will show understanding of concepts and of thedisorder.	N/A
4.	NYC Autism Charter Schools will conduct a minimum of five autism awareness outreach efforts across both sites, reaching at least 100 people annually. These efforts will be aimed at increasing awareness of autism and providing a basic understanding of its complexities.	Met
5.	Staff from one or both of the NYC Autism Charter Schools will present annually at a minimum of one local, national or international conference, sharing research and/or best practice strategies around educating students with autism.	Met
6.	Staff from one or both of the NYC Autism Charter Schools will provide training in the areas of challenging behavior and/or effective inclusion practices to personnel at two or more schools.	Met

#### **ACTION PLAN**

NYC Autism Charter Schools' commitment to outreach to professionals, communities, and parents has been part of its mission since the school's founding in 2005 and will remain so. Given the expansion across both schools in the 2018-19 school year, staff were conscious of the time and resources required for meaningful dissemination of information and practices. As NYCACS Bronx continues to evolve in the 2020-21 school year and as both schools face staffing adjustments and the ongoing nature of COVID-19, the school will remain focused on maintaining the high caliber of programming for which it is known.

### **GOAL 7: FISCAL SOUNDNESS**

#### **Goal 7: Fiscal Soundness**

NYCACS will establish and adhere to effective financial controls and policies that assure that it will consistently operate within its budget.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS has established and continuously monitors all necessary internal financial control practices and procedures necessary to operate in a fiscally sound and compliant manner. Separation of responsibilities and oversight by the NYCACS Board of Trustees and its Finance Committee are ongoing. The annual independent financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 2020 is currently underway and will be submitted together with all additional required documentation by November 3, 2020.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

Awaiting completion of Independent Fiscal Audit.

## GOAL 8: ESSA

The 2019-20 ESSA Goal remains unchanged due to the COVID-19 school closure. The 2019-20 accountability status based on 2018-19 results and can be found by navigating to the school report card available <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Goal 8: Absolute Measure**

Under the state's ESSA accountability system, the school is in good standing: the state has not identified the school for comprehensive or targeted improvement.

#### **METHOD**

Because *all* students are expected to meet the state's performance standards, the federal statute stipulates that various sub-populations and demographic categories of students among all tested students must meet the state standard in and of themselves aside from the overall school results. As New York State, like all states, is required to establish a specific system for making these determinations for its public schools, charter schools do not have latitude in establishing their own performance levels or criteria of success for meeting the ESSA accountability requirements. Each year, the state issues School Report Cards that indicate a school's status under the state accountability system.

NYCACS students, because of their disabilities, do not take the NYS ELA, mathematics and science exams, or the Regents exams. Consequently, a performance Index (PI) and Measure of Interim Progress (MIP) are not calculated. Instead, student and school performance are measured using alternative assessments detailed in Goals 1-7 below. Annually, the school submits a Self-Assessment of School Performance Report to the State Education Department that summarizes student performance on alternate measures.

#### **RESULTS AND EVALUATION**

The NYS Annual Report Card indicates NYCACS Bronx is in Good Standing.

#### **ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE**

NYCACS Bronx has been in Good Standing each year since its inception in 2016.

Accountability Status by Year				
Year	Status			
2016-17	In Good			
	Standing			
2017-18	In Good			
	Standing			
2018-19	In Good			
	Standing			
2019-20	In Good			
	Standing			

## APPENDIX A: OPTIONAL GOALS

#### **Optional Goal 1: Retention**

Each year, 90 percent of all students enrolled during the course of the year return the following September.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS Bronx student enrollment and retention is tracked by the school and by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). Enrollment is stable, with student departures occurring primarily when the CSE with school and parent input determines that a less or more restrictive placement is recommended, or if the family leaves New York City.

#### RESULTS

The NYCACS Bronx student retention rate for 2019-2020 was 95%, exceeding the target of 90%.

2019-20 Student Retention Rate				
	Number of	Number of	Retention Rate	
2018-19	Students Who	Students Who	2019-20 Re-enrollment ÷	
Enrollment	Graduated in	Returned in 2019-	(2018-19 Enrollment –	
	2018-19	20	Graduates)	
20	0	19	95	

#### **EVALUATION**

The NYCACS Bronx student retention rate for 2019-2020 was 95%, exceeding the target of 90%. NYCACS Bronx sets as an accountability goal moving 5% of its students in a five-year period to less restrictive placements. While these students contribute to a lower retention rate, their departure is a success and contributes to meeting that goal. Additionally, there may be situations in which a student's behavioral challenges become extremely difficult for families to manage at home. In such cases, a family (with support from the Committee on Special Education) may decide to place their child in a residential facility that provides 24/7 care (a more restrictive environment or MRE). The school helps to support such transitions when deemed clinically appropriate (all MRE transitions to date have been considered such). The list below indicates the number of students who departed in the given year and the number of those who moved to less restrictive (LRE) or more restrictive (MRE) placements:

Year	Total Student Departures	Students Moved to LRE	Students Moved to MRE
2017-2018	0	0	0
2018-2019	1	1	0
2019-2020	3	2	0

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Year	Retention Rate
2015-16	N/A
2016-17	N/A
2017-18	N/A
2018-19	92%
2019-2020	95%

#### **Optional Goal 2: Attendance**

Each year the school will have a daily attendance rate of at least 95 percent.

#### **METHOD**

NYCACS Bronx tracks attendance through the NYC DOE ATS system.

#### **RESULTS**

NYCACS Bronx's 2019-2020 10-month attendance rate was 93.4%, coming close to the target.

2019-20 Student Attendance

Grade	Average Daily Attendance Rate
1	[%]
2	[%]
3	[%]
4	[%]
5	[%]
6	[%]
7	[%]
8	[%]
Ungraded	93.4%

#### **EVALUATION**

NYCACS came close to meeting the target 95% attendance rate, at 93%. NYCACS Bronx teachers and clinical supervisors work closely with parents and students to monitor and improve attendance. Attendance is reviewed with parents at monthly clinic meetings, giving staff an opportunity to identify and address issues students and/or families may have surrounding attendance. Home visits are also used to establish and help parents and students implement evening and morning routines to facilitate the transition from home to school. Challenging behaviors that interfere with getting to school are also addressed. COVID-19 presented a new set of challenges as far as attendance goes, but NYCACS has worked

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tirelessly over the last few months to ensure all families are well-equipped with internet connectivity and computers to accommodate the shift to remote instruction in the 2020-2021 school year.

#### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Year	Average Daily Attendance Rate
2016-17	94%
2017-18	95.5%
2018-19	95.5%
2019-20	93.4%

# Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

Na	ıme:				
A	shley Garrett				
Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):					
	ew York Center for Autism Charter chools				
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).				
	Board Vice President				
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?Yesx_No				
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.				
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities? YesxNo				
	If <b>Yes</b> please provide a description of the position(s) you hold your				

responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

4. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members or any persons who live with you in your house have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six-month period prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, write None. Please note that if you answered Yes to Questions 2-3 above, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

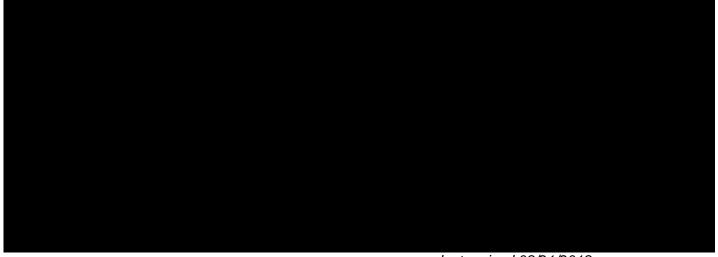
Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transacti on	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you
None.			

5. Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation and in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) living in your house had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the school(s) that is/are doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, write "None."

Organization conducting business with the school(s)	Nature of business conducte d	Approximat e value of the business conducted	Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and the nature of the interest	Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest
None.				

Ashley Garrett		_7/22/20_	
Signature	Date		

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# Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

	Name: Christine Sandler				
if	Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):				
	NYC Autism Charter Schools				
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).				
	Truste				
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?Yes _XNo				
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.				
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?				
	Yes _XNo				
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.				

4. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members or any persons who live with you in your house have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six-month period prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, write None. Please note that if you answered Yes to Questions 2-3 above, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

Name of person Date(s) Nature of financial Steps taken to interest/transaction avoid a conflict holding interest of interest. or engaging in transaction and (e.g., did not vote, did not relationship to participate in you discussion)

Please write "None" if applicable. Do not leave this space blank.

#### NONE

5. Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation and in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) living in your house had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the school(s) that is/are doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, write "None."

Organization conducting business with the school(s)

Nature of business conducted

Approximate value of the business conducted

Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and

Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest

## the nature of the interest

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# Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

Na	ame:
if	ame of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, the charter school is the only school operated by the education prporation):
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).  Trustee, Treasurer
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?Yes _XNo
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?
	Yes _XNo
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

4. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members or any persons who live with you in your house have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six-month period prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, write None. Please note that if you answered Yes to Questions 2-3 above, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transacti on	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you
None			

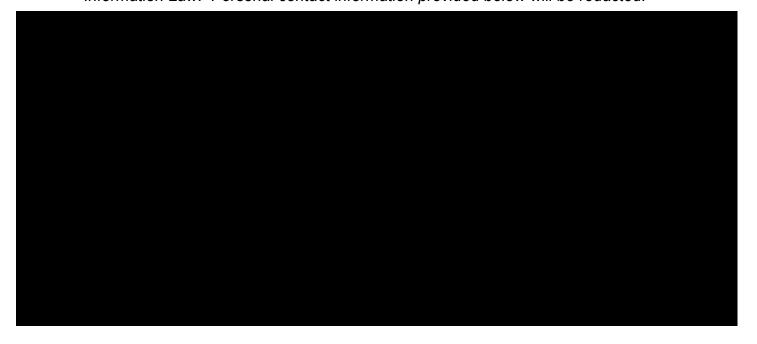
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None

Organization conducting business with the school(s)	Nature of business conducte d	Approximat e value of the business conducted	Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and the nature of the interest	Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest
None				

alypia R. Steinmann		
	7/23/2020	
Signature	Date	

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## Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

Na	ime:				
На	Hannah Hoch  Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):				
if					
NY	C Autism Charter School				
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).  Trustee (Board member)				
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?YesXNo				
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.				
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities? YesXNo				

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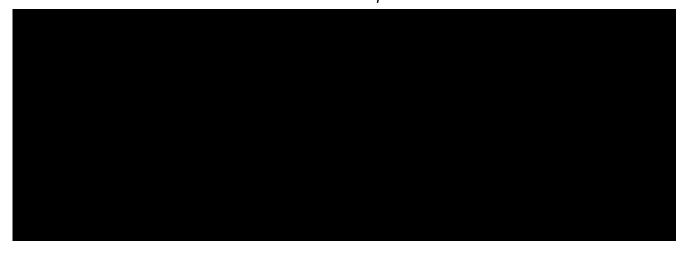
Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transacti on	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you
N/A	None	None	None

5. Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation and in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) living in your house had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the school(s) that is/are doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, write "None."

Organization conducting business with the school(s)	Nature of business conducte d	Approximat e value of the business conducted	Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and the nature of the interest	Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest
None	None	None	None	N/A

Harvah Hoch	7/06/2020	
Signature	 Date	

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# Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

-	ame: neema Livingston
if CC	ame of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, the charter school is the only school operated by the education propration):  ew York City Autism Charter School
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).
	NONE
	Operations Committee Member
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?YesX_No
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?
	Yes _XNo
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

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Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transacti on	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you
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Organization conducting business with the school(s)	Nature of business conducte d	Approximat e value of the business conducted	Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and the nature of the interest	Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest
NONE				

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	July 27, 2020
Signature	Date

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# Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

Na	ame:
P	aul O'Neill
ch	ame of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the arter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):
N 1	C Autism Charter Schools
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).  Member
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation? YesXNo  If Yes, for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you
	hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?
	YesXNo
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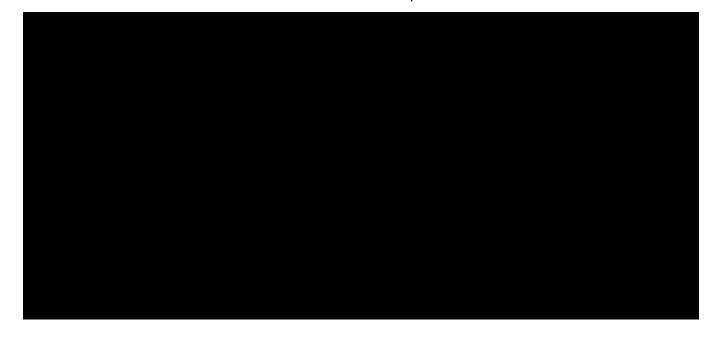
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NONE				

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		7/3/20
Signature	 Date	

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## Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

	nme: tchel A. Baum
if co	ame of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, the charter school is the only school operated by the education progration):  (C Autism Charter Schools
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).  Board Member
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?Yes _XNo
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?
	Yes _XNo
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Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transacti on	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you
None			

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Ian Baum	Contractor developing social media content	Approx \$2,500.00 for 2020 (May – end of year)	Contractor: Ian Baum (Son of the Trustee, Mitchel Baum)	Did not vote and not part of the selection process

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	7/28/2020	
Signature	Date	

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Name:	Carol	Santiago - De Tesus	
NYC	Autis	Santiago-De Jesus m Charter Schools	

Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):

#### NYC Autism Charter Schools

1. List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).

President/Chair; Parent Representative; Chair-Executive Committee

2. Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?
Yes No

If **Yes**, for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

3. Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?

Yes V No

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NIA			

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Name:	
_ben hartman	
Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Narif the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):	
_NYCA Autism Charter School	

**1.** List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).

Member of finance committee

Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?Yes X No

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Yes X No

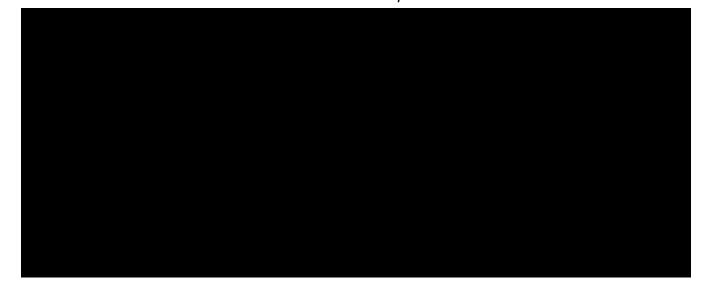
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NONE				

Signature June 1

7/02/2020 Date



Na	ame: /1/v;n S'h;h				
if	Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):  New York Center for Autism Charter School				
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).				
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation?  Yes No  If Yes, for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.				
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	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.				

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None			

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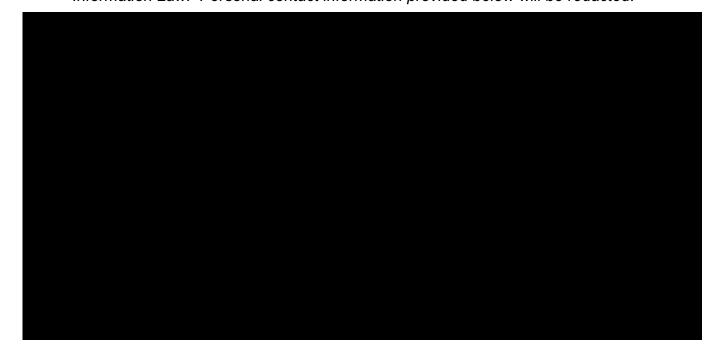
Name:

П	ene F Lainer
if co	me of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, the charter school is the only school operated by the education rporation):  IYC Autism Charter School
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).  Currently i am a Trustee and hold no other position.
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation? Yes No  If Yes, for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.
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Please writ	e "None" if	applicable.	Do not leave this space llene	blank. Lainer

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lene Lainer (Jul 14, 2020 16:02 EDT)	
Signature	Date



### FinancialDisclosure2019

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Na	Elaine Floro
if	ame of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, the charter school is the only school operated by the education prporation):
	NYC Austron Charter School
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation? YesNo
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	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

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Please writ	e "None" if	applicable.	Do not leave this space	e blank.

Signature Date



Yes to Questions 2-3 above, you need not disclose again your employment

status, salary, etc.

Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transactio n	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you	
	NONE			

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MONE				

Signature

Date



#### NYC Autism Charter Schools 2019-2020 School Year Calendar (Student)

Total Days of School 211

	Sep-19							
			17 Days					
M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
						1		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30								

Sept 5 - First Day for Students; Sept 30 thru Oct 1 - Rosh Hashana

Nov-19							
			17 Days	;			
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

Nov 5 - Election Day; Nov 11 - Veterans Day; Nov 28 thru 29 - Thanksgiving

Jan-20							
			21 Days				
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

Dec 23 thru Jan 1 - Winter Recess; Jan 20 - MLK Day

Mar-20							
			22 Days	1			
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
						1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

May-20							
			20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
				1	2	3	
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

May 15 - Baseball Extravaganza; May 25 - Memorial Day

Jul-20								
			20 Days					
M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
		1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
27	28	29	30	31				

June 29 thru July 5 - Summer Recess; July 6 - First Day of Summer Session

Oct-19									
20 Days									
M	T	W	T	F	S	S			
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
28	29	30	31						

Sept 30 thru Oct 1 - Rosh Hashana; Oct 9 - Yom Kippur; Oct 14 - Columbus Day

Dec-19								
15 Days								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
						1		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30	31							

Dec 6 - Piano Recital Bronx; Dec 13 - Piano Recital East Harlem; Dec 23 thru Jan 1 - Winter Recess

Feb-20								
15 Days								
M T W T F S S								
					1	2		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29			

Feb 17 thru 21 - Midwinter Recess

Apr-20									
	15 Days								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S			
		1	2	3	4	5			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
27	28	29	30						

April 9 thru 17 - Spring Recess

Jun-20								
19 Days								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30							

June 9 - Clerical Day; June 26 - Last Day of School; June 29 thru July 5 - Summer Recess

Aug-20									
	10 Days								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S			
					1	2			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
31									

August 14 - Last Day of Summer Session

