



CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE  
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**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO:**

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Daniel Lowengard, Acting Superintendent  
Rochester City School District  
131 West Broad Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Rochester, New York 14614

June 19, 2019

Dear Mr. Daniel Lowengard:

This notice is to inform you that on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the New York State Board of Regents received three applications to establish a charter school within the City of Rochester. These applications are under review for possible action at the November 4-5, 2019 Board of Regents meeting. Full application materials may be viewed at:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter/startcharter2019.html>.

	District of Location/CSD	Proposed Charter School	Proposed Board Chair	Public Contact	Public Contact Phone	Public Contact Email Address	Proposed Grades Served	Proposed Number of Students Year 1	Proposed Number of Student Year 5
1	Rochester City SD	Boys To Men Community CS	Joseph H. Bivins, III	Woodrow Hammond	585-576-7096	<a href="mailto:woodyhammond@hotmail.com">woodyhammond@hotmail.com</a>	Grades 6-12	186	488
2	Rochester City SD	Citizenship and Science Academy of Rochester CS	<a href="mailto:Dr.FehmiDamkaci@rochester.edu">Dr. Fehmi Damkaci</a>	<a href="mailto:Dr.TolgaHayali@rochester.edu">Dr. Tolga Hayali</a>	315-671-5470	<a href="mailto:hayali@sany.org">hayali@sany.org</a>	Grades K-6	171	525
3	Rochester City SD	Collegiate School of Rochester Charter School	Lenora Reid-Rose	David W. McBride	585-736-8786	<a href="mailto:dmcbride@buildingexcellentschools.org">dmcbride@buildingexcellentschools.org</a>	Grades K-5	108	432

Please note that pursuant to Education Law section 2857(1) and 8 NYCRR 119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/publichearing.html>), the school district of location is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community relating to the foregoing applications. This hearing, which is required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the charter school, must be held within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

**Please provide the following required documentation:**

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

All documentation listed above should be submitted electronically to [charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should include the NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL *Public Hearing*).

In addition, Rochester City School District has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school on traditional public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than **July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019** to [charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should read: *Rochester City School District response to NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL application*).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-1762 or [Vickie.Smith@nysed.gov](mailto:Vickie.Smith@nysed.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Vickie Smith  
New Schools Coordinator

c: David Frank