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Ms. Carmen Fariña, Chancellor  
New York City Department of Education  
52 Chambers Street, Third Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Fariña:

This notice is to inform you that on March 18, 2017 the New York State Board of Regents received seven new applications to establish charter schools in New York City as reflected in the attached chart. These applications are under review for possible action at the June 12-13, 2017 meeting of the Board of Regents. Full application materials may be viewed at [www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter).

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 in connection with the foregoing applications. These hearings, which are 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. Having been in regular communication about the hearings with Jennifer Nagourney since late March, I understand that all of the hearings have been scheduled, and most hearings have occurred.

**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 any and 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, the New York City Department of Education has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school(s) on traditional public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than June 8, 2017 to [charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should read: *New York City Department of Education 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,

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**New York City Proposed New Charter Schools  
2017 Round 1 Full Applications**

<b>Proposed NYC Geographic District</b>	<b>Proposed Charter School Name</b>	<b>Grades and Number of Students Served Over Initial Charter Term</b>	<b>Proposed Board Chair</b>	<b>Public Contact Person</b>	<b>Public Contact Phone</b>	<b>Public Contact Email Address</b>
CSD 7 or 9 (Bronx) <b>ADVANCED</b>	Emblaze Academy CS	Grades 5-8; 360 students	Geraldo Vasquez	Kristen Shroff	347-977-1342	kshroff@buildingexcellentschools.org
CSD 8 (Bronx) WITHDRAWN	HI-TECH Healthcare CS	Grades 6-11; 425 students	Emmanuel Okpala	Francis Onukwue	314-922-7139	fonukwue12@aol.com
CSD 23 (Brooklyn) <b>ADVANCED</b>	Key Collegiate CS	Grades 4-8; 300 students	Romy Drucker	Katie Mazer	347-633-6059	kmazer@buildingexcellentschools.org
CSD 17 (Brooklyn) WITHDRAW	Las Americas Discovery CS	Grades K-5; 510 students	Philomena Jenkins	Venus Beckles	347-722-7810	lasamericascharterschool@gmail.com
CSD 30 (Queens) <b>ADVANCED</b>	Renaissance CS 2 (The)	Grades K-10; 825 students	Everett Boyd	Stacey Gauthier	718-803-0060	sgauthier@renaissancecharter.org
CSD 31 (Staten Island)	Richmond Early College CS	Grades 8-12; 403 students	Jonathan Lipschitz	Dana Volini	347-242-0233	dvolini@lavelleprep.org
CSDs 30 (Queens), CSD 7 (Bronx) or CSD 4 (Manhattan)	Urban Dove Team CS II	Ungraded Transfer High School; 305 students	Michael Grandis	Jai Nanda	212-244-2131	jnanda@urbandove.org