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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO:

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September 5, 2017

Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent
Buffalo Public Schools
712 City Hall
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Dr. Cash:

This notice is to inform you that on August 18, 2017 the New York State Board of Regents received new applications to establish charter schools in the City of Buffalo. These applications are under review for possible action at the November 13-14, 2017 meeting of the Board of Regents. Full application materials may be viewed at www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter.

Proposed Charter School Name	Grades and Number of Students Served Over Initial Charter Term	Public Contact Person	Public Contact Phone	Public Contact Email Address
Buffalo Commons Charter School	Grades K-8; 450 students	Daniel Brink-Washington	347-267-8910	info@buffalocommonscharter.org
Ellington Preparatory Academy of Arts and Sciences Charter School	Grades 9-12; 400 students	Kris Douglas	908-312-3570	ellingtonprep1@gmail.com
New Learning Paradigm Charter School	Grades K-8; 360 students	Lori Singletary	716-479-1518	loridx@yahoo.com

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. 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.

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 (the subject line of the email should include the NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL *Public Hearing*).

In addition, Buffalo Public Schools 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 November 1, 2017 to charterschools@nysed.gov (the subject line of the email should read: *Buffalo Public Schools' 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. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Vickie Smith
New Schools Coordinator

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