



CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE  
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September 5, 2017

Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, Superintendent  
Mount Vernon City School District  
165 Columbus Ave.  
Mount Vernon, NY 10553  
Rochester, New York 14617-1187

Dear Dr. Hamilton:

This notice is to inform you that on August 18, 2017 the New York State Board of Regents received an application to establish a charter schools within the City of Mount Vernon. This application is under review for possible action at the November 13-14, 2017 Regents meeting. Full Application materials may be viewed at [www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter).

Proposed Charter School Name	Grades /Number of Students Over Initial Charter Term	Public Contact Person	Public Contact Phone	Public Contact Email Address
Granville Academy Charter School	Grades 6-8; 300 students	Deborah Woods	914-297-8660	granvilleacademycharterschool@gmail.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](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should include the NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL *Public Hearing*).

In addition, Mount Vernon City School District has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school(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](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should read: *Mount Vernon City School District response to NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL application*).

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

Sincerely,



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New Schools Coordinator

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