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To: School District in which Unity Preparatory Charter School of Brooklyn is Located
Public and Nonpublic Schools in the Same Geographic Area as Unity Preparatory Charter School of Brooklyn

From: Lisa Long, Executive Director

Subject: Notice of Receipt of and Pending Action on Charter School Renewal with Revisions

Date: September 15, 2022

Name of Charter School:	Unity Preparatory Charter School of Brooklyn
BEDS Code:	331300861056
District/CSD of Location:	NYC CSD 13
District(s) Required to Hold a Hearing:	New York City Department of Education
Deadline to Hold Hearing:	10/17/2022 (30 calendar days)
Type of Request:	Renewal with Revisions
Current Charter Term:	07/01/2018-06/30/2023
Proposed New Charter Term:	07/01/2023-06/30/2028
Management Company:	NA
Grades Served in the Current Academic Year:	Grades 6-12
Approved Grades and Maximum Enrollment:	Grades 6-12; 655
Proposed Revision(s):	Revisions requested by this charter school to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase its grade span to add Kindergarten through Grades 3 to its current Grade 6 through Grade 12 configuration; and to make a corresponding increase to its authorized enrollment from 655 students to 955 students by year five of the renewal charter term; and• Amend the school's KDEs from "A Focus on Expert Teaching and Advancement"; "More Time for Learning/Attention to How Time is Utilized"; "Enrichment Courses and Elective Clubs"; "Active Community Involvement"; "A Grades 6-12 College Preparatory Curriculum"; "Intensive and Differentiated Academic Support"; and "A Positive and Supportive School Culture" to "Excellent Teaching"; "More Time for Learning"; Ample Enrichment Courses and Extra-Curricular Activities"; "Active Family and Community Involvement"; "A Grades 6-12 College Preparatory Curriculum"; "Intensive and Differentiated Academic Support"; and "A Positive and Supportive School Culture."

Both are proposed to begin in the 2023-2024 school year. A determination regarding this revision has not yet been made and is currently under review by the New York State Education Department.

The application of this school is being reviewed for possible action at an upcoming Board of Regents meeting. You are receiving this notice since the school is located in your school district and/or your school is located in the same geographic region as the charter school seeking this proposed action. If you are not the school's district of location, as indicated above, nothing further is required. However, if you seek to provide public comment regarding this proposed revision, additional information on how to do so is provided below.

Please note that pursuant to Education Law §2857(1) and 8 NYCRR §119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/aboutcharterschools/lawsandregs/law.html>), **the school district of location is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community in connection with the foregoing application. The hearing, which is required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the charter school, must be held within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter.**

The charter school's district of location is required to provide the following required documentation to the Charter School Office:

1. A copy of the public hearing notice, at the **time of dissemination**.
2. Written confirmation that this 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 within **15 business days** after the hearing.
4. **A summary** (shown below) outlining the date and time of the hearing, the number of people who attended, the number of speakers, the number of people in favor, and the number of people opposed, and any comments received **in the following format:**

“The required public hearing was held by the ___[full name of School District/New York City Department of Education] on ___[Date]___, 20[YY]. ___[Number]___ people attended, and ___[Number]___ spoke. ___[Number]___ were in favor of the [renewal/revision/merger] and ___[Number]___ were opposed.”

All documentation listed above must be submitted to charterschools@nysed.gov. The subject line of the e-mail should read “[Name of Charter School] Public Hearing.”

In addition, as stated above, the Board of Regents welcomes all public comments on the proposed application, including those related to the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed application on other public and nonpublic schools in the area. Comments can be submitted during the public hearing or can be submitted to charterschools@nysed.gov with a subject line of “School District Response to [Name of Charter School] Application.”

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Charter School Office at charterschools@nysed.gov or (518) 474-1762.