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Charter Schools Institute Names Kevin Flynn Accountability Analyst

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Albany - Charter Schools Institute Executive Director Jonas S. Chartock announced today the appointment of Kevin Flynn as Accountability Analyst. Mr. Flynn will be responsible for providing technical support related to school accountability plans and the reporting and analysis of individual school performance.

Mr. Flynn most recently served as the Chair of the Science Department at KIPP 3D Academy Charter School in Houston, TX, where he authored curriculum, instructed 7th and 8th grade students, coached peers, and managed the Saturday School program. Prior to his service at KIPP 3D Academy, Mr. Flynn served as a science teacher via Teach For America at the John Marshall Middle School, also in Houston. A recipient of the school's Excellence in Teaching Award, his responsibilities included curriculum development and instruction for at-risk students as well as English Language Learners.

Mr. Flynn has also held internships with the Roxbury Preparatory Charter School in Boston, where he helped to draft the school's annual report and charter renewal application, and the San Francisco office of the KIPP Foundation, where his research helped to inform school site selection and development.

"Kevin comes to us with a strong record of experience in urban public education including charter schools, both on the ground as a department chair and excellent teacher and behind the scenes," said Mr. Chartock. "We are very pleased to have him on board."

Mr. Flynn received his Master's degree in Education, with a concentration in Policy, Organization and Leadership Studies, from Stanford University and his Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Cornell University.

The Charter Schools Institute was created by the SUNY Board of Trustees to help it in carrying out its responsibilities under the Charter Schools Act. Guided by the rigorous standards set by the SUNY Board of Trustees, the Institute's oversight of SUNY authorized charter schools is comprehensive, including: evaluating initial applications for the opening of charter schools; providing technical assistance and guidance to schools where necessary; requiring schools to take remedial action or placing schools on probation; conducting a comprehensive evaluation when a school applies to renew its charter; and reporting to the school and the public on each school's performance and progress. The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York and the SUNY Charter Schools Institute were recently featured in a new United States Department of Education (USDOE) guide on high quality charter authorizing, *Supporting Charter School Excellence Through Quality Authorizing*.