



**Charter Schools Institute**  
The State University of New York

# Response to Public Comments

## Comments on Draft 2015 SUNY Request for Proposals

- To Establish New, Charter Schools in New York State; and
- For Existing SUNY Authorized Charter Schools to Operate Additional School(s)

*Collected by the SUNY Charter Schools Institute on behalf of the  
State University of New York Board of Trustees*

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## Defined Terms

**Act** – The Charter Schools Act of 1998, as amended

**Board of Regents** – The New York State Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York

**CEC** – Community Education Council in New York City

**CMO** – Charter Management Organization

**CSE** – Committee on Special Education or “IEP Team” under the IDEA regulations

**ELL** – English Language Learner

**FAPE** – Free and Appropriate Public Education as defined in the IDEA

**FRPL** – federal Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program

**IEP** – An Individualized Education Program as required by the IDEA

**IDEA** – the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**Institute** – The SUNY Charter Schools Institute

**LEA** – Local Educational Agency as defined in the IDEA

**N-PCL** – The New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law

**NYCDOE** – The New York City Department of Education

**NYSED** – The New York State Education Department

**RFA** – The Requests for Amendment process whereby the Institute works with charter school applicants to correct and/or provide additional detail to an application to resolve Institute concerns and assure compliance with the Act and all applicable laws, rules and regulations before the Institute makes a recommendation to the SUNY Board of Trustees (“SUNY Trustees”) for approval.

**RFP** – The Request for Proposals to Establish New York State Charter Schools

**Proposal** – The document submitted in response to a RFP by an applicant seeking to establish a New York State charter school

**SUNY Trustees** – The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (or their designee, as appropriate)

**SWDs** – Students with disabilities

NOTE: All page references are to the February 18, 2015 Draft RFP.

## Comments/Discussion/ Changes as Noted

**Comment 1:** A commenter noted that Section 2 of the Supplemental Charter School Program (“CSP”) Grant Eligibility Criteria on page 87 did not contain bullets (a) through (f) but instead started with (g).

Discussion: The Institute agrees and will modify the RFP by re-lettering the section.

Changes to RFP: Bullets in Section 2 of the CSP Grant Eligibility Criteria were modified to begin with (a).