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UPDATED PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: General Public

FROM: SUNY Charter Schools Institute (on behalf of the State University of New York Board of Trustees)

SUBJECT: Final Notice of Charter Renewals and Revisions – Operation of Law

DATE: February 9, 2021

This final Notice, pursuant to New York Education Law §2857(1), is to inform you that the State University of New York Board of Trustees (the "SUNY Trustees"), in its capacity as a charter authorizer, approved the renewal and revision applications for the charter schools listed below, sent the paperwork to the New York State Board of Regents ("Board of Regents"), and the renewals and revisions have been approved by operation of law in accordance with the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (the "Act"). As the Act requires no further action, this will be the last notice on these items. A description of the actions are as follows:

Renewals

- **East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School**, an education corporation operating more than one school, seeks a five year renewal of its charter and its authority to operate the following charter school:
 - **East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School**, located at 2050 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10029 and 320 East 96th Street, New York, New York 10128 in Community School Districts ("CSD") 4 and 2, respectively, chartered to serve 746 in grades K-10, seeks a renewal to July 31, 2023 commencing December 14, 2020. According to the renewal application, the school will grow to serve 1,034 students in grades K-12.
- The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the renewal application on or about February 4, 2020; 2) approved a five year renewal on or about June 11, 2020; and, 3) the renewal was approved by operation of law on October 16, 2020.
- **Icahn Charter School 1**, located at 1525 Brook Avenue, Bronx, New York 10457 and 1506 Brook Avenue, Bronx, New York 10457 in CSD 9, chartered to serve 324 students in grades K – 8th grades seeks a five year renewal of its charter commencing August 1, 2021. According to the renewal application, the school will continue to serve 324 students in grades K-8. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the renewal application on or about February 14, 2020; 2) approved a five year renewal on or about October 6, 2020; and, 3) the renewal was approved by operation of law on January 28, 2021.

- **Icahn Charter School 5**, located at 1500 Pelham Parkway South, Bronx, New York 10461 in CSD 11, chartered to serve 324 students in grades K – 8th grades seeks a five year renewal of its charter commencing August 1, 2021. According to the renewal application, the school will continue to serve 324 students in grades K-8. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the renewal application on or about February 14, 2020; 2) approved a five year renewal on or about October 6, 2020; and, 3) the renewal was approved by operation of law on January 28, 2021.

Revisions

- **Academy of the City Charter School**, located at 31-29 60th Street, Woodside, New York 11377, in CSD 30, currently authorized to serve 532 students in grades K-6 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 728 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year, seeks to amend its admissions policy for the 2020-21 school year and beyond by providing an at-risk preference to students who reside in housing operated by the New York City Housing Authority. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about February 5, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about March 10, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on October 1, 2020.
- **Ascend Charter Schools**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revisions. Both schools opened this school year and are located in the same building as an existing network school. The concentration of schools led to lower enrollment than expected.
 - **East Flatbush Ascend Charter School**, located at 870 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203 in CSD 18, currently authorized to serve 108 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 324 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, requests an enrollment decrease to serve 79 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 297 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term.
 - **Lefferts Gardens Ascend Charter School**, located at 870 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203 in CSD 18, currently authorized to serve 162 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 486 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, requests an enrollment decrease to serve 48 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 405 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term.

The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision applications on or about February 12, 2020; 2) approved the revisions on or about June 11, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on October 1, 2020.

- **Capital Prep Charter Schools NY**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revision:
 - **Capital Preparatory Harlem Charter School**, located at 1 East 104th Street, New York, New York 10029 in CSD 4, currently authorized to serve 500 students in grades 6-10 for the 2019-20 school year and 600 students in grades 6-11 for the 2020-21

school year, the final year of the current charter term, has requested an enrollment decrease to serve 350 students in grade 6-10 for the 2019-20 school year and 400 students in grades 6-11 for the 2020-21 school year. The school implemented a more structured culture this school year; this shift led some students and parents to choose other high school options. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about April 16, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about June 11, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on October 1, 2020.

- **DREAM Charter School**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revision:
 - **DREAM Charter School Mott Haven**, located at 250 East 156th Street, Bronx, New York 10451, in CSD 7, currently authorized to serve 81 students in grade K for the 2019-20 school year growing to 648 students in grades K-4 and 6-8 for the 2023-24 school year, requests an enrollment revision to serve 60 students in grade K for the 2019-20 school year while still growing to serve 648 students in grades K-4 and 6-8 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about February 7, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about March 10, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on June 26, 2020.
- **Manhattan Charter Schools**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school has requested the following:
 - **Manhattan Charter School II**, located at 220 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002 in CSD 1, authorized to serve 277 students in grades K-5 for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. The school has requested an enrollment decrease to serve 165 students in grades K-5 for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about June 19, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about October 6, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on February 5, 2021.
- **PAVE Academy Charter School**, located at 732 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231 in CSD 15, currently contracts with PAVE Schools, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation to manage certain business and academic-related services, has requested to cease its relationship with PAVE Schools, Inc. effective June 30, 2020 and transition all applicable responsibilities to within PAVE Academy Charter School. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about January 30, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about March 10, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on June 26, 2020.
- **Sisulu – Walker Charter School of Harlem**, located at 125 W 115th Street, New York, NY 10026 in CSD 3, is currently authorized to serve 270 students in grades K-5 for the 2020-21 school year. The school has requested an enrollment decrease to serve 220 students in grades K-5 for the 2020-21 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about June 12, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about October 6, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on February 5, 2021.
- **The International Charter School of New York**, located at 55 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 in CSD 13 and 9 Hanover Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201 in CSD 15, chartered to serve

549 students in grades K-5 for the 2019-20, the final year of the current charter term, has requested an enrollment decrease to serve 431 students in grades K-5 for the 2019-20 school year. The Charter Schools Committee recently approved a short-term renewal for the school that did not include middle school grades. The action caused some families to choose to attend another charter school or other choice middle school next school year. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about April 24, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about June 11, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on October 1, 2020.

- **Uncommon New York City Charter Schools**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revisions:
 - **Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School**, located at 832 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11216, in CSD 13, currently authorized to serve 345 students in grades 5-8 for the 2019-20 school year growing to 780 students in grades K-8 by the 2024-24 school year, requests an enrollment decrease to serve 295 students in grades 5-8 for the 2019-20 school year and 264 students in grades 5-8 by the 2024-25, the final year of the approved charter term.
 - **Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School**, located at 791 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11213 and 1137 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, New York 11233 in CSDs 17 and 23, respectively, currently authorized to serve 519 students in grades K-1 and 5-8 for the 2019-20 school year and grow to 780 students in grades K-8 by 2024-25 school year, requests an enrollment decrease to 458 students in grades K-1 and 5-8 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 572 students in grades K-8 by the 2024-25, the final year of the approved charter term.

The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about February 10, 2020; 2) approved the revision on or about March 10, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on June 26, 2020.

- **Zeta Charter Schools – New York City**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revision:
 - **Zeta Charter School – New York City 3** and **Zeta Charter School – New York City 4**, opening in the 2020-21 school year and to be temporarily located at 222 Alexander Avenue, Bronx, New York, New York 10454 in CSD 7, is currently authorized to serve 180 students in Kindergarten through 1st grade for the 2020-21 school year growing to 529 students in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2024-25 school year, the final year of the current charter term. Due to facility constraints in the first year of operation, the education corporation has requested an enrollment decrease for both schools to serve 60 students in kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year growing to serve 476 students in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2024-25 school year. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about April 27, 2020; 2) approved the revision application on June 11, 2020; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on October 1, 2020.

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