



FOR INFORMATION ONLY: NO ACTION REQUIRED

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: General Public

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

SUBJECT: Third Notice of Charter Application(s) – Operation of Law

DATE: October 24, 2017

This third and 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 renewal(s) for the charter school(s) listed below, sent the renewal(s) to the New York State Board of Regents, and the renewal(s) has been approved by operation of law in accordance with the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (as amended the "Act"). As the Act requires no further action, this will be the last notice on this item. A description of the renewal(s) is as follows:

- **Ascend Charter Schools**, an education corporation operating more than one school, sought to renew its authority to operate the following charter school:
 - **Brownsville Ascend Charter School**, located at 1501 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in Community School District ("CSD") 23, serving approximately 1004 students in grades K-8, sought a five year renewal of its authority to operate commencing July 1, 2017. According to the renewal application, the school would grow to serve approximately 1377 students in grades K-12. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the renewal application on or about August 15, 2016; 2) approved a five year renewal on March 8, 2017; and 3) the renewal was approved by operation of law on October 18, 2017.

- **Explore Charter Schools of Brooklyn**, an education corporation operating more than one school, sought to renew its charter and its authority to operate the following charter schools:
 - **Explore Empower Charter School**, located at 188 Rochester Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11213, in CSD 17, serving approximately 540 students in grades K-8. The education corporation sought a five year renewal of its authority to operate the school commencing July 1, 2017. According to the renewal application, the school would serve approximately 536 students in grades K-8. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the renewal application on or about August 15, 2016; 2) approved a three year renewal with conditions on January 5, 2017; and, 3) the renewal was approved by operation of law on October 18, 2017.
 - **Explore Exceed Charter School**, located at 443 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238, in CSD 17, serving approximately 490 students in grades K-7. The education corporation sought a five year renewal of its authority to operate the school commencing August 1, 2017. According to the renewal application, the school would grow to serve approximately 562 students in grades K-8. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the renewal application on or about August 15, 2016; 2) approved a three year renewal with conditions on January 5, 2017; and, 3) the renewal was approved by operation of law on October 18, 2017.

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