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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: Updated Notice of Approval and Effective by Operation of Law of Charter Revision(s) and Merger(s)

DATE: July 27, 2016

This updated Notice is to inform you that the State University of New York Board of Trustees, in its capacity as a charter authorizer, approved the revision(s) and merger(s) of the charter(s) of the charter school(s) listed below, sent the revision(s) and merger(s) to the New York State Board of Regents ("Board of Regents"), and the revision(s) and merger(s) have been approved by operation of law or by the Board of Regents 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 these items.

Revisions

- **Central Queens Academy Charter School**, located at 55-30 Junction Blvd., Elmhurst, NY 11694 and 88-24 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, NY 11385, in Community School District ("CSD") 24, currently serving approximately 380 students in grades 5-8, requested to add a high school program beginning in the 2016-17 school year with approximately 100 students in the 9th grade and growing by one grade each year, and requested to add an elementary program beginning in the 2016-17 school year with approximately 100 students in Kindergarten and growing by one grade each year. At full capacity the school would serve approximately 1305 students in grades K-12. The 2016-17 school year is the final year of the school's current charter term. SUNY agreed to accept the grade expansion in Kindergarten through 4th grades into the next charter term contingent upon the school: 1) providing a renewal application with the grade expansion; 2) qualifying for at least a short-term renewal pursuant to the SUNY Renewal Policies; and, 3) being in good standing at such time. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about December 1, 2015; and, 2) approved the addition of an elementary program beginning in the 2016-17 school year with Kindergarten with one grade being added each year subject to renewal, (and the Institute approved a revision of the charter to permit the high school program beginning in the 2017-18 school year, subject to renewal); and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on July 15, 2016. Please note since the time of this approval the school has requested

to delay the opening of the elementary program due to facility constraints.

- **Children’s Aid College Prep Charter School**, located at 1919 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457, in Community School District (“CSD”) 12, currently serving approximately 265 students in grades K-4, requested to increase enrollment for the 2016-17 school year, the last year of the current charter term, from 304 students in grades K-5 to 432 students in grades K-5. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about September 11, 2015; 2) approved it on December 7, 2015; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on July 15, 2016.

- **Uncommon New York City Charter Schools**, which has the authority to operate three K-12 schools, three K-8 schools and six 5-8 schools, requested that the six 5-8 schools, each currently serving 312 students in grades 5-8, add an elementary program beginning in the 2016-17 school year with approximately 86 students in Kindergarten and growing by one grade each year ending with a total of 736 students in grades K-8 at each school. The six schools are as follows:
 - **Bedford Stuyvesant Collegiate Charter School**, located at 800 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 in CSD 16;
 - **Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School**, located at 80 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238 in CSD 13;
 - **Brownville Collegiate Charter School**, located at 364 Sackman Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in CSD 23;
 - **Kings Collegiate Charter School**, located at 1084 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in CSD 18;
 - **Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School**, located at 1137 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233 in CSD 23; and,
 - **Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School**, currently authorized by New York City Department of Education (“NYCDOE”) and located at 157 Wilson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211 in CSD 14 (contingent upon merger pending approval of NYCDOE and the New York State Board of Regents).

The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about October 9, 2015; 2) approved it on December 7, 2015; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on May 17, 2016. Please note that since the time of approval Uncommon New York City Charter Schools has requested to delay the openings of all of these elementary programs except Kings Collegiate Charter School due to facility constraints.

- **University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men**, located at 1290 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613, in the Rochester City School District, currently serving approximately 450 students in grades 7-12, requested to design and implement a Career and Technical Education program beginning in the 2016-17 school year and to develop work-based experiential programs and apprenticeships for its students. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the revision application on or about January 6, 2016; 2) approved it on February 25, 2016 ; and, 3) the revision was approved by operation of law on July 22, 2016.

Mergers

- **Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools**, an existing not-for-profit charter school education corporation authorized by SUNY, and located at 335 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, currently has authority to operate:
 - **Achievement First Apollo Charter School**, located at 350 Linwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208 in CSD 19;
 - **Achievement First Aspire Charter School**, located at 982 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 in CSD 19;
 - **Achievement First Brownsville Charter School**, located 2021 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233 in CSD 23;
 - **Achievement First-Bushwick Charter School**, located at 125 Covert Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 1300 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 in CSD 32 and 1785 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216 in CSD 16;
 - **Achievement First Linden Charter School**, located at 800 Van Siclen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207 in CSD 19;
 - **Achievement First North Brooklyn Preparatory Charter School**, located 200 Woodbine Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221 in CSD 32;
 - **Achievement First Charter School 10**, to be located in CSDs 16, 17, 23 or 32 opening in the fall of 2016;
 - **Achievement First Charter School 11**, to be located in CSDs 16, 17, 23 or 32 opening in the fall of 2016; and,
 - **Achievement First Charter School 12**, to be located in CSDs 16, 17, 23 or 32 opening in the fall of 2016.

The education corporation sought to merge with the following New York City Department of Education (“NYCODE”) authorized education corporations:

- **Achievement First Crown Heights Charter School**, located at 790 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203 in CSD 17;
- **Achievement First East New York Charter School**, located at 557 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207 in CSD 19; and,
- **Achievement First Endeavor Charter School**, located at 850 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205 in CSD 13;

such that when the merger is approved, Achievement First-Bushwick Charter School would be the successor education corporation for the additional three schools. The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the merger application on or about October 26, 2015; 2) approved it on December 7, 2015; and, 3) the merger was approved by the Board of Regents on February 23, 2016.

- **Canarsie Ascend Charter School**, a charter school education corporation authorized by SUNY, and located at 9719 Flatlands Avenue, Brooklyn, NY in CSD 18, sought to merge with the following education corporations:

- **Brooklyn Ascend Charter School**, authorized by NYCDOE, and located at 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in CSD 18;
- **Brownsville Ascend Charter School**, authorized by NYCDOE, and located at 1501 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in CSD 23;
- **Bushwick Ascend Charter School**, authorized by NYCDOE, and located at 751 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 in CSD 32; and,
- **Central Brooklyn Ascend Charter School**, (formerly “Williamsburg Ascend Charter School”), authorized by SUNY, and located at 465 East 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226 in CSD 23;

such that when the merger is approved, Canarise Ascend Charter School would be the successor education corporation under the name “**Ascend Charter Schools.**” The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the merger application on or about October 15, 2015; 2) approved it on February 25, 2016; and, 3) the merger was approved by the Board of Regents on March 21, 2016.

- **Manhattan Charter School II**, a charter school education corporation authorized by SUNY, and located at 220 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002 in CSD 1, sought to merge with **Manhattan Charter School**, a charter school education corporation authorized by NYCDOE, and located at 100 Attorney Street, New York, NY 10002 in CSD 1, such that when the merger was approved, Manhattan Charter School II would be the successor education corporation under the name “**Manhattan Charter Schools.**” Manhattan Charter School would be renamed “**Manhattan Charter School 1**” and Manhattan Charter School II would be renamed “**Manhattan Charter School 2.**” The SUNY Trustees: 1) received the merger application on or about October 30, 2015; 2) approved it on February 25, 2016; and, 3) the merger was approved by the Board of Regents on April 19, 2016.

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