



Media Advisory

SUNY Trustees Renew 10 Charter Schools

6 renewed schools are located in New York City; 4 are located in upstate New York

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New York – Upon recommendation of the SUNY Charter Schools Institute, the SUNY Board of Trustees' Charter Schools Committee ("Committee"), acting on behalf of the full SUNY Board of Trustees, today approved 10 resolutions to renew 10 SUNY authorized charter schools: 6 in New York City – in Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island; and 4 in upstate New York – in Albany, Buffalo, and Rochester.

SUNY charter schools currently serve over 49,000 New York students and their families.

Brief summaries of each renewal follow. Full Committee resolutions and renewal recommendation reports can be found here: <http://www.suny.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/meetings/meetingNotices.cfm>.

- **Achievement First Apollo Charter School (Brooklyn)** opened in 2010 and is located in public space at 350 Linwood Street, Brooklyn, NY in New York City Community School District 19. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Achievement First Apollo received a full-term renewal of five years with conditions and approval to grow to serve students only in Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School (Rochester)** opened in 2000 and is located in a private facility at 1069 Joseph Avenue (grades K-3) and 938 Clifford Avenue (grades 4-8), Rochester, NY within the Rochester City School District. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School received a full-term renewal of five years and approval to grow to serve students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.
- **Henry Johnson Charter School (Albany)** opened in 2007 and is located in a private facility at 30 Watervliet Avenue, Albany, NY within the Albany City School District. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Henry Johnson Charter School received a full-term renewal of five years with conditions such that the school provide the Charter Schools Committee with further information around its efforts to attract students with disabilities and English language learners.

- **KIPP Tech Valley Charter School (Albany)** opened in 2005 and is located in a private facility at 1 Dudley Heights, Albany, NY within the Albany City School District. The school currently serves students in 5th through 8th grade. KIPP Tech Valley Charter School received a full-term renewal of five years and approval to grow to serve students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **Merrick Academy-Queens Public Charter School (Queens)** opened in 2000 and is located in a private facility at 136-25 218th Street, Springfield Garden, Queens, in New York City Community School District 29. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Merrick Academy-Queens Public Charter School received a full-term renewal of five years and approval to provide instruction only to students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- **New World Preparatory Charter School (Staten Island)** opened in 2010 and is located in a private facility at 26 Sharpe Avenue, Staten Island, in New York City Community School District 31. The school currently serves students in 6th through 8th grade. New World Preparatory Charter School received a short-term renewal of three years.
- **South Buffalo Charter School (Buffalo)** opened in 2000 and is located in a private facility at 154 South Ogden Street, Buffalo, NY in the Buffalo City School District. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. South Buffalo Charter School received a full-term renewal of five years.
- **Success Academy Charter School-Bronx 1 (Bronx)** opened in 2010 and is located in public space at 339 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY in New York City Community School District 7. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Success Academy Charter School-Bronx 1 received a full-term renewal of five years and approval to grow to serve students in Kindergarten through 10th grade.
- **Success Academy Charter School-Bronx 2 (Bronx)** opened in 2010 and is located in public space at 450 St. Paul's Place (grades K-4) and 270 East 167th Street (grade 5), Bronx, NY in New York City Community School District 9. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Success Academy Charter School-Bronx 2 received a full-term renewal of five years and approval to grow to serve students in Kindergarten through 10th grade.
- **Success Academy Charter School-Harlem 5 (Manhattan)** opened in 2010 and is located in public space at 301 West 140th Street (grades K-3) and 175 West 134th Street (grades 4-5) in New York City Community School District 5. The school currently serves students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Success Academy Charter School-Harlem 5 received a full-term renewal of five years and approval to grow to serve students in Kindergarten through 10th grade.

SUNY is the largest charter school authorizer in New York State and the largest university-based charter school authorizer in the country. The SUNY Charter Schools Institute was created by the SUNY Board of Trustees to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities under the New York Charter Schools Act (the "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; ongoing oversight and evaluation of operating schools; 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. Charter schools in New York trade greater autonomy in exchange for greater accountability for academic outcomes. Each charter school has a charter contract that is signed by its board of trustees and the authorizer of the school. As part of the contract, the accountability plan for each school establishes the academic goals that must be met and how those goals will be measured. Contracts last a maximum of five years as set by the Act. In order to continue operating, a charter school must apply to renew its charter at the end of each charter term. Receiving approval to continue operating is the core of accountability required by the Act.

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