

## Notice of Public Hearing

*A public hearing is being held to solicit comments regarding new charter school applications. The applicants who have expressed an interest in serving New York City Community School District 5 are Onyx Academy for the Performing Arts Charter School and Sofara International Charter School.*

**Date:** April 30, 2014

**Time:** Speaker Sign in: 6:00 PM  
Presentation, Questions, Comments: 6:15 PM

**Location:** P.S 125/Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering  
425 W 123<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10027

**Details:** This public hearing is open to anyone interested in providing public comment about the proposed charter school applications for *Onyx Academy for the Performing Arts Charter School* and *Sofara International Charter School*.

**Onyx Academy for the Performing Arts Charter School is planning to open in Fall 2015. Proposed enrollment and grades served are as follows in the 5<sup>th</sup> year: 480 students in grades 9 - 12.**

**Sofara International Charter School is planning to open in Fall 2015. Proposed enrollment and grades served are as follows in the 5<sup>th</sup> year: 316 students in grades K - 7.**

These applications are being considered by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). Links to NYSED applications can be found here:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/2014Round1FullApplications.html> .

Speaker comment is welcomed; speakers must register prior to the start of the hearing. Written comments will be collected on the day of the hearing and can also be submitted via email no later than the date of the hearing to:

[charterschools@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:charterschools@schools.nyc.gov).

Pursuant to Education Law 2857(1), the New York City Department of Education is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comment from the community in connection with any proposal for a charter school.