



Notice of Public Hearing: Charter School Revision

Date: May 29, 2014

Time: Speaker Registration: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
 Presentation, Comments, and Questions: 6:00 PM

Location: Explore Charter School
 655 Parkside Avenue
 Brooklyn, NY 11226

Event : This public hearing is open to anyone interested in learning about the following charter revision for a school located in **Community School District 17** in Brooklyn:

Name of Charter Schools	Explore Charter School Explore Empower Charter School
Terms and Dates of Charters	Explore Charter School: authorized through June 12, 2016 Explore Empower Charter School: authorized through June 30, 2017
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	Academic Year 2013-14 Grades and Number of Students Explore Charter School: K-8, 540 students Explore Empower Charter School: K-6, 420 students
Current Year of Operation	2013-14: Year of Operation Explore Charter School: Year 4 of Third Charter Explore Empower Charter School: Year 1 of Second Charter
District of Location	Explore Charter School: CSD 17 Explore Empower Charter School: CSD 17
Proposed Charter Revision	
<p>Explore Charter School and Explore Empower Charter School, both existing not-for-profit charter school education corporations authorized by the NYC DOE, propose to merge with each other and the following education corporations: Explore Exceed Charter School; Explore Envision Charter School; and Explore Enrich Charter School. All of these schools will merge until Explore Excel's 501(c)(3). The ability to merge education corporations for charter school entities became permissible under New York State statute with the amendment of NYS Education Law Section 2853 in May 2010.</p> <p>If the merger is approved, Explore Charter School and Explore Empower Charter School would be the successor education corporations under the name "Explore Schools of Brooklyn." The proposed merger would be effective July 1, 2015.</p>	

This school is authorized by the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE). More information can be accessed at: www.schools.nyc.gov/charters.

Comments are welcome; speakers must register within 30 minutes of the hearing's start time. Written comments will also be collected on at the hearing or be submitted via email to: charterschools@schools.nyc.gov or faxed to 212-374-5761 within 48 hours after the hearing's close.

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 revision proposal for a charter school.