



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Notice of Public Hearing

Date: March 11, 2014

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

Location: Building K002
655 Parkside Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Event: This public hearing is open to anyone interested in learning about the following charter revisions for the following schools located in **Community School Districts (CSDs) 14, 15, 17, 18, and 19** in Brooklyn:

Name of Charter Schools	Success Academy Charter School—Bed Stuy 1 Success Academy Charter School—Bed Stuy 2 Success Academy Charter School—Cobble Hill Success Academy Charter School—Williamsburg
Terms and Dates of Charters	Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 1: authorized through June 30, 2016 Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 2: authorized through June 30, 2017 Success Academy Charter School – Cobble Hill: authorized through June 30, 2017 Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg: authorized through June 30, 2017
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	SCHOOL YEAR: 2013-14 Grades and Number of Students Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 1: K-3, 401 students Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 2: K-2, 249 students Success Academy Charter School – Cobble Hill: K-2, 249 students Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg: K-2, 249 students
Current Year of Operation	2013-14: Year of Operation Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 1: 3 rd year of operation Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 2: 2 nd year of operation Success Academy Charter School – Cobble Hill: 2 nd year of operation Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg: 2 nd year of operation
Districts of Location	Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 1: CSD 14 Success Academy Charter School – Bed-Stuy 2: CSD 14 Success Academy Charter School – Cobble Hill: CSD 15 Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg: CSD 14
Proposed Charter Revision	
Success Academy Charter Schools – NYC, an existing not-for-profit charter school education corporation, located at 310 Lenox Avenue, 2 nd Floor, New York, NY 10027, currently has the authority to operate: Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1; Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2; Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3; Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4; Success Academy	

Charter School – Harlem 5; Success Academy Charter School – Union Square; Success Academy Charter School – Hell’s Kitchen; Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 3; Success Academy Charter School – Fort Greene; Success Academy Charter School – Prospect Heights; Success Academy Charter School – Crown Heights; Success Academy Charter School – New York 1; Success Academy Charter School –New York 2; Success Academy Charter School – New York 3; Success Academy Charter School – New York 4; Success Academy Charter School – New York 5; and Success Academy Charter School – New York 6.

The education corporation proposes to merge with the above named education corporations: Success Academy Charter School—Bed Stuy 1; Success Academy Charter School—Bed Stuy 2; Success Academy Charter School—Cobble Hill; and Success Academy Charter School—Williamsburg. If the merger is approved, Success Academy Charter Schools – NYC would be the successor education corporation. The proposed merger would be effective July 1, 2014, or as soon thereafter as practicable at the close of a fiscal quarter. Each education corporation other than Success Academy Charter Schools – NYC seeks a revision to its charter to permit it to merge with that education corporation. Success Academy Charter Schools – NYC seeks permission to merge with each other education corporation.

Name of Charter Schools	Explore Charter School Explore Empower Charter School Explore Exceed Charter School Explore Envision Charter School Explore Enrich Charter School
Terms and Dates of Charters	Explore Charter School: authorized through June 12, 2016 Explore Empower Charter School: authorized through June 30, 2017 Explore Exceed Charter School: authorized through June 30, 2017 Explore Envision Charter School: Charter will start in the 2014-15 school year Explore Enrich Charter School: Charter will start in the 2014-15 school year
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	SCHOOL YEAR: 2013-14 Grades and Number of Students Explore Charter School: K-8, 540 students Explore Empower Charter School: K-5, 420 students Explore Exceed Charter School: K-4, 130 students Explore Envision Charter School: Grade 4, approximately 60 students in school year 2014-15 Explore Enrich Charter School: K-3, approximately 240 students in school year 2014-15
Current Year of Operation	2013-14: Year of Operation Explore Charter School: Year 4 of third charter Explore Empower Charter School: Year 1 of first charter Explore Exceed Charter School Explore Envision Charter School: Charter will start in the 2014-15 school year Explore Enrich Charter School: Charter will start in the 2014-15 school year
Districts of Location	Explore Charter School: CSD 17 Explore Empower Charter School: CSD 17 Explore Exceed Charter School: CSD 17 Explore Envision Charter School: CSD 19 Explore Enrich Charter School: CSD 17 or 18 (location is still to be determined)

Proposed Charter Revision

Explore Excel Charter School, an existing not-for-profit charter school education corporation authorized by SUNY, located at 1077 Remsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236 (CSD 18) and 956 East 82nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236 (CAD 18) currently serving approximately 370 students in grades K-5, proposes to merge with the education corporations listed above: Explore Charter School; Explore Empower Charter School; Explore Exceed Charter School; Explore Envision Charter School; and Explore Enrich Charter School.

If the merger is approved, Explore Excel Charter School would be the successor education corporation under the name “Explore Schools of Brooklyn,” and SUNY would be the corporation’s authorizer. The proposed merger would be effective July 1, 2014 or as soon thereafter as practicable at the close of a fiscal quarter. Each SUNY authorized education corporation seeks a revision to its charter to permit it to merge with Explore Excel Charter School. Explore Excel Charter School seeks permission to merge with each other education corporation.

Name of Charter School	New Hope Academy Charter School
Terms and Dates of Charter	Authorized through February 16, 2015
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	SCHOOL YEAR: 2013-14 Grades and Number of Students K-5, 364 students
Current Year of Operation	2013-14: Year of Operation 3 rd year
District of Location	CSD 18
Proposed Charter Revision	
New Hope Academy Charter School, located at 475 East 57 th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203 proposes to change its relationship and management agreement with Victory Schools Inc., moving from a full service model to a serve menu model. As part of the Change the school will add an Executive Director to its staff who will report directly to the Board and be responsible for the oversight and coaching of the principal.	

These schools are authorized by the SUNY Charter Schools Institute. More information can be accessed at: <http://www.newyorkcharters.org/> .

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.

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