



## Notice of Public Hearing: Charter School Revision

**Date:** June 4, 2014

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

**Location:** **The Equality Charter School**  
**4140 Hutchinson River Pkwy East**  
**Bronx, NY 10475**

**Event :** This public hearing is open to anyone interested in learning about the following charter revision for a school located in **Community School District 11** in the Bronx:

<b>Name of Charter Schools</b>	<b>The Equality Charter School</b>
<b>Terms and Dates of Charters</b>	Authorized through June 30, 2018
<b>Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment</b>	<b>Academic Year 2013-14</b> <b>Grades and Number of Students</b> Grades 6-8, 234 students
<b>Current Year of Operation</b>	<b>2013-14: Year of Operation</b> Year 1 of Second Charter Term
<b>District of Location</b>	CSD 11
<b>Proposed Charter Revision</b>	
<p>From its inception, Equality has welcomed all scholars, regardless of their previous academic performance or behavioral record, helping them progress to build a solid foundation for transition into high school and college.</p> <p>Equality seeks to provide more comprehensive supports to our scholars by increasing our instructional staff and our support staff, as well as adding to our instructional supports. To provide these supports, Equality proposes to adjust its enrollment from 27 scholars per class to 30 scholars per class effective July 1, 2014. This would result in a grade level increase of 12 scholars per grade, totaling 48 scholars spanning between 6th-9th grades.</p> <p>This change in enrollment will result in a 15:1 scholar-to-teacher ratio in all content area classes and will allow us to add more programs to support our struggling readers.</p> <p>We are very conscientious of the potential effects on our co-located schools regarding space needs. The proposed enrollment adjustment would not impact the space needs in the middle school, as we would not need additional classroom or administrative space. In addition, we would not need any additional time in the cafeteria, gym, or auditorium.</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](http://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](mailto: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.