



**Department of
Education**

Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor

Notice of Public Hearing for Charter School Renewal

Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2012

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

Location: **Mott Haven Academy Charter School**
170 Brown Place
Bronx, NY 10454

Event : This public hearing is open to anyone interested in learning about the proposed renewal of **Mott Haven Academy Charter School**.

Name of Charter School	Mott Haven Academy Charter School
Terms and Dates of School's Charter	January 14, 2007 – January 14, 2012
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	<u>SCHOOL YEAR:</u> 2012-13 <u>Grades:</u> K-5: 255 STUDENTS
Current Year of Operation	2012-2013: 5th Year of Operation
District of Location	NYC CSD #7
School Summary	<p>The Mott Haven Academy Charter School empowers children in an educational environment that addresses and reduces the barriers to academic success through the integration of family support services with a rigorous, college-preparatory academic program. Our graduates will be resilient, resourceful, independent scholars who have the skills necessary to reach their full potential and to build a better future</p> <p>Mott Haven Academy Charter School is one of the only charter schools in the nation designed to focus on the needs</p>

	<p>of children in the child welfare system. We have partnered with one of the largest not-for-profit social service agencies, the New York Foundling, to bridge the gap between educators, families, and the social services community. Our goal is to ensure children growing up in underserved, urban communities, and particularly those in the child welfare system have access to the same opportunities to exceed academic achievement standards to which all students are held.</p> <p>Research over the past three decades has shown that, compared to the general school population, the half-million foster children in the United States have poorer attendance rates, are less likely to perform at grade level, are more likely to have behavior and discipline problems, are more likely to be assigned to special education classes, and are less likely to attend college. Haven Academy is designed to remove these roadblocks children in the child welfare system face by co-locating the school with The Foundling's Bronx Community Social Services, which provides the structure and resources students and families need and deserve.</p> <p>Haven Academy opened its doors in August of 2008 and will add one grade each year until it reaches capacity as a K-8 school. Our student population, selected through the standard charter school lottery process, is comprised of children in the foster care system, children in preventive services programs, and those from the general community.</p>
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This school is authorized by the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE). If the DOE declines to renew the school's charter, the school will close at the conclusion of the current charter term. More information can be accessed at: www.schools.nyc.gov/charters .

The DOE seeks comments from students, parents, and community members regarding this proposed charter school renewal. Speakers must register within 30 minutes of the hearing's start time.

Written comments will also be collected at the hearing, and can be emailed to the DOE at 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 renewal proposal for a charter school.