



Charter Schools Institute
The State University of **New York**

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees

From: Susan Miller Barker, Executive Director, SUNY Charter Schools Institute

Subject: Overview of SUNY Application Cycles

During its 16 year history as a charter school authorizer, SUNY has maintained high quality authorizing standards, conducting its rigorous review process on 458 proposals to establish new charters, and approving only 157 (34%) as of the last completed application cycle in the Spring of 2014.

Between August 2008 and 2014, SUNY received 119 proposals from 76 independent applicant groups, and 95 requests from groups seeking to replicate existing school models. SUNY awarded charters for 20% of the proposals submitted by independent groups and 80% of those submitted by replicators.

Of the proposals from the 76 independent applicant groups, 18% were approved on the first submission. Fifty percent (31) of independent applicant groups whose proposals were not approved on the first submission re-applied, and 23% of these were then approved.

Of the 95 replication proposals, 79% were requests to replicate SUNY authorized charter schools. The remaining 21% were requests to replicate schools chartered by other authorizers. The approval rate for SUNY replication requests was 87%, and 13% for non-SUNY replication requests.

During the July 2015 application cycle, SUNY received proposals for six charter schools. Two of these proposals were replication requests (one SUNY replication and one non-SUNY replication) and the remaining were from independent applicant groups. Of the two proposals the Institute is recommending for approval today, one is a SUNY replication request and one is from an independent applicant group.

SUNY Application Cycles, 1999 - 2014

Application Cycle	Received	Approved	Rejected/ Withdrawn	Approval Rate by Cycle	Running Rate of Approval
Spring 1999	15	3	12	20%	20%
Fall 1999	90	14	76	16%	16%
Fall 2000	37	7	30	19%	17%
Fall 2001	7	1	6	14%	17%
Spring 2002	5	4	1	80%	19%
Fall 2002	10	5	5	50%	21%
Fall 2003	10	3	7	30%	21%
Spring 2004	7	4	3	57%	23%
Fall 2004	9	1	8	11%	22%
Spring 2005	12	4	8	33%	23%
Fall 2005	13	4	9	31%	23%
Summer 2007	20	7	13	35%	24%
Winter 2008	9	5	4	56%	25%
Summer 2008	19	7	12	37%	26%
Winter 2009	5	4	1	80%	27%
Summer 2009	8	7	1	88%	29%
Winter 2010	22	6	16	27%	29%
Summer 2010	23	6	17	26%	29%
August 2010	8	2	6	25%	29%
January 2011	26	15	11	58%	31%
June 2011 Special Call	4	0	4	0%	30%
Spring 2012	18	9	9	50%	31%
Summer 2012	19	6	13	32%	31%
Fall 2013	31	9	22	29%	31%
Spring 2014	14	7	7	50%	32%
Summer 2014	17	17	0	100%	34%
Total:	458	157	301		
Percent of Total:		34%	66%		