MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Susan Miller Carello, Executive Director, SUNY Charter Schools Institute
Subject: SUNY Charter Schools Institute Update

Revisions

The SUNY Charter Schools Institute (the “Institute”), under the provisions of the State University of New York Board of Trustees’ (the “SUNY Trustees’”) delegation of duties to the Institute, has reviewed and will approve the following revision requests:

- **Ascend Charter Schools**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revisions. Both schools opened this school year and are located in the same building as an existing network school. The concentration of schools led to lower enrollment than expected.
  
  o **East Flatbush Ascend Charter School**, located at 870 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203 in CSD 18, currently authorized to serve 108 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 324 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, requests an enrollment decrease to serve 79 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 297 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term.

  o **Lefferts Gardens Ascend Charter School**, located at 870 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203 in CSD 18, currently authorized to serve 162 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 486 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, requests an enrollment decrease to serve 48 students in grades K-1 for the 2019-20 school year growing to serve 405 students in grades K-5 by the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term.

- **Capital Prep Charter Schools NY**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revision:
  
  o **Capital Preparatory Harlem Charter School**, located at 1 East 104th Street, New York, New York 10029 in CSD 4, currently authorized to serve 500 students in grades 6-10 for the 2019-20 school year and 600 students in grades 6-11 for the 2020-21
school year, the final year of the current charter term, has requested an enrollment decrease to serve 350 students in grade 6-10 for the 2019-20 school year and 400 students in grades 6-11 for the 2020-21 school year. The school implemented a more structured culture this school year; this shift led some students and parents to choose other high school options.

- **The International Charter School of New York**, located at 55 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 in CSD 13 and 9 Hanover Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201 in CSD 15, chartered to serve 549 students in grades K-5 for the 2019-20, the final year of the current charter term, has requested an enrollment decrease to serve 431 students in grades K-5 for the 2019-20 school year. The Charter Schools Committee recently approved a short-term renewal for the school that did not include middle school grades. The action caused some families to choose to attend another charter school or other choice middle school next school year.

- **Zeta Charter Schools – New York City**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revision:
  - **Zeta Charter School – New York City 3** and **Zeta Charter School – New York City 4**, opening in the 2020-21 school year and to be temporarily located at 222 Alexander Avenue, Bronx, New York 10454 in CSD 7, is currently authorized to serve 180 students in Kindergarten through 1st grade for the 2020-21 school year growing to 529 students in grades K-5 for the 2024-25 school year, the final year of the current charter term. Due to facility constraints in the first year of operation, the education corporation has requested an enrollment decrease for both schools to serve 60 students in Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year growing to serve 476 students in grades K-5 for the 2024-25 school year.

**Updates**

**2020 Request for Proposals for New Applications**

The Institute released the final 2020 Request for Proposals (“RFP”) on January 17, 2020. The Institute has scheduled two application rounds for 2020. The first round began with full proposals due February 25, 2020. The Institute received five proposals for five schools in response to the February application round. After a rigorous review by Institute staff members and external consultants, three applications were withdrawn and two remain under consideration pending an interview with the applicant group. Due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the continued review of new applications is currently suspended. This suspension may impact the ability to host a second application round, currently planned for July, 2020. The Institute anticipates presenting all proposals recommended for approval to the SUNY Trustees’ Charter Schools Committee in Fall 2020. The earliest opening date for any school approved under the 2020 RFP is fall 2021.
2019-20 Year in Review - Evaluations

During the 2019-20 school year, Institute staff made approximately 42 regular cycle visits to SUNY authorized charter schools. In addition to the visits briefly described below, the Institute schedules visits with boards and leaders as issues, concerns, or successes emerge during the school year.

- **Monitoring and Supporting Schools During COVID-19:** Due to COVID-19 school closings, the Institute did not have the opportunity to complete its planned spring evaluation season including pre-Kindergarten evaluation, first year school visits, and performance review visits from March – June 2020. The Institute has continued to maintain close contact with all SUNY authorized schools and has led a number of webinars to keep schools informed, provide guidance on specific common issues, and share information and best practices for high quality instruction and social emotional support. Notably, The Institute mobilized to complete two rounds of phone conversations with every SUNY authorized charter school and/or charter management organization. During these conversations, Institute staff gathered information and data about the efficacy of schools’ distance learning programs and the efforts schools made to support all families and students, including students with disabilities and English language learners, during quarantine.

- **Pre-Opening Visits** for 14 new schools that opened in the 2019-20 school year.

- **Renewal Visits** for 27 schools in fall 2019 and 11 schools in spring 2020.

- **First Year Monitoring and Accountability Plan Development Visits** to ensure the 14 schools that opened for the first time in fall 2019 were established as outlined in the charter agreement as well as to provide technical assistance to school leaders and boards. These visits normally occur in the spring and were disrupted by the COVID 19 facility closures. This year, first year monitoring is happening in the context of the larger monitoring effort – with regular contact through interviews and information collection through brief surveys to ensure the 14 schools are operating in accordance with their charter agreements to the extent possible under the circumstances.

- **Observations** included over 550 classroom visits across all evaluation visits during the 2019-20 school year.

2020-21 Preview - Evaluations

- **Pre-Opening Visits** for 9 new schools opening in fall 2020.

- **Renewal Visits** for 21 schools.

- **First Year Monitoring and Accountability Plan Development Visits** to ensure the 9 schools opening for the first time in fall 2020 are being established as outlined in the charter agreement as well as to provide technical assistance to school leaders and boards.
New Roots Charter School Probation Status

On December 18, 2019, the SUNY Trustees voted to place the school on probationary status due to low enrollment, fiscal mismanagement, and admitting students outside permissible grade range. The remedial action plan contained mandatory terms and conditions. A status summary follows:

- Recruitment plan and budget to increase enrollment - received by January 15, 2020.
- Commencing February 1, 2020 monthly reports regarding enrollment, and applications for 2020-21 school year - compliant.
- Fiscally sound budget through June 30, 2020 including payment to the NYS Teachers Retirement System of a minimum of $80,000 – budget received by January 31, 2020, and payments are on track.
- Monthly unaudited financial reporting - compliant.
- Quarterly financial reporting, annual budgets, annual audits, and annual accountability reports in accordance with the charter agreement - compliant.

AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

SUNY authorized schools had a wonderful year of recognition for the great accomplishments of their students, staff and schools.

Blue Ribbon Schools (2019)
- Academic Leadership Charter School
- Achievement First Bushwick Charter School

Recognition Schools (2019)
- Academic Leadership Charter School
- Academy of the City Charter School
- Achievement First Brownsville Charter School
- Bronx Charter School for Better Learning
- Bronx Charter School for Excellence
- Brooklyn Ascend Charter School
- Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School
- Brownsville Ascend Charter School
- Bushwick Ascend Charter School
- Canarsie Ascend Charter School
- Central Queens Academy Charter School
- Democracy Prep Endurance Charter School
- Dream Charter School
- Elmwood Village Charter School – Days Park
- Explore Excel Charter School
- Family Life Academy Charter School
- Girls Preparatory Charter School of New York
• Girls Preparatory Charter School of the Bronx
• Icahn Charter School 1
• Icahn Charter School 2
• Icahn Charter School 3
• Icahn Charter School 4
• Icahn Charter School 5
• Icahn Charter School 6
• KIPP Tech Valley Charter School
• Middle Village Preparatory Charter School
• New World Preparatory Charter School
• Our World Neighborhood Charter School
• Success Academy Charter School - Harlem 3
• The Academy Charter School
• True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School
• Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School

• **2018 Big Apple Award:** KIPP Infinity Charter School, Lamar Ok, Elementary teacher
• **2020 Best of The Bronx Award:** International Leadership Charter High School
CLASS OF 2020
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Thirty-five SUNY authorized charter schools enrolled 2575 seniors in the 2019-2020 school year. Final graduation figures will be available in the fall but I did want to let you know that students at SUNY authorized charters schools continue to meet their goals of acceptance into colleges and universities. The following is a sampling of the colleges and universities into which the Class of 2020 at SUNY authorized charter schools were accepted.

- Albright College
- Alcorn State University
- Adelphi University
- Alfred University
- Allegheny College
- Art Academy of Cincinnati
- Assumption College
- American University
- Antioch College
- Arizona State University
- Babson College
- Bard College
- Barry University
- Baruch College
- Bates College
- Biola University
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowie State University
- Brandeis University
- Brenau University
- Bryant University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Canisius College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Cazenovia College
- Champlain College
- Chicago State University
- Claflin University
- Clark University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Clarkson University
- Colgate University
- College of Mount Saint Vincent
- Colorado College
- Columbia College Chicago
- Community College of Rhode Island
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- CUNY - Baruch College
- CUNY - Borough of Manhattan Community College
- CUNY - Bronx Community College
- CUNY - Brooklyn College
- CUNY - College of Staten Island
- CUNY - Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College
- CUNY - Hostos Community College
- CUNY - Hunter College
- CUNY - John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- CUNY - Kingsborough Community College
- CUNY - Lehman College
- CUNY - Macaulay Honors College
- CUNY - Medgar Evers College
- CUNY - New York City College of Technology
- CUNY - Queens College
- CUNY - Queensborough Community College
- CUNY - Stella and Charles Guttman Community College
- CUNY - The City College of New York
- CUNY - York College
- Curry College
- Daemen College
- Dartmouth College
- Delaware Valley University
- Denison University
- Depauw University
- Dickinson College
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Fisk University
- Flashpoint Chicago A Campus of Columbia College Hollywood
- Florida Community College
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Franklin Pierce University
- Gannon University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Georgia State University
- Georgian Court University
- Gettysburg College
- Gordon College
- Goucher College
- Grambling State University
- Hampshire College
- Hartwick College
- Harvard University
- High Point University
- Hobart & William Smith College
- Hofstra University
- Houghton University
- Howard University
- Iona College
- Ithaca College
- Johnson and Wales University Charlotte
- Juniata College
- Kean University
Kent State University  
Kenyon College  
Keuka College  
Knox College  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Le Moyne College  
Liberty University  
Lincoln University  
Long Island University  
Louisiana State University Shreveport  
Loyola Marymount University  
Lycoming College  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Manhattan College  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Marymount University  
Manhattanville College  
McDaniel College  
Mercy College  
Mercyhurst University  
Messiah College  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
Mitchell College  
Molloy College  
Monmouth University  
Monroe College  
Montclair State University  
Morehouse College  
Morgan State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount St. Mary’s University  
Muhlenberg College  
Nazareth College  
New York University  
Niagara University  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina A + T University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Vermont University  
Norwich University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio State University  
Pace University  
Paul Smiths College of Arts and Science  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Post University  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
Rider University  
Roberts Wesleyan College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Sacred Heart University  
Rutgers University  
Sage Colleges  
Saint John Fisher College  
Saint Michael’s College  
Saint Peter’s University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Seton Hall University  
Siena College  
Simmons University  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Spelman College  
Stevenson University  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Francis College  
St. John's University  
St. Joseph’s College  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Olaf College  
St. Thomas Aquinas College  
SUNY – Adirondack Community College  
SUNY – Alfred State College  
SUNY – Binghamton University  
SUNY – Brockport  
SUNY – Broome Community College  
SUNY – Buffalo State  
SUNY – Canton  
SUNY – Cobleskill  
SUNY – College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
SUNY – College of Technology at Alfred  
SUNY – College of Technology at Canton  
SUNY – College of Technology at Delhi  
SUNY – Columbia-Green Community College  
SUNY – Cortland  
SUNY – Delhi  
SUNY – Fashion Institute of Technology  
SUNY – Finger Lakes Community College  
SUNY – Fredonia  
SUNY – Genesco  
SUNY – Herkimer Community College  
SUNY – Hudson Valley Community College  
SUNY – Monroe Community College  
SUNY – Morrisville  
SUNY – New Paltz  
SUNY – Old Westbury  
SUNY – Oneonta  
SUNY – Oswego  
SUNY – Plattsburgh  
SUNY – Polytechnic  
SUNY – Potsdam  
SUNY – Purchase College  
SUNY – Schenectady County Community College  
SUNY – Stony Brook University  
SUNY – The College at Brockport
• SUNY – Tompkins Cortland Community College
• SUNY – University at Albany
• SUNY – University at Buffalo
• Swarthmore College
• Syracuse University
• Temple University
• Tennessee State University
• The College of Saint Rose
• The College of Wooster
• The New School
• The University of the Arts
• Tougaloo College
• Trinity College
• Tufts University
• Tulane University
• Union College
• University College Dublin
• University of Arizona
• University of Bridgeport
• University of Connecticut
• University of Georgia
• University of Hartford
• University of Massachusetts Boston
• University of Miami
• University of New England
• University of New Hampshire
• University of New Haven
• University of North Carolina – Charlotte
• University of Notre Dame
• University of Pennsylvania
• University of Pittsburgh
• University of Richmond
• University of Rhode Island
• University of Rochester
• University of Southern California
• University of Texas
• University of Vermont
• University of Virginia
• Ursinus College
• Utica College
• Valencia College
• Vanderbilt University
• Vassar College
• Villanova University
• Virginia State University
• Virginia Union University
• Wake Forest University
• Washington University in St. Louis
• Wells College
• Wesleyan University
• Western New England University
• Westmont College
• Wheaton College
• Wilkes University
• Worcester Polytechnic Institute
• Xavier University of Louisiana
• Yale University
While recognized in their individual renewal reports, the following is a summary of significant items the evaluation team noted in schools up for renewal this year.

**Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools**

- **Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools** is highly dedicated to supporting students to and through college with a dedicated college readiness team at both the network and each high school site. The college readiness teams dedicate time to researching and establishing relationships with colleges, tracking student data, and reflecting on how to improve the Kindergarten – 12th grade program based on students’ experiences in college. The college readiness teams meet with students before graduation, just before leaving for college, and during students’ entire college tenure. The most recent available data indicates that for the 2013 Graduation Cohort, 76% of students persisted from their first to second year at two or four year postsecondary programs during the 2017-18 school year.

- For 2018-19, **Achievement First Apollo Charter School**'s satisfaction rate on the annual Gallup Q28 Employee Satisfaction Survey was 89% indicating high levels of teacher and staff member engagement.

- **Achievement First Endeavor Charter School** has large offering of extracurricular activities for students including a robust sports program. For 2018-19, AF Endeavor earned two basketball championships in the New York City charter school leagues. The Lady Chargers won the girls middle school championships and the 4th and 5th grade boys won their age bracket titles.

**Amber Charter Schools**

- **Amber Charter School East Harlem** posted high results for at-risk populations over the term; in 2017-18, 41% of school’s students with disabilities scored at or above proficiency on state ELA examination – 28 points higher than the district. Also, that year, 32% of Amber Charter School East Harlem’s students with disabilities scored at or above proficiency on the state mathematics exam – 17 points higher than the district.

**Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools**

- **Atmosphere Academy Public Charter School** instills in its students a desire to serve others in their community including their school community. Atmosphere Academy Public Charter School provides a scholarship fund through which its alumni can earn funds by giving back to the school community through tutoring current Atmosphere students. This school year, 40 alumni students chose to participate. As part of the alumni program, the school also offers free Regents preparation courses, financial literacy courses, and visits to different career workplaces.
**Bronx Charter School for Better Learning**

- **Bronx Charter School for Better Learning** received a three-year Charter School Dissemination Grant that enables its schools to disseminate their unique approach to mathematics and reading instruction through the development of several iPad applications. Teachers routinely use the applications to support instruction in Bronx Charter School for Better Learning and Bronx Charter School for Better Learning II classrooms. The applications are available to the public for a small fee that covers administrative costs.

- **Bronx Charter School for Better Learning II**’s academic program takes as its foundation the Gattegno method, or the subordination of teaching to learning, which entails using specialized curricula and instructional methods aimed at providing students with the knowledge and insights to function independently, control their learning, and assume responsibility for it. In order to implement its unique academic program effectively, BBL II provides robust professional development and coaching to teachers and instructional staff members that includes a relationship with SUNY Albany in which novice teachers can earn a master’s degree and New York State teacher certification.

**Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools**

- School leaders at **Bronx Preparatory Charter School** recognize the value in involving families in the daily life and decision making of the school. For example, at the start of the 2018-19 school year, Bronx Prep Middle School hosted a whole school barbeque to welcome students back to school and show appreciation for parents. Students and parents also participate in the interview process for hiring new teachers.

- As the network’s flagship school, **Democracy Preparatory Charter School** has enabled students to become change agents in their neighborhood. This school year, five alumni of Democracy Prep Middle School are teachers or coaches at the middle and high school levels.

**Elmwood Village Charter Schools**

- Each year, all students complete a Pathways project. Each grade level chooses a theme and students can select a topic of their interest and make a presentation on it. For example, one pathway is giving a TED Talk. Last year, 16 students also took their TED Talk to the Youth Voices Symposium at SUNY Buffalo State College, an event originally intended for high school students only. **Elmwood Village Charter School Days Park** had more students participate than any other school and was the first school in the history of the event to send middle school level students.

**Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School**

- Through a grant with T-Mobile, **Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School** received personal hot spot WiFi devices for all students to ensure that families have internet access at home.
The hotspots provide students with access to internet to expand learning opportunities and the home-school connection.

**Explore Charter Schools of Brooklyn**

- At **Explore Empower Charter School** all students are held to high expectations and all staff believe that every student can achieve. This is evident in the 87% of Empower’s graduates who have been accepted to college-preparatory high schools, and subsequently accepted to colleges such as SUNY, Morehouse, Howard University, and Hampton University.

- At **Explore Exceed Charter School** middle school, the addition of a dean of students enables the school to have clear and robust support for a Restorative Justice program.

**Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School**

- Since its inception, **Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School** has partnered with the Chemung River Friends (“RF”). Members of the RF visit the school throughout the year to make connections with classroom teachers on assigned expeditionary learning unit topics and provide environmental stewardship. Throughout the summer and the school year, Finn Academy students participate in field projects with RF staffers that align to the school’s curriculum and embody one of the school’s key design elements. The school also partnered with RF to secure grant funds to install an osprey camera on the Chemung River that is accessible to the public to study and learn about the impressive water bird of prey.

**Harlem Village Academy East Charter School**

- **Harlem Village Academy East Charter School** graduated high rates of students throughout its charter term, consistently outperforming its community school district. Students are attending or have graduated from colleges and universities including Yale University; Cornell University; Stanford University; New York University; Spelman College; SUNY’s Binghamton University, Stony Brook University, and University at Albany; and CUNY’s Brooklyn and Hunter Colleges.

**Henry Johnson Charter School**

- **Henry Johnson Charter School** has a robust visual and performing arts program. Students have multiple opportunities throughout the year to participate in exhibitions and performances. Students have opportunities to display their work in public art exhibits and perform in productions at a nearby 450-seat theater. Additionally, third and fourth graders from Henry Johnson Charter School showcased their published works at the Albany Public Library on February 25. The event, Young Authors Night, gave these students the opportunity to present their work and talk about their creative process. The library added the student’s books to its catalog.
International Leadership Charter High School

- In 2015, International Leadership Charter High School earned a bronze medal recognition from the U.S. News & World Report. The U.S. New & World Report ranks high schools across the United States, and a bronze medal signifies that International Leadership was in the top 25% of all public high schools in the United States based on student outcomes.

KIPP Tech Valley Charter School

- Through the KIPP Through College Program, KIPP Tech Valley Charter School tracks its 8th grade alumni as they enter high school and college. KIPP Tech Valley provides college counseling and connections to college scholarships and summer programs. For example, one current high school student has earned $200,000 in potential scholarship funds for future college tuition.

Merrick Academy – Queens Public Charter School

- In the next charter term, Merrick Academy – Queens Public Charter School plans to build a STEM program to ensure its students have equitable access to math and science careers in the future. At the time of the Institute’s visit, Merrick Academy was just awarded a $500,000 discretionary grant from local elected officials to support its STEM programming. The program will engage students in research with experts in the field, complete community service projects using STEM resources, and enhance students’ critical thinking and problem solving skills.

NYC Autism Charter Schools

- NYC Autism Charter School East Harlem hosts two major activities for students to demonstrate performance and skills. Each December, the school hosts a piano recital where students perform a prepared musical piece and play for families and community members. In partnership with DREAM, formerly Harlem RBI, Inc., students play a baseball game with peers from the community based organization’s program to learn team building skills. In 2018-19, one board member taught a photography class to a small group of students twice per week.

Public Prep Charter School Academies

- Girls Preparatory Charter School of New York has an impressive record of graduates. Ninety percent of the school’s first group of scholars were accepted into college, and 77% of that cohort matriculated into their first year. Girls Preparatory Charter School of New York students are attending a variety of colleges and universities including SUNY Buffalo and New Paltz, Howard University, Yale University, New York University, and Smith College. In 2021, Girls Prep NY will celebrate its first cohort of college graduates.
Roosevelt Children’s Academy Charter School

- This year, Roosevelt Children’s Academy Charter School will begin construction on a new facility that will house the elementary school. The new building will add larger classrooms, an auditorium, office space, and a new playground.

South Buffalo Charter School

- South Buffalo Charter School establishes a strong sense of community, and teachers take great pride in implementing character education into daily lessons. The school’s core principles include responsibility, respect, citizenship, kindness, courage, tolerance, self-control, honesty, determination, and teamwork. At monthly town halls, the school selects and celebrates students for each month who exhibit a trait of the month. As a culminating celebration, the school celebrates all students with a ‘Royal Ball’ to celebrate and highlight the school’s character education program.

Success Academy Charter Schools – NYC

- Of the over 7,400 enrolled students in Success Academy Charter Schools - NYC schools that took the NYS ELA and mathematics assessments in 2018-19, 90% scored at or above proficiency in ELA and 98% scored at or above proficiency in mathematics. Notably, the education corporation’s students with disabilities and ELLs outperformed general education students statewide.

- In 2017-18, the network launched the Success Academy Education Institute and began sharing its high quality curricula and training materials as open source materials online. Shortly thereafter, the network opened the Robertson Center at 500 West 41st Street, New York, NY, that offers free professional development and education focused events to educators across the nation.

- In 2018-19, 100% Success Academy Charter School – Bedford Stuyvesant 2’s tested students passed the state’s science exam. Notably, every student scored at Level 4, the highest possible level.

- Success Academy Charter School - Bushwick works to both maintain strong ties to the local community and infuse arts into its curriculum. In 2018-19, the school partnered with a local art gallery to put on a show of SACS-Bushwick student art at the end of 2018-19.

- In 2018-19, 100% Success Academy Charter School – Cobble Hill’s students scored at or above proficiency on the state’s mathematics exam. Notably, 89% of those students scored at Level 4, the highest possible level.

- Success Academy Charter School – Far Rockaway is a part of the New York City Department of Education’s District Charter Collaborative with its two co-located schools. The principals of all three schools meet regularly to discuss literacy practices, and SACS-Far Rockaway shares
its resources as well as professional development opportunities with the participating NYCDOE schools.

- In 2018-19, 100% of Success Academy Charter School – Flatbush’s first 3rd grade cohort scored at or above proficiency on the state’s ELA and Mathematics exams. That cohort enrolls 82.8% of economically disadvantage students including 8% experiencing homelessness.

- In 2018-19, 100% of Success Academy Charter School – South Jamaica’s first 3rd grade cohort scored at or above proficiency on the state’s Mathematics exams. Notably, 79% of those students scored at level 4, the highest possible level.

- In 2018-19, 100% of Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg the school’s first 3rd grade cohort scored at or above proficiency on the state’s Mathematics exams. Notably, 90% of those students scored at Level 4, the highest possible level.

**Storefront Academy Charter School**

- **Storefront Academy Charter School** is invested in families and the community. Based on parent demand, the school’s Spanish teacher teaches English classes for parents. Approximately 14 parents attend the two-hour classes twice per week.

**The International Charter School of New York**

- **The International Charter School of New York** provides students access to several after school programs including acting at The Stage Theater School and music and arts at the Brooklyn Music School.

**Uncommon New York City Charter Schools**

- **Uncommon New York Charter Schools** launched new initiatives to promote college success based on three identified predictive factors: high SAT, 3.0 or higher GPA, and sustained involvement in a single activity that grows over time. Examples include the “Target 3.0” program, which provides intensive support for students identified as underperforming, and “High School 2.0,” in which students take elective courses or join clubs to grow their expertise in a particular area, e.g. student reporter.

- To help recruit strong teachers, **Uncommon New York City Charter Schools** runs a summer teaching fellows program in which college juniors teach at Uncommon New York City Charter Schools’ schools and have an opportunity to receive offers to teach as Uncommon NYC teachers upon graduation.

- **Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School** offers a number of enrichment classes during the school day including African dance, art, basketball, track, drama, Capoeira, creative writing, hip hop dance, knitting, media design, soccer, spoken word, step, Taekwondo, and theater.
- **Kings Collegiate Charter School** elementary and middle academies have a music program funded by the Hollyhock Foundation that features a music teacher, an instrumental program, a music room, and professional development for general education teachers.

- **Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School**’s middle school level hosts a college day in which students choose from a menu of college-like courses taught by middle school teachers in order to expose students, many who will be first generation college students, to a college experience.

- **Leadership Preparatory Bedford Stuyvesant Charter School**’s middle school level identifies a valedictorian at every grade level through a speech writing competition to promote college awareness.

- **Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School**’s elementary school, like other Uncommon NYC elementary schools, every year identifies a different set of historical and contemporary figures and groups that represent the academy’s values. The values specific to the academy include optimism, tenacity, honesty, respect, justice, love, hope, confidence, and teamwork. Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School also hosts a college pride week in which adults on campus discuss with students what colleges staff members attended, what their college majors were, and why they chose those majors.

- **Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School** is an “AP for ALL” school as all students will take at least 3 AP courses prior to graduation. In 2017, Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School was the first school in Brownsville to win a National Blue Ribbon Award. In 2016-17, the Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill elementary school level ranked in the top 2% of schools statewide in mathematics and ELA out of 2,500 NYS elementary schools. For four consecutive years, 100% of high school academy seniors were accepted into 4-year colleges.

- **Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School** promotes a love of reading by honoring students who read one million words; 15 students in the 5-8 program achieved this distinction in 2018-19.