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 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:

- **KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revision:

  - **KIPP Beyond Charter School**, opening in the 2020-21 school year and to be located in Community School District (“CSD”) 3, is currently authorized to serve 95 students in grade 5 for the 2020-21 school year growing to 451 students in grades 5-9 for the 2024-25 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school has requested a revision to serve 95 students in grade 6 for the 2020-21 school year growing to 451 students in grades 6-10 for the 2024-25 school year.

- **Success Academy Charter Schools – NYC**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, has requested the following revisions to align school enrollments with previously secured facilities and approved grade progressions:

  - **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 2**, located at 211 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206 in CSD 14; and,
  - **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 1**, located at 70 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206 in CSD 14.
    - **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 2**, currently authorized to serve 579 students in grades K-6 for the 2019-20 school year, requests an enrollment revision to initially serve 416 students in grades K-4 for the 2019-20 school year. The school
has not secured adequate facilities for growth of the approved middle school program. Therefore, **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 1**, currently authorized to serve 870 students in grades K-9 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to serve 1,504 students in grades K-8 to accommodate the middle school students from **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 2** and elementary students that were originally approved for **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 3** (students had to be relocated due to facility issues during the 2018-19 school year for which an enrollment revision was previously approved). The high school students from **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 1** will attend **Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1** (see below).

- **Success Academy Charter School – Fort Greene**, located at 101 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205 in CSD 13;
- **Success Academy Charter School – Hell’s Kitchen**, located at 439 West 49th Street, New York, NY 10019 in CSD 2; and,
- **Success Academy Charter School – Union Square**, located at 40 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003 and 500 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036, both in CSD 2.
  - **Success Academy Charter School – Fort Greene**, currently authorized to serve 605 students in grades K-6 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to serve 446 students in grades K-4 for the 2019-20 school year. **Success Academy Charter School – Hell’s Kitchen**, currently authorized to serve 560 students in grades K-6 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to serve 415 students in grades K-4. Both schools have not secured adequate facilities to grow the approved middle school programs. Therefore, **Success Academy Charter School – Union Square**, currently authorized to serve 708 students in grades K-8 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to serve 1,306 students in grades K-8 to accommodate the middle school students from **Success Academy Charter School - Fort Greene** and **Success Academy Charter School – Hell’s Kitchen**.

- **Success Academy Charter School – Upper West**, located at 145 West 84th Street, New York, NY 10024 in CSD 3 and 439 West 49th Street, New York, NY 10019 in CSD 2;
- **Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2**, located at 144 East 128th Street, New York, NY 10035 and 509 West 129th Street, New York, NY 10027, both in CSD 5; and,
- **Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1**, located at 34 West 118th Street, New York, NY, 10026, 215 West 114th Street, New York, NY 10026, both in CSD 3; and 111 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016 in CSD 2.
  - **Success Academy Charter School – Upper West**, currently authorized to serve 827 students in grades K-9 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to serve 776 students in K-8. **Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2**, currently authorized to serve 1,028 in grades K-10 for the 2019-20 school year, has
requested an enrollment revision to serve 882 students in grades K-8. Both schools have not secured adequate facilities to accommodate the approved high school programs. Therefore, Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1, currently authorized to serve 1,316 students in grades K-12 for the 2019-20 school year has requested an enrollment revision to initially serve 1,436 students in grades K-12 for the 2019-20 school year to accommodate high school students from Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 1, Success Academy Charter School – Upper West and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2.

Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg, located at 183 South 3rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211 in CSD 14; and,

Success Academy Charter School – Prospect Heights, located at 760 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11216 in CSD 17 and 700 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206 in CSD 14.

  o Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg, currently authorized to serve 597 students in grades K-6 for the 2019-20 school year has requested an enrollment revision to serve 446 students in grades K-4. The school has not secured adequate facilities to grow the approved middle school program. Therefore, Success Academy Charter School – Prospect Heights, currently authorized to serve 650 students in grades K-8 for the 2019-20 school year has requested an enrollment revision to initially serve 876 students in grades K-8 for the 2019-20 school year to accommodate the middle school students from Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg.

Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3, located at 410 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029 in CSD 4; 141 East 111th Street, New York, NY 10029 in CSD 4; and high school grades temporarily located at 111 East 33rd Street, New York NY 10016 in CSD 2 until high school facility at 878 Brook Avenue, Bronx, NY in CSD 7 is completed. Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 is currently authorized to serve 1103 students in grades K-11 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to initially serve 1,864 students in grades K-11 for the 2019-20 school year to accommodate previously approved middle and high school enrollment from Success Academy Charter School - Harlem 4, high school students from Success Academy Charter School - Harlem 5 and Success Academy Charter School - Bronx 2, as well as 8th grade and high school students from Success Academy Charter School - Bronx 1. Revisions to enrollment for Success Academy Charter Schools – Harlem 4, Harlem 5, Bronx 1, and Bronx 2 were approved during the 2018-19 school year as the schools could not grow into approved grades due to lack of adequate facilities.

Success Academy Charter School – Springfield Gardens, located at 132-55 Ridgedale Street, Queens, NY 11413 in CSD 29, currently authorized to serve 593 students in grades K-6 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to initially serve 754 students in grades K-6 for the 2019-20 school year to accommodate previously approved middle school enrollment from Success Academy Charter School – Rosedale for which an
enrollment revision has been previously approved to allow the program to only operate an elementary program due to lack of adequate facilities during the 2018-19 school year.

- **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 1**, located at 339 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10451 in CSD 7; and,
- **Success Academy Charter School Bronx 3**, located at 1000 Teller Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 in CSD 9 and 965 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 in CSD 8.
  - **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 1**, currently authorized to serve 941 students in grades K-7 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment revision to initially serve 507 students in grades K-4. The school has not secured adequate facilities to grow the approved middle school program. Therefore, **Success Academy Charter School Bronx 3**, currently authorized to serve 647 students in grades K-7 for the 2019-20 school year has requested an enrollment revision to initially serve 1,081 students in grades K-7 to accommodate the middle school students from **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 1**.

- **UFT Charter School**, located at 800 Van Sickle Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11207 in CSD 19, currently authorized to serve 320 students in grades 9-12 for the 2019-20 school year, has requested an enrollment reduction to serve 210 students in grades 9-12 for the 2019-20 school year growing to 230 students in grades 9-12 for the 2022-23 school year, the final year of the current charter term.

**Updates**

**New York State Stimulus Fund Grant**
On June 10, 2019, the SUNY Charter Schools Committee approved seven charter schools authorized by the New York State Board of Regents and SUNY to receive funding to assist with facility improvement projects. The Institute has now completed the 2018-19 SSF Grant award process, with total of $1,362,018 disseminated to the following recipients:

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**2019 Annual Financial Audit Report**

Each year, as part of the Annual Report, each charter school education corporation must submit an Audit Report by November 1st, which includes an accountant’s report on compliance and internal controls. Education corporations and their auditors must use the Institute’s Audited Financial Report template, which includes a Transmittal Form and four schedules of fiscal data, to satisfy this requirement. In addition to providing information on each education corporation, audits must include certain information on the fiscal performance of each school operated by a multi-school education corporation.

**Active Ingredients**

Participants in the Active Ingredients Pilot are currently preparing for project data collection. The Institute, along with authorizing office leaders from Chicago Public Schools, Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, School District of Osceola County, and the Washington State Charter School Commission, have identified a total of 10 schools for the project. These participating schools will pilot new data collection in areas such as special education / individualized education plan goal completion, high quality internship programs, credit accumulation in early college high schools, usefulness of behavior improvement plans, impact of mental health services on student academics, social emotional learning, and school program key design elements. This data collection process will provide important information and better understanding regarding how authorizers support the credible collection and reporting of additional, non-traditional measures (or Active Ingredients) of student and school success. Active Ingredients Pilot project authors and schools plan to convene in February to share learnings from the project to-date. The Active Ingredients Pilot will culminate with an implementation report and toolkit with resources and templates developed during this project to more broadly share its learning and provide a “road map” of sorts to other authorizers interested in exploring additional measures. Grants from the Walton Family Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have made this project possible.

**2018-19 Performance of SUNY Authorized Charter Schools**

In 2018-19, SUNY authorized charter schools throughout New York State once again demonstrated high academic performance as evidenced by the results from the 3rd through 8th grade state assessments in English language arts (“ELA”) and mathematics. In ELA, 60% of over 45,000 tested students across 144 SUNY authorized charter schools with testing grades scored at or above proficiency, exceeding the proficiency rate throughout the rest of the state (45%) by 15 percentage points. SUNY charter schools also outperformed the state in mathematics with 67% of students scoring at or above proficiency, 20 percentage points higher than the state’s 47% proficiency and an increase of 3 percentage points over SUNY’s overall proficiency in 2017-18. Over 88% of SUNY authorized charter schools outperformed their local district in ELA and 91% outperformed their local district in mathematics. Notably, 36 SUNY authorized charter schools performed in the top 10% of all schools statewide in ELA and 46 did the same in mathematics.

SUNY authorized charter schools also demonstrated high achievement for at-risk subpopulations and continued to make progress in closing the achievement gap between black or African-American
students and their white peers. English language learners (“ELLs”) and students with disabilities in SUNY authorized charter schools posted proficiency rates that were either double or triple the statewide numbers. In ELA, 23% of ELLs enrolled at SUNY authorized charter schools scored at or above proficiency, compared to 9% statewide. In mathematics, 38% of ELLs enrolled in charter schools authorized by SUNY scored at or above proficiency, more than doubling the 17% rate of ELLs statewide. Students with disabilities enrolled in SUNY authorized charter schools posted proficiency rates in ELA and mathematics of 33% and 43%, exceeding the statewide performance of students with disabilities by 19 and 27 percentage points, respectively. SUNY authorized charters closed the achievement gap between black or African American students and white students to smaller amounts than the state average in 2018-19. Across all SUNY schools, the percentage point difference in average proficiency rates between white and black students in ELA was 12 points, while the gap statewide was 16 points. In mathematics, SUNY schools shrunk the gap to 8 points, about one third the size of the achievement gap between white and black students statewide (23 points).

Due to the timing of data releases, the Institute confirms outcomes for high schools later in the school year than elementary and middle school programs. During 2017-18, the Institute authorized 29 high schools with college preparatory programs that enrolled a 12th grade class. That school year, the overall SUNY graduation rate was 91%, and increase of four percentage points from the previous year. SUNY schools outperformed the state average by eight percentage points. Further, 27 of the 29 schools outperformed their local district in four year graduation rate. Finally, of the graduating students in 2017-18, 92% matriculated into a two or four year college program sometime during the year following graduation.

2019-20 National Blue Ribbon Award Recipients

We are proud to announce two SUNY authorized charter schools were recently recognized by the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. This coveted award program is a part of the U.S. Department of Education, and annually celebrates academic excellence.

Both recipients, Academic Leadership Charter School (Bronx) and Achievement First Bushwick Charter School (Brooklyn) received this award in the Exemplary High Performing Schools category. Including these 2019 recipients, a total of 16 SUNY authorized charter schools have received the National Blue Ribbon Award. They include:

- Academic Leadership Charter School (2019 recipient);
- Achievement First Bushwick Charter School (2019 recipient);
- Albany Community Charter School (2012 recipient);
- Bronx Charter School for Excellence (2012 recipient);
- Excellence Girls Charter School (2016 recipient);
- Icahn Charter School 2 (2015 recipient);
- Icahn Charter School 4 (2016 recipient);
- Icahn Charter School 5 (2017 recipient);
- Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School (2017);
- Success Academy Charter School - Bed Stuy 1 (2018);
• Success Academy Charter School - Bronx 1 (2016);
• Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1 (2012);
• Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (2018);
• Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 (2015);
• Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4 (2016); and,
• University Prep Charter High School (2016).

2019-20 New School Openings

Fourteen new SUNY authorized schools began operation for the 2019-20 school year in August and September. Thirteen new schools are located in New York City (two in Manhattan, six in the Bronx, one in Queens, and four in Brooklyn), and one new school is located in Homer in Cortland County. The schools collectively serve approximately 1,700 students in elementary and middle school grades in their first year of operation. Pursuant to its practices, Institute staff conducted prior action protocols to ensure each school’s compliance with facility and safety requirements as well as staffing requirements, and determined that the schools were prepared to serve students. Newly opened schools are:

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