



MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2013

TO: Members of the Charter Schools Committee

FROM: Joseph W. Belluck, Chair

SUBJECT: Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of UFT Charter School with Conditions (Brooklyn)

Action Requested

The proposed resolution authorizes the approval of a two year charter renewal with conditions outside of the SUNY Renewal Polices for the UFT Charter School education corporation pursuant to New York Education Law subdivision 2851(4).

Resolution

I recommend that the Charter Schools Committee adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that the application for charter renewal of the UFT Charter School (the "Education Corporation"), be, and hereby is, approved to the extent and as limited, restricted and described as follows, and the Education Corporation's charter be renewed for a period of only two years through and including July 31, 2015 subject to the following conditions:

- the Education corporation's projected enrollment shall be 1050 students in grades K-12; and
- the legal and fiscal conditions set forth on pages 2-3 of the SUNY Charter Schools Institute's (the "Institute's") Renewal Recommendation Report for the Education Corporation dated February 21, 2013 (copies available from the Office of the Secretary and the Albany office of the Institute); and

- academic conditions, which will be set forth in the Education Corporation's accountability plan (the "Academic Conditions"), as follows:
 - Each year of the accountability period, grades K-8 will meet or exceed:
 - K-8 Goal 1, English language arts ("ELA"), by meeting three of the five measures set forth in the standard SUNY Accountability Plan; and
 - K-8 Goal 2, mathematics, by meeting three of the five measures set forth in the standard SUNY Accountability Plan; and
 - Each year of the accountability period, the high school ("HS") will meet or exceed:
 - HS Goal 1, ELA, by meeting two of the four measures set forth in the standard college preparatory SUNY Accountability Plan;
 - HS Goal 2, mathematics, by meeting two of the four measures set forth in the standard college preparatory SUNY Accountability Plan; and
 - HS Goal 3, high school graduation, by meeting two of the four measures set forth in the standard college preparatory SUNY Accountability Plan; and
 - HS Goal 4, college preparation, by meeting three of the six measures set forth in the standard college preparatory SUNY Accountability Plan;

and be it further

Resolved that if the Education Corporation fulfills the Academic Conditions and otherwise meets the requirements of renewal as set forth in the SUNY Renewal Policies, upon application it shall be eligible to apply for a full-term five-year renewal, and no other type of renewal; and be it further

Resolved that if the Education Corporation does not meet the Academic Conditions, it shall not be eligible to apply for any type of renewal and its charter shall not be renewed; and be it further

Resolved that 1) the Education Corporation's school as described in its application for charter renewal, as limited and restricted and with the conditions set forth above, meets the requirements of the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (as amended) and applicable laws, rules and regulations; 2) as limited and restricted and subject to the above conditions, the Education Corporation can demonstrate the ability to operate its school in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; and 3) so approving the renewal application and renewing the charter, as limited and restricted and subject to the above conditions, is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision 2850(2) of the Education Law; and be it further

Resolved that the Institute, acting for the Board of Trustees, be, and hereby is, directed to: 1) enter into a proposed renewal charter with the Education Corporation in accordance with this resolution, which proposed charter shall include such assurances and terms as the Institute shall deem necessary and appropriate; and 2) thereafter to submit the proposed renewal charter to the Board of Regents for its review, comment and potential approval.

Background

The New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 permits the Board of Trustees to renew the charters of education corporations it has authorized. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-038 dated June 12, 2012, the Board of Trustees delegated authority to renew charters to the Charter Schools Committee.

Pursuant to the *Practices, Policies and Procedures for the Renewal of Charter Schools Authorized by the State University Board of Trustees* (last amended on June 25, 2012 and available at: <http://www.newyorkcharters.org/schoolsRenewOverview.htm>) the SUNY Charter Schools Institute (the "Institute") conducts a renewal site visit; reviews the information in the renewal application as well as other relevant information, such as assessment data and site visit reports; interviews education corporation trustees and staff; and ultimately produces a renewal report. The Institute makes final renewal reports available in its Albany office and at: <http://www.newyorkcharters.org/pubsReportsRenewals.htm>. Copies of applications for renewal are on file in the Albany office of the Institute.

As set forth in the Institute's Renewal Report for UFT Charter School (the "Education Corporation"), which was distributed to the Board of Trustees, the Institute conducted a renewal review of the Education Corporation pursuant to the SUNY Renewal Policies.

For the education corporation listed above, the Institute properly notified the school district in which the education corporation is located regarding the receipt of an application for charter renewal. As of the date of this resolution, the Institute did not receive any comments in response.