



MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2026

To: Members of the Charter Schools Committee

From: Joseph W. Belluck, Chair, Charter Schools Committee

Subject: Resubmission to the Board of Regents of the Proposed Charter for The Academy Charter School Brentwood Elementary

Action Requested

The proposed resolution authorizes the resubmission without modification to the New York State Board of Regents of the proposed charter for The Academy Charter School Brentwood Elementary, approved by the Charter Schools Committee on October 15, 2025. The resubmission should result in the issuance of the proposed charter by the Board of Regents.

Resolution

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

Whereas the Charter Schools Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, has reconsidered the proposed charter for The Academy Charter School Brentwood Elementary (the "Proposed Charter"), which the Committee approved on October 15, 2025 (copy on file in the Albany office of the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (the "Institute")), taking into consideration the Board of Regents' comments and recommendation to abandon the Proposed Charter (copy of letter from Mr. Matteson to Chair Tisch, dated December 29, 2025, on file in the Office of the Secretary of the University and the Albany office of the Institute); and

Whereas the Proposed Charter seeks to replicate The Academy Charter School (Hempstead), The Academy Charter School – Uniondale, and The Academy Charter School - Wyandanch, each of which exceeded comparison district results for students enrolled in at least their second year by at least 29 percentage points on the state English language arts (“ELA”) and 16 percentage points on the state mathematics examinations in grades 3 through 8 in all years with data suitable for comparison from the 2021-22 through 2023-24 school years; and

Whereas The Academy Charter School and The Academy Charter School – Uniondale high school programs have produced a strong track record of graduation and college matriculation rates as well as student matriculation into two and four year college program consistently exceeding SUNY’s target of 75%; and

Whereas the Proposed Charter wishes to serve students in the Brentwood Union Free School District (the “Brentwood District”), which in 2025 achieved 32 percent proficiency in ELA and 36 percent in mathematics; and

Whereas the New York State Commissioner of Education designated the Brentwood District as a Target District under the Every Student Succeeds Act as of the 2018/19 school year, and the Brentwood District has continued its accountability designation as a Target District through the 2024/25 school year, now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the resubmission to the Board of Regents of the Proposed Charter be, and hereby is, approved without modification; and, be it further

Resolved that the Institute, acting for the Board of Trustees, be, and hereby is, authorized to resubmit the Proposed Charter to the Board of Regents for issuance.

Background

The New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (as amended, the “Act”) permits the Board of Trustees to approve new charters. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-038, dated June 12, 2012, the Board of Trustees delegated authority to

approve charters to the Charter Schools Committee including the authority to return such items to the Board of Regents.