



October 12, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members of the Board of Trustees

**From:** Kathryn Connell-Espinosa, Executive Director  
SUNY Charter Schools Institute

**Subject:** Charter Schools Institute Update

**Revisions**

- **DREAM Charter School**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school, requests to change the education corporation's name to "DREAM Charter Schools." In addition, the education corporation requests the following enrollment revisions:
  - **DREAM Charter School** is located at 1191 Second Ave, New York, NY 10029, and 20 Bruckner Blvd, Bronx, NY 10454 in Community School Districts ("CSD") 4 and 7, respectively. The school is chartered to serve 958 students in grades K-12 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment revision to serve 528 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year transferring the authority to operate the high school grades to DREAM Charter School Mott Haven where the high school program is located.
  - **DREAM Charter School Mott Haven** is located at 20 Bruckner Blvd, Bronx NY 10454, and 339 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York 10454 in CSD 7. The school is chartered to serve 648 students in grades K-4 and 6-8 for 2023-24, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment revision to serve 1,006 students in grades K-4 and 6-12 accommodating the high school grades from DREAM Charter School as the high school program operates within the Dream Charter School Mott Haven location.

The Institute reviewed staffing plans and revised budgets and finds the enrollment re-configuration will allow the schools to continue to operate in an educationally, fiscally, and legally sound manner. Therefore, the Institute approves the revision to the schools' charters.

- **Success Academy Charter Schools - NYC**, an education corporation with the authority to operate more than one school requests the following enrollment revisions:
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- **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 1** is located at 70 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206 in CSD 14 and is chartered to serve 545 students in grades 5-10 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 640 students in grades 5-12 by the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 856 students in grades K-1 and 5-10 for the 2023-24 school year and 1,540 students in grades K-3 and 5-12 by the 2025-26 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 2** is located at 211 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206 in CSD 14 and is chartered to serve 501 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 School year and 336 students in grades K-4 by the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment revision to serve 468 students in grades K-4 in the 2023-24 school year and 466 students in grades K-4 by the 2026-27 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bed Stuy 3** is located at 787 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 in CSD 16 and is chartered to serve 334 students in grades 5-8 for the 2023-24 school year and 254 students in grades 5-8 by the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 340 students in grades 2 and 5-8 for the 2023-24 school year, and 565 students in grades K-3 and 5-8 by the 2025-26 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bensonhurst** is located at 99 Avenue P, Brooklyn, NY 11204 in CSD 21 and is chartered to serve 445 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 802 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bergen Beach** is located at 1420 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn NY 11234, and 3109 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, both in CSD 22, and is chartered to serve 735 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 1,344 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 1** is located at 339 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York 10454 in CSD 7 and is chartered to serve 596 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 School year through the 2024-25 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment revision to serve 596 students in grades K-6 for the 2023-24 school year and 596 students in grades K-7 by the 2024-25 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 2** is located at 450 St. Paul’s Place, Bronx, NY 10456, and 270 East 167 Street, Bronx, NY 10456, both in CSD 9, and is chartered to serve 1,426 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year and 1,054 students in grades K-8 for the 2024-25 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests a one-year enrollment decrease to serve 1,064 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year.

- **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 3** is located at 1000 Teller Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 in CSD 9, 965 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 in CSD 8, and 509 West 129<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027 in CSD 5 and is chartered to serve 1,968 students in grades K-11 in the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 2,148 students in grades K-12 by the 2027-28 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 1,798 students in grades K-11 for the 2023-24 school year and 1,823 students in grades K-12 by the 2027-28 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 4** is located at 885 Bolton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 in CSD 8 and is chartered to serve 445 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 756 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 5 Lower** is located at 604 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10454 in CSD 7 and is chartered to serve 250 students in grades K-2 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 675 students in grades K-5 by the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 131 students in grades K-1 for the 2023-24 school year and 425 students in grades K-3 for the 2026-27 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 5 Upper** is located at 604 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10454 in CSD 7 and is chartered to serve and is chartered to serve 250 students in grades 2-4 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 675 students in grades K-5 by the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 128 students in grades 2-4 for the 2023-24 school year and 725 students in grades K-4 by the 2026-27 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Bushwick** is located at 139 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221 in CSD 32 and is chartered to serve 456 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year through the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 595 students in grades K-4 in the 2023-24 school year and 625 students in grades K-4 by the 2025-26 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Far Rockaway** is located at 10-45 Nameoke Street, Queens, NY 11691 in CSD 27 and is chartered to serve 922 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year and 712 students in grades K-8 by the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment revision to serve 804 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year and 813 students in grades K-8 by the 2025-26 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Flatbush**, located at 15 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226 in CSD 17 and is chartered to serve 454 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year through the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school

requests an enrollment increase to serve 650 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year and 655 students in grades K-4 by the 2025-26 school year.

- **Success Academy Charter School – Fort Greene** is located at 700 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11206 in CSD 14 and is chartered to serve 296 students in grades K and 5-8 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 552 students in grades K-8 for the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 126 students in grades K-1 for the 2023-24 school year and 538 students in grades K-4 for the 2026-27 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1** is located at 34 West 118<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10026, 215 West 114<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10026 both in CSD 3, and 111 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York 10016 in CSD 2 and is chartered to serve 2,095 students in grades K-12 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 2,375 students in grades K-12 by the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 1,795 students in grades K-12 for the 2023-24 school year and 1,807 students in grades K-12 by the 2025-26 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2** is located at 144 East 128<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035 in CSD 5 and is chartered to serve 433 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 658 students in grades K-7 by the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 311 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year and 333 students in grades K-4 by the 2026-27 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 6** is located at 461 West 131<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027 in CSD 5 and is chartered to serve 110 students in grades 4-5 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 340 students in grades 5-8 for the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment revision to serve 247 students in grades K-1 and 4 for the 2023-24 school year and 425 students in grades K-4 for the 2026-27 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Hudson Yards** is located at 500 West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, NY 10036 in CSD 2 and is chartered to serve 367 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year through the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 465 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year and 464 students in grades K-4 by the 2026-27 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Prospect Heights** is located at 801 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY 11216 in CSD 17 and 700 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206 in CSD 14 and is chartered to serve 342 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year through the 2026-27 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to

serve 271 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year and 282 students in grades K-4 by the 2026-27 school year.

- **Success Academy Charter School – Rosedale** is located at 147-65 249<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, NY 11422 in CSD 29 and 109-55 128<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, NY 11420 in CSD 28, and is chartered to serve 1,077 students in grades K-10 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment revision to serve 1,216 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – South Jamaica** is located at 120-27 141<sup>st</sup> Street, Jamaica, NY 11436 in CSD 27 and is chartered to serve 369 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year through the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 515 students in grades K-4 for the 2023-24 school year and 514 students for the 2025-26 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Springfield Gardens** is located at 132-55 Ridgedale Street, Queens, NY 11413 in CSD 29 and is chartered to serve 1,025 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 990 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Upper West** is located at 145 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10024 in CSD 3 and 439 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, New York 10019 in CSD 2, and is chartered to serve 885 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year growing to serve 890 students in grades K-8 by the 2025-26 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment increase to serve 1, 234 students in grades K-8 for the 2023-24 school year and 1,190 students in grades K-8 by the 2025-26 school year.
- **Success Academy Charter School – Washington Heights** is located at 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, NY 10040 in CSD 6, and 461 West 131<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027 in CSD 5 is chartered to serve 925 students in grades K-6 for the 2023-24 school year, the final year of the current charter term. The school requests an enrollment decrease to serve 762 students in grades K-6 for the 2023-24 school year.

The Institute reviewed staffing plans and revised budgets and finds the enrollment re-configuration will allow the schools to continue to operate in an educationally, fiscally, and legally sound manner. Therefore, the Institute approves the revision to the schools' charters.

### **2023-24 School Openings**

Three SUNY-authorized charters opened for their first year of operation in August and September 2023. Pursuant to its practices, Institute staff conducted prior action protocols to ensure each school's compliance with facility, safety, and staffing requirements. Through this rigorous process,

the Institute determined that the three new schools were prepared to serve students. The newly opened charters are:

Charter School Name	District	2023-24 Grade(s)	2023-24 Chartered Enrollment
BRICK Buffalo Academy Charter School	Buffalo City School District	K-1	162
Nurses Middle College Charter High School – Capital Region	Albany City School District (temporarily located in Rensselaer City School District)	9	130
South Shore Charter School	Central Islip Union Free School District (temporarily located in the Sachem Union Free School District)	K-1	150

### **Preview of Charter Renewals for 2023-24**

The Institute anticipates bringing 59 charter renewals for the Committee’s consideration during the 2023-24 school year. Among the 59 renewal votes for 2023-24 are (note that some of the 59 charters are counted in multiple of the bullet points below):

- 52 charters associated with multi-charter education corporations;
- 5 standalone charters; and,
- 13 charters coming to renewal for the first time.

The Institute will continue to align the expiration dates of charters within a high-performing not-for-profit education corporation. In order to achieve this “true up” so that all charters overseen by one governing board are up for renewal in the same year, the Institute anticipates making renewal recommendations of fewer than five years but that comes with the confidence and evidence of success afforded to ‘full term renewals’ as identified in the Policies for the Renewal of Not-for-Profit Charter School Education Corporations and Charter Schools Authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York. This will result in all charters within one not-for-profit education corporation coming to renewal in the same calendar year. In future years, the evaluation and renewal of these “trued up” charters will allow the Institute to maximize its resources while maintaining high standards for charter renewal.

In spring 2024, the Institute will conduct at least 25 visits to schools in person, comprising evaluative site visits to charters in their first year of operation, Pre-Kindergarten programs, and some charters that will be eligible for renewal in fall 2024.

This fall, the Institute anticipates the New York State Education Department will release performance data from the ELA and mathematics assessments in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the second time since fall 2019. Following the public release of the data, the Institute will update the committee on the performance of SUNY-authorized charter schools, including those up for renewal this year. The

Institute will also provide an update on any schools operating with academic conditions on their current charter. The Institute will also provide additional information to the Committee about how the NYSED's adjustment to proficiency cut scores in line with the implementation of assessments aligned to new state standards informs the interpretation of school performance data.

### **Bronx Charter School for Excellence 2 Recognized with National Blue Ribbon Award**

The US Department of Education has recognized Bronx Charter School for Excellence 2 ("Bronx Excellence 2") with a National Blue Ribbon Award for academic excellence and progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Notably, this is the second blue ribbon award for the education corporation, with Bronx Charter School for Excellence having been named a National Blue Ribbon school in 2012. Bronx Excellence 2 is the 18th SUNY-authorized charter school to earn the honor. Past recipients include:

- Academic Leadership Charter School
- Achievement First Bushwick Charter School
- Bronx Charter School for Excellence
- Excellence Girls Charter School
- Icahn Charter School 2
- Icahn Charter School 3
- Icahn Charter School 4
- Icahn Charter School 5
- KIPP Albany Community Charter School
- Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School
- Success Academy Charter School - Bed Stuy 1
- Success Academy Charter School - Bronx 1
- Success Academy Charter School - Harlem 1
- Success Academy Charter School - Harlem 2
- Success Academy Charter School - Harlem 3
- Success Academy Charter School - Harlem 4
- University Prep Charter High School