



MEMORANDUM

April 7, 2026

To: Members of the Charter Schools Committee

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

Subject: Approval of the Application to Renew the Authority to Operate

- **Achievement First Legacy Charter School; and,**
- **Achievement First Voyager Charter School.**

Action Requested

The proposed resolution, pursuant to New York Education Law § 2851(4), authorizes 1) the renewal of the authority of Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools, a not-for-profit charter school education corporation, to operate Achievement First Legacy Charter School for term of four years without conditions to align the charter term with other education corporation charters; and, 2) the renewal of the authority of Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools to operate Achievement First Voyager Charter School for a term of four years with conditions to align the charter terms with other education corporation charters.

Resolution

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

Whereas the Board of Trustees has granted Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools (the "Education Corporation") the authority to operate more than one charter including Achievement First Legacy Charter School and Achievement First Voyager Charter School (the "Schools"); and

Whereas the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (the "Institute") asked the Education Corporation to request renewal of its authority to operate the Schools through July 31, 2030 in order to align the expiration dates of the Education Corporation's charters; and

Whereas the Charter Schools Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, as required by Subdivision 2851(4)(e), has considered, prior to approval of the application for charter renewal, the means by which the Schools will meet or exceed the enrollment and retention targets of students with disabilities, English language learners, and students who are eligible applicants for the federal Free and Reduced Price Lunch program as set forth in the application, which targets were prescribed by the Institute on behalf of the Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the Education Corporation's application for renewal of authority to operate the Schools, be, and hereby is approved through and including July 31, 2030 subject to the following condition as to Achievement First Voyager Charter School:

- By July 1, 2026, the education corporation, on behalf of Achievement First Voyager Charter School, must provide a Corrective Action Plan, to be approved by the Institute, to come into compliance with teacher certification requirements under the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (the "Act") inclusive of methods to assist uncertified teachers in obtaining certification, an identified system of monitoring certification status, and administrative or monetary supports offered to teachers. The education corporation must demonstrate significant improvement regarding compliance with teacher certification requirements at Achievement First Voyager Charter School in accordance with the Act by the conclusion of the education corporation's next proposed renewal term;

and, be it further

Resolved that, upon a review of the Education Corporation's application for renewal of authority to operate the Schools, the Committee finds that the Education Corporation has sufficiently demonstrated that renewal should be granted, as limited and restricted, based on the criteria laid out in Education Law § 2852(2); and, be it further

Resolved that the Institute, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, be, and hereby is, directed to: 1) enter into a proposed charter revision with the Education Corporation in accordance with this resolution, which shall include such assurances and

terms as the Institute shall deem necessary and appropriate; and, 2) thereafter, submit the proposed charter revision to the New York State Board of Regents for review, comment, and potential approval.

Background

The New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (as amended) permits the Board of Trustees to renew the charters of education corporations it has authorized and to renew such corporations' authority to operate charters. 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 *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* (the "SUNY Renewal Policies") (last amended September 4, 2013 and available at: <https://www.newyorkcharters.org/wp-content/uploads/SUNY-Renewal-Policies.pdf>), the Institute generally 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 produces a draft renewal report containing its findings and preliminary recommendation. The draft renewal report also contains an evaluation of the performance of an education corporation's charter over the charter term based on the criteria provided in the renewal benchmarks described in the SUNY Renewal Policies. The education corporation receives a copy of the draft renewal report and is given an opportunity to comment on it before it is finalized. The Institute makes final renewal reports available in its Albany office and at: <http://www.suny.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/meetings/meetingNotices.cfm>. Copies of applications for charter renewal are on file in the Albany office of the Institute.

As set forth in the Institute's Renewal Report, which was distributed to the Board of Trustees, for Achievement First Legacy Charter School and Achievement First Voyager Charter School; which are operated by Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools, the Institute, pursuant to the SUNY Renewal Policies, conducted a renewal review of the Schools. As a result of this review, the Institute recommends the Education Corporation's application to extend its authority to operate the Schools be granted for a term of four years with conditions as to one of the Schools aligning the charters' terms. If this resolution is approved, the Education Corporation's authority to operate the Schools will be renewed through July 31, 2030.

For the charters listed above, the Institute properly notified the school district in which the Schools are located regarding the receipt of application for

renewal of authority to operate the Schools. As of March 31, 2026, no comments were received.