## **Charter Amendment Requests Pending Board Action**

## **(Grades, or Maximum Enrollment)**

Pursuant to the Charter School Regulations, 603 CMR 1.10(1), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) must approve certain changes in the material terms of a school's charter. This year, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from 18 existing charter schools that involve changes to the grades served, and/or the maximum enrollment allowed. If you wish to request a copy of any of the submitted amendment requests or if you have any questions, please contact charterschools@doe.mass.edu.

Section 1.10 of 603 CMR contains several criteria that the Commissioner and the Board may consider in reaching a determination regarding a school's request to amend its charter. First, "the Commissioner and the Board may consider a charter school's compliance with applicable state, federal, and local law." Second, the Commissioner and the Board may consider the evidence regarding the success of the school's academic program, the viability of the school as an organization, and the faithfulness of the school to the terms of its charter. Third, if seeking an increase in maximum enrollment, the board of trustees in some districts must qualify as a "proven provider" based on the existing school and meet the performance criteria described in 603 CMR 1.04(4). Fourth, schools must address additional criteria as outlined in the Department's guidelines on amendments.

We currently anticipate that these matters may be brought to the Board for consideration no earlier than its November 17, 2015 meeting and no later than its March 22, 2016 meeting. Please check [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) webpage for updates.

Comment is solicited from the superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current/proposed district or region for Commissioner and Board consideration. Members of the public may submit written comments regarding a school's amendment request for Commissioner and Board consideration to: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, c/o Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148 or by email to charterschools@doe.mass.edu. The deadlines for public comment vary by school request; please see below for additional information. Each deadline is guided by the Board's anticipated schedule to consider various charter school matters, including proposed charter amendments.

| ***Name of School*** | ***Charter Region/District*** | ***Current Grade Span*** | ***Current Max Enroll*** | ***Amendment Request*** |
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| Alma del Mar Charter School | New Bedford | K-8 | 360 | Increase maximum enrollment by 90 seats |
| Boston Collegiate Charter School | Boston | 5-12 | 665 | Increase maximum enrollment by 30 seats |
| Boston Preparatory Charter Public School | Boston | 6-12 | 400 | Increase maximum enrollment by 520 seats; Add grade 5 |
| Boston Renaissance Charter Public School | Boston | PK-6 | 944 | Increase maximum enrollment by 66 seats |
| Bridge Boston Charter School | Boston | PK-8 | 335 | Increase maximum enrollment by 65 seats |

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| Brooke Charter School Roslindale; Brooke Charter School Mattapan; Brooke Charter School East Boston | Boston, Chelsea | K-8 | 510 | Increase maximum enrollment by 659 Boston and 52 Chelsea seats; Add grades 9-12; Consolidation of three charter schools into one charter school |
| City on a Hill Charter Public School Circuit Street | Boston | 9-12 | 280 | Increase maximum enrollment by 5 seats |
| City on a Hill Charter Public School Dudley Square | Boston | 9-12 | 280 | Increase maximum enrollment by 5 seats |
| Codman Academy Charter Public School | Boston | PK-12 | 345 | Increase maximum enrollment by 20 seats |
| Community Charter School of Cambridge | Cambridge | 6-12 | 360 | Increase maximum enrollment by 60 seats |
| Conservatory Lab Charter School | Boston | PK-8 | 444 | Increase maximum enrollment by 40 seats |
| Global Learning Charter Public School | New Bedford | 5-12 | 500 | Increase maximum enrollment by 100 seats |
| Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter School | Boston | 6-8 | 216 | Increase maximum enrollment by 275 seats; Add grades 5 and 9-12 |
| KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School | Boston | K-8 | 588 | Increase maximum enrollment by 588 seats; Add grades PK and 9-12 |
| Neighborhood House Charter School | Boston | PK-8 | 400 | Increase maximum enrollment by 428 seats; Add grades 9-12 |
| Pioneer Charter of Science | Chelsea, Everett, and Revere | 7-12 | 360 | Increase maximum enrollment by 420 seats, Add grades K-6 |
| Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School | Agawam, Amherst-Pelham, Athol-Royalston, Belchertown, Central Berkshire, Chicopee, Easthampton, Erving, Frontier, Gateway, Gill-Montague, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham, Hampshire, Hatfield, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Mohawk Trail, Monson, Northampton, Palmer, Pioneer Valley, Quaboag, Ralph C Mahar, South Hadley, Southwick-Tolland, Springfield, Ware, West Springfield, Westfield | 7-12 | 400 | Increase maximum enrollment by 12 seats |
| South Shore Charter Public School | Abington, Braintree, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman | K-12 | 610 | Increase maximum enrollment by 890 seats |