**Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Tentative Schedule of Charter School Items
October 2018 through June 2019**

**(as of October 2018)**

**Note:** All items are tentatively scheduled and may be adjusted within the schedule as needed. Some items may not come before the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) for discussion and vote because the Board has previously delegated authority to the Commissioner or because the Commissioner may not recommend granting a school’s request.

October 30, 2018

* *Charter Authorizing Overview and Tentative Schedule*

November 20, 2018

* *No items scheduled*

December 18, 2018

* *Report on Conditions*
	+ UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester
	+ Hampden Charter School of Science – West
* *Report on Probation*
	+ Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School
* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*
	+ Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School
	+ Hill View Montessori Charter Public School
	+ River Valley Charter School
	+ Salem Academy Charter School

January 22, 2019

* *Amendments of Charters*
	+ Alma del Mar Charter School
	+ Excel Academy Charter School
	+ Global Learning Charter Public School
	+ Pioneer Charter School of Science II
	+ Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School
* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*
	+ Argosy Collegiate Charter School
	+ KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School
	+ Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School, Springfield
	+ Roxbury Preparatory Charter School
* *Report on Renewal Decisions the Commissioner made in December*

February 12, 2019

* *New Charter Schools Granted*
* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*
	+ Boston Preparatory Charter Public School
	+ City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford
	+ Conservatory Lab Charter School
	+ Hampden Charter School of Science – East
* *Amendments of Charters if schedule is altered [see January 22 meeting]*
* *Report on Renewal Decisions the Commissioner made in January*

March 26, 2019

* *Report on Renewal Decisions the Commissioner made in February*

April 23, 2019

* *No items scheduled*

May 21, 2019

* *No items scheduled*

June 25, 2019

* *No items scheduled*

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

## **(Grades, or Maximum Enrollment, or Change to Charter Region)**

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 (2018-2019), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from six existing charter schools that involve changes to the grades served, the maximum enrollment allowed, or the charter region. If Board members wish to request a copy of any of the submitted amendment requests or 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 in certain districts, the board of trustees must qualify as a "proven provider" based on the existing school and must 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 bringing these matters to the Board for consideration no earlier than its meeting scheduled for December 18, 2018 and anticipate completing the process by its meeting scheduled for February 12, 2019. Updates may be found on the Department’s website at [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html).

The Department solicits comments from the superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current/proposed district or region. Members of the public may submit written comments regarding a school's amendment request 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.

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| **Name of Charter School** | **Current District or Region** | **Current Grade Span** | **Current Maximum Enrollment** | **Proposed Amendment to Charter** |
| Alma del Mar Charter School | New Bedford | K-8 | 450 | Increase maximum enrollment by 1,188 seats |
| Excel Academy Charter School | Boston, Chelsea | 5-12 | 1,344 | Increase maximum enrollment by 56 seats (Chelsea) |
| Global Learning Charter Public School | New Bedford | 5-12 | 500 | Increase maximum enrollment by 100 seats |

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| Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School | Chicopee, Holyoke, Northampton, South Hadley, Westfield, West Springfield | 9-12 | 500 | Remove Westfield and Northampton from current region; add Springfield to current region; and decrease enrollment by 125 seats |
| Pioneer Charter School of Science II | Danvers, Lynn, Peabody, Salem, Saugus | 7-12 | 360 | Add grades K-6 and increase enrollment by 420 seats |
| Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School | Agawam, Amherst, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Chesterfield-Goshen, Chicopee, Conway, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Frontier, Gill-Montague, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham, Hampshire, Hatfield, Hawlemont, Holyoke, Leverett, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Mohawk Trail, Northampton, Pelham, Pioneer Valley, Shutesbury, South Hadley, Southampton, Springfield, Sunderland, West Springfield, Westfield, Westhampton, Whately, Williamsburg, Southwick-Tolland-Granville | K-12 | 584 | Increase enrollment by 368 seats |

**FY19 Applications for Renewal of Charters**

This winter, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (Commissioner) will make recommendations to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) regarding the renewal of the charters for 12 schools. If you wish to request a copy of any of the Applications for Renewal or if you have any questions, please contact charterschools@doe.mass.edu.

Consistent with charter school regulations, the review of the school's application for renewal for another five-year term is guided by 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. The Commissioner's recommendations will consider each school's performance at the time of the charter renewal as well as the progress it has made during the past four years of operation. The evaluation will include a review of evidence such as the school's academic performance, accountability plan performance, annual reports, financial record, and application for renewal, as well as assessments conducted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department).

The Department currently anticipates that these matters will be brought to the Board for consideration no earlier than its December 18, 2018 meeting and no later than its February 12, 2019 meeting. Please check [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) for updates.

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| ***Charter School Name*** | ***Current District or Region*** | ***Maximum Enrollment*** | ***Grade Span in Charter*** | ***Current Grade Span***  |
| Argosy Collegiate Charter School | Fall River | 644 | 6-12 | 6-10 |
| Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School | Adams- Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanesborough, Mt. Greylock, Pittsfield, North Adams, Savoy, Williamstown | 363 | 6-12 | 6-12 |
| Boston Preparatory Charter Public School | Boston | 700 | 6-12 | 6-12 |
| City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford | New Bedford | 280 | 9-12 | 9-12 |
| Conservatory Lab Charter School | Boston | 444 | PK-8 | PK-8 |
| Hampden Charter School of Science East | Springfield, Ludlow, West Springfield, Chicopee | 560 | 6-12 | 6-12 |
| Hill View Montessori Charter Public School | Haverhill | 306  | K-8 | K-8 |
| KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School | Lynn | 1,586  | K-12 | K-3;5-12 |
| Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School, Springfield | Chicopee, Holyoke, Springfield | 250 | 9-12 | 9-12 |

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| ***Charter School Name*** | ***Current District or Region*** | ***Maximum Enrollment*** | ***Grade Span in Charter*** | ***Current Grade Span***  |
| River Valley Charter School | Newburyport | 288 | K-8 | K-8 |
| Roxbury Preparatory Charter School | Boston | 1,800 | 5-12 | 5-12 |
| Salem Academy Charter School | Salem | 480 | 6-12 | 6-12 |