**Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Tentative Schedule of Charter School Items   
October 2019 through June 2020   
(as of October 2019)**

**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 29, 2019

* *Charter Authorizing Overview and Tentative Schedule*

November 19, 2019

* *No items scheduled*

December 17, 2019

* *Amendments of Charters*
  + Boston Day and Evening Academy Charter School (a Horace Mann charter school)
  + Pioneer Charter School of Science II
  + Veritas Preparatory Charter School
* *Report on Probation*
  + City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford

January 28, 2020

* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations (10)*
  + Atlantis Charter School, Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School, Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School, City on a Hill Charter Public School Circuit Street, Community Charter School of Cambridge, Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School, Lawrence Family Development Charter School, Lowell Community Charter Public School, South Shore Charter Public School, Springfield Preparatory Charter School
* *Report on Conditions/Probation*
  + Argosy Collegiate Charter School (conditions), Baystate Academy Charter Public School, Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School (probation), Codman Academy Public Charter School, Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School of Excellence (conditions), Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School (probation)

February 25, 2020

* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations (8)*
  + Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School, Community Prospect Charter Public School, Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School, Holyoke Community Charter School, Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School, Match Charter Public School, Marblehead Community Charter Public School, Neighborhood House Charter School
* *Renewal Decisions and Report on Conditions*
  + Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, Sabis International Charter School
* *Report on January Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

March 31, 2020

* *Report on February Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

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

## **(Grades and/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 (2019-2020), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from three existing charter schools that involve changes to the grades served and/or the maximum enrollment allowed. Please contact the Department at [charterschools@doe.mass.edu](mailto:charterschools@doe.mass.edu) to obtain copies of any of the submitted amendment requests.

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 17, 2019 and anticipate completing the process by its meeting scheduled for February 25, 2020. 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](mailto:charterschools@doe.mass.edu). The Department requests that public comment be submitted by **November 15, 2019**.

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| **Name of Charter School** | **Current District or Region** | **Current Grade Span** | **Current Maximum Enrollment** | **Proposed Amendment to Charter** |
| Boston Day and Evening Academy Charter School  (Horace Mann charter school) | Boston | 9-12 | 405 | Increase enrollment by 100 seats |
| Pioneer Charter School of Science II | Saugus, Lynn, Salem, Danvers, Peabody | 7-12 | 360 | Add grades K-6 and increase enrollment by 498 seats |
| Veritas Preparatory Charter School | Springfield | 5-8 | 432 | Add grades 9-12 and increase enrollment by 363 seats |

**FY20 Applications for Renewal of Charters**

This winter, the Commissioner of the Department 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 20 schools. Please contact the Department at [charterschools@doe.mass.edu](mailto:charterschools@doe.mass.edu) to obtain copies of any of the Applications for Renewal.

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).

We currently anticipate that these matters will be brought to the Board for consideration no earlier than its January 28, 2020 meeting and no later than its February 25, 2020 meeting. Please check [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) for updates.

The Department invites written comments from Superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current/proposed district or region. Please see the table below for a list of charter schools that have submitted applications for renewal and the schools' associated districts. Comments may be submitted by **November 1, 2019** to: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148.

| **Charter School Name** | **Current District or Region** | **Chartered Maximum Enrollment** | **Chartered Grade Span** | **Grade Span 2019-2020** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School | Marlborough, Clinton, Maynard, Hudson | 966 | 6-12 | 6-12 |
| Atlantis Charter School | Fall River | 1,378 | K-12 | K-12 |
| Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School | Bellingham, Blackstone-Millville, Franklin, Holliston, Hopedale, Medway, Mendon-Upton, Milford, Millis, Norfolk, Plainville, Walpole, and Wrentham | 900 | K-8 | K-8 |
| Boston Renaissance Charter Public School | Boston | 944 | PK-6 | PK-6 |
| Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School | Barnstable, Bourne, Dennis-Yarmouth, Falmouth, Mashpee, Monomoy (Chatham and Harwich), Nauset (Brewster, Eastham, Orleans, and Wellfleet), Provincetown, Sandwich, and Truro | 260 | 6-8 | 6-8 |
| City On A Hill Charter Public School | Boston | 280 | 9-12 | 9-12 |
| Community Charter School of Cambridge | Cambridge | 420 | 6-12 | 6-12 |
| Community Day Charter Public School – Prospect | Lawrence | 400 | PK-8 | PK-8 |
| Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School | Acton-Boxborough, Ashburnham-Westminster, Athol-Royalston, Ayer-Shirley, Bedford, Berlin-Boylston, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Clinton, Concord, Concord-Carlisle, Fitchburg, Gardner, Grafton, Groton-Dunstable, Harvard, Hudson, Leominster, Lincoln, Lincoln-Sudbury, Littleton, Lowell, Lunenburg, Marlborough, Maynard, Narragansett, Nashoba, Newton, Northboro - Southboro, North Middlesex, Orange, Oxford, Quabbin, Ralph C. Mahar (New Salem, Orange, Petersham, and Wendell), Shrewsbury, Southborough, Sudbury, Tyngsborough, Wachusett (Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling), Wayland, Westborough, West Boylston, Westford, Weston, Winchendon, and Worcester | 400 | 7-12 | 7-12 |
| Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School | Amherst, Amherst‐Pelham, Belchertown, Central Berkshire Regional (Becket, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington, Windsor), Chesterfield-Goshen, Conway, Deerfield, Easthampton, Erving, Frontier Regional (Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, Whately), Gateway Regional (Huntington, Russell, Blandford, Chester, Worthington, Montgomery, and Middlefield), Gill-Montague Regional (Gill, Erving, Montague), Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hampshire Regional (Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington), Hatfield, Hawlemont Regional (Hawley, Charlemont), Leverett, Mohawk Trail Regional (Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe and Shelburne), New Salem‐Wendell, Northampton, Orange, Pelham, Pioneer Valley Regional (Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, Warwick), Ralph C. Mahar Regional (New Salem, Orange, Petersham, Wendell), Rowe, Shutesbury, Southampton, South Hadley, Sunderland, Ware, Westhampton, Whately, and Williamsburg | 218 | K-8 | K-8 |
| Holyoke Community Charter School | Holyoke | 702 | K-8 | K-8 |
| Lawrence Family Development Charter School | Lawrence | 800 | PK-8 | PK-8 |
| Lowell Community Charter Public School | Lowell | 800 | PK-8 | PK-8 |
| Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School | Lowell | 150 | 9-12 | 9-12 |
| Marblehead Community Charter Public School | Marblehead | 230 | 4-8 | 4-8 |
| Match Charter Public School | Boston | 1,250 | PK-12 | PK-12 |
| Neighborhood House Charter School | Boston | 828 | PK-12 | PK-11 |
| Sabis International Charter School | Springfield | 1,574 | K-12 | K-12 |
| South Shore Charter Public School | Abington, Braintree, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman-Hanson | 1075 | K-12 | PK-12 |
| Springfield Preparatory Charter School | Springfield | 486 | K-8 | K-4 |