**Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Schedule of Charter School Items**
**September 2022 through June 2023**
**(as of September 2022)**

**Note:** All items in November 2022 through June 2023 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.

September 20, 2022

* *Charter Authorizing Overview and Schedule of Board Items*

October 25, 2022

* *No items scheduled*

November 15, 2022

* *Amendments of Charters*

Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School

December 20, 2022

* *No items scheduled*

January 24, 2023

* *Renewal Decision and Report on Probation*

Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School

February 28, 2023

* *New Charter Schools Proposed for Board Vote*
* *Amendments of Charters*

Map Academy Charter School; Mystic Valley Regional Charter School

* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

Boston Collegiate Charter School

Boston Day and Evening Academy Horace Mann Charter School

Collegiate Charter School of Lowell

Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers Horace Mann Charter School

Excel Academy Charter School

Four Rivers Charter Public School

Foxborough Regional Charter School

Hampden Charter School of Science West

Map Academy Charter School

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School

Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School, Lawrence

Pioneer Charter School of Science II

Rising Tide Charter Public School

Sturgis Charter Public School

UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester

* *Renewal Decisions and Report on Conditions*

Baystate Academy Charter Public School

Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School

* *Report on Conditions*

Community Charter School of Cambridge

Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School, Springfield

Roxbury Preparatory Charter School

March 28, 2023

* *Report on February Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

April 25. 2023

* *Delegation of Authority to Approve Management Contracts*

May 23, 2023

* *No items scheduled*

June 27, 2023

* *Report on Approval of Loans Beyond the Charter Term*

**Charter Amendment Requests Pending Board Action**

**(Districts Specified in Charter Region, Grades Served, 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 (2022-2023), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from 3 existing charter schools that involve changes to the districts specified in the school’s charter region, the grades served, or the maximum enrollment allowed. Please contact the Department at 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 of Elementary and Secondary Education (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](https://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/governance/board-amendment-guidelines.docx) on amendments.

The Department currently anticipates bringing these matters to the Board for consideration at a meeting no earlier than November 15, 2022 and completing the process by February 28, 2023, if recommended by the Commissioner for approval. Updates on this process may be found on the Department’s [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) website.

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. The deadlines for public comment vary; please see below for additional information. Each deadline is guided by the Board's anticipated schedule regarding charter school matters, including proposed charter amendments and charter renewals.

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| **Name of Charter School**  | **Current District or Region**  | **Grade Span**  | **Maximum Enrollment**  | **Proposed Amendment to Charter**  | **Public Comment Deadline** |
| Map Academy Charter School\* | Carver, Plymouth, and Wareham | 9-12  | 300  | Add Bourne, Marshfield, Middleborough, Pembroke, and Silver Lake to charter region  | December 1, 2022 |
| Mystic Valley Regional Charter School\* | Everett, Malden,Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, and Wakefield  | K-12  | 1,900  | Add Woburn to charter region  | December 1, 2022 |
| Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School  | Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Monson, North Brookfield, Palmer, Southbridge, Spencer-East Brookfield, Sturbridge, Tantasqua, Wales, and Webster  | K-8  | 360  | Add grades 9-12 and increase enrollment by 420 seats  | October 18, 2022  |

\* Map Academy Charter School and Mystic Valley Regional Charter School have also submitted applications for renewal.

**FY23 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 19 schools. Please contact the Department at 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 24, 2023 meeting and no later than its February 28, 2023 meeting. Please check [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://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 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 **December 1, 2022** 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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| **Charter School Name** | **Current District or Region** | **Chartered Maximum Enrollment** | **Chartered Grade Span** |
| Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School | Auburn, Leicester, Millbury, Oxford, Shrewsbury, Sutton, West Boylston, Worcester, and Wachusett Regional | 1,426 | K-12 |
| Baystate Academy Charter Public School | Springfield | 560 | 6-12 |
| Boston Collegiate Charter School | Boston | 700 | 5-12 |
| Boston Day and Evening Academy Horace Mann Charter School | Boston | 505 | 9-12 |
| Collegiate Charter School of Lowell | Lowell | 1,200 | K-12 |
| Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers Horace Mann Charter School | Boston | 448 | 9-12 |
| Excel Academy Charter School | Boston and Chelsea | 1,400 | 5-12 |
| Four Rivers Charter Public School | Frontier, Gill-Montague, Greenfield, Mohawk Trail,Pioneer Valley, and Ralph C. Mahar | 220 | 7-12 |
| Foxborough Regional Charter School | Attleboro, Avon, Brockton, Canton, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleboro, Norton, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, West Bridgewater, and Wrentham | 1,700 | K-12 |
| Hampden Charter School of Science West | Agawam, Holyoke, West Springfield, and Westfield | 588 | 6-12 |
| Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School | Boston | 216 | 6-8 |
| Map Academy Charter School | Carver, Plymouth, and Wareham | 300 | 9-12 |
| Mystic Valley Regional Charter School | Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, and Wakefield | 1,900 | K-12 |
| Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School | Chicopee, Holyoke, South Hadley, and West Springfield | 320 | 9-12 |
| Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School, Lawrence | Haverhill, Lawrence, and Methuen | 250 | 9-12 |
| Pioneer Charter School of Science II | Danvers, Lynn, Peabody, Salem, and Saugus | 858 | K-12 |
| Rising Tide Charter Public School | Barnstable, Bourne, Carver, Duxbury, Falmouth, Freetown-Lakeville, Marshfield, Mashpee, Middleborough, Old Rochester, Pembroke, Plymouth, Sandwich, Silver Lake, and Wareham | 700 | 5-12 |
| Sturgis Charter Public School | Barnstable, Bourne, Carver, Dennis-Yarmouth, Falmouth, Mashpee, Monomoy Regional, Nauset, Plymouth, Provincetown, Sandwich, and Wareham | 850 | 9-12 |
| UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester | Boston | 750 | PK-8 |