**Charter Amendment Requests Pending Board Action**

## **(Grades, Enrollment, or Districts Served)**

Pursuant to the Charter School Regulations, 603 CMR 1.10(1), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) must approve major changes in the material terms of a school's charter. This year, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from eight existing charter schools that involve changes to the districts served, the grades served, or the maximum enrollment allowed. If you wish to receive 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, the board of trustees in some districts, indicated by an asterisk in the table below, must qualify as a "proven provider" based upon the existing school and must meet the performance criteria described in 603 CMR 1.05(2). Fourth, schools must address additional criteria as outlined in the Department's guidelines on amendments.

Comment has been solicited from the superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current/proposed district or region for Commissioner and Board consideration. We currently anticipate that these matters will be brought to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for consideration no later by its meeting scheduled for February 25, 2015. Please check <http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html> for updates.

| ***Charter School Name*** | ***Current District or Region*** | ***Current Maximum Enrollment*** | ***Current Grades*** | ***Charter Amendment Requests*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hampden Charter School of Science | **Chicopee (located)**LudlowSpringfieldWest Springfield | 350 | 6-12 | Increase enrollment from 350 to 560 seats (+210) |
| Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School | Agawam, Amherst, Belchertown, Chicopee, Conway, Deerfield, Easthampton, East Longmeadow, Granby, Greenfield, **Hadley (located)**, Hatfield, Holyoke, Leverett, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Northampton, Pelham, Shutesbury, Southhampton, South Hadley, Springfield,Sunderland, Westfield, Westhampton, West Springfield, Whately, Williamsburg, Amherst-Pelham, Chesterfield-Goshen,Frontier, Gill-Montague, Hampden-Wilbraham,Hampshire, Hawlemont, Mohawk Trail, Pioneer Valley, Southwick-Tolland-Granville | 584 | K-12 | Increase enrollment from 584 to 968 seats (+384) |

| ***Charter School Name*** | ***Current District or Region*** | ***Current Maximum Enrollment*** | ***Current Grades*** | ***Charter Amendment Requests*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| KIPP Lynn Charter School  | **Lynn (located)** | 850 | 5-12 | Add grades K-4; increase enrollment from 850 to 1,586 seats (+736) |
| Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School (Formerly Smith Leadership Academy) | **Boston (located)** | 216 | 6-8 | Add grades K-5; add grades 9-12; increase enrollment from 216 to 752 seats (+536);become regional--add districts: Avon; Braintree; Brockton; Brookline; Cambridge; Chelsea; Holbrook; Lynn; Milton; Quincy; Randolph; Revere; Somerville; and Stoughton |
| Mystic Valley Regional Charter School | Everett**Malden (located)**MedfordMelroseStonehamWakefield | 1,500 | K-12 | Increase enrollment from 1,500 to 1,900 seats (+400) |
| Pioneer Charter School of Science | Chelsea**Everett (located)**Revere | 360 | 7-12 | Add grades K-6; increase enrollment from 360 to 780 seats (+420) |
| Salem Academy Charter School  | **Salem (located)** | 372 | 6-12 | Increase enrollment from 372 to 480 seats (+108) |
| UP Academy Charter School of Boston (Horace Mann) | **Boston (located)** | 500 | 6-8 | Increase enrollment from 500 to 540 seats (+40) |