**Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Tentative Schedule of Charter School Items as of September 16, 2016  
September 2016 through June 2017**

**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.

September 27, 2016

* *Charter Authorizing Overview*

October 25, 2016

* *Report on Conditions*
  + Community Charter School of Cambridge
* *Amendments of charters*
* Community Charter School of Cambridge; Foxborough Regional Charter School; Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School

November 29, 2016

December 20, 2016

* *Amendments of charters*
* Alma del Mar Charter School; Sturgis Charter Public School

January 24, 2017

* *Reports on Conditions*
  + Boston Renaissance Charter Public School; SABIS International Charter School; New Heights Charter School of Brockton
* *Renewal and Report on Conditions*
  + Global Learning Charter Public School
* *Reports on Probation*
* Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School; Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School of Excellence
* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*
* Brooke Charter School; Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School (Horace Mann); KIPP Academy Boston Charter School; Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School; Veritas Preparatory Charter School
* *Amendments of charters*
  + Boston Collegiate Charter School; Boston Preparatory Charter Public School; Bridge Boston Charter School; City on a Hill Charter Public School Circuit Street; City on a Hill Charter Public School Dudley Square; Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter School; KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School; Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School; Veritas Preparatory Charter School

February 28, 2017

* *New Charter Schools Granted*
* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*
* Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School; Christa McAuliffe Charter School; Community Day Charter Public School – Gateway; Community Day Charter Public School - R. Kingman Webster; Pioneer Charter School of Science; Sizer School, A North Central Charter Essential School
* *Report on Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

March 28, 2017

* *Report on Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

April 18, 2017

May 23, 2017

June 27, 2016

* *Report on Conditions*
  + Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School

## **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 (2016-2017), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from 13 existing charter schools that involve changes to the grades served, the maximum enrollment allowed, and 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](mailto: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 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 October 25, 2016, and no later than its meeting scheduled for March 28, 2017. 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 deadlines for public comment vary by the type of amendment request; please see below for additional information. Each deadline is guided by the Board's anticipated schedule regarding charter school matters, including proposed charter amendments.

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| ***Name of School*** | ***Charter Region/District*** | ***Current  Grade Span*** | ***Current Max Enroll*** | ***Amendment Request*** |
| 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 35 seats |
| Boston Preparatory Charter Public School | Boston | 6-12 | 400 | Increase maximum enrollment by 225 seats |
| Bridge Boston Charter School | Boston | K1-8 | 335 | Increase maximum enrollment by 65 seats |
| ***Name of School*** | ***Charter Region/District*** | ***Current  Grade Span*** | ***Current Max Enroll*** | ***Amendment Request*** |
| 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 |
| Community Charter School of Cambridge[[1]](#footnote-1) | Cambridge | 6-12 | 360 | Increase maximum enrollment by 60 seats |
| 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. | K-12 | 1,300 | Increase maximum enrollment by 400 seats |
| 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, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tyngsborough, Wachusett, Wayland, Westborough, Westford, Weston, Winchendon, and Worcester | 7-12 | 400 | Add West Boylston to charter region |
| ***Name of School*** | ***Charter Region/District*** | ***Current  Grade Span*** | ***Current Max Enroll*** | ***Amendment Request*** |
| Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter School | Boston | 6-8 | 216 | Increase maximum enrollment by 275; Add grades 5 and 9-12 |
| KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School | Boston | K-8 | 588 | Increase maximum enrollment by 225 seats |
| Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School | Agawam, Amherst, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Chesterfield-Goshen, Chicopee, Conway, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Frontier, Gill-Montague, Granby, Granville, 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 | K-12 | 584 | Increase maximum enrollment by 560 seats |
| Sturgis Charter Public School | Barnstable, Bourne, Carver, Dennis-Yarmouth, Falmouth, Mashpee, Monomoy, Nauset, Plymouth, Provincetown, Sandwich, Wareham | 9-12 | 800 | Increase maximum enrollment by 50 seats |
| Veritas Prep Charter School | Springfield | 5-8 | 324 | Increase maximum enrollment by 540 seats |

**FY17 Applications for Renewal of Charters**

This winter, the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) will make recommendations to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) regarding the renewal of the charters for 12 schools, as indicated below in the table. The Department has solicited comments from the superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current district or region. For more information, please see <http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=21205>.

Consistent with the charter school regulations, 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 guides review of a school's application for renewal. The Commissioner's recommendations 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 includes a review of evidence such as the school's academic performance, accountability plan, annual reports, financial record, and application for renewal, as well as assessments conducted by the Department.

We currently anticipate bringing these matters to the Board for consideration no earlier than its meeting scheduled for January 24, 2017, and no later than its meeting scheduled for February 28, 2017. Updates may be found on the Department’s website at [http://www.doe.mass.edu/boe/boedate.html.](http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html)

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| ***Charter School Name*** | ***Current District or Region*** | ***Chartered Maximum Enrollment*[[2]](#footnote-2)** | ***Chartered Grade Span*** | ***Grade Span 2016-2017*** |
| Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School | Boston | 545 | 5-12 | 5-12 |
| Brooke Charter School | Boston, Chelsea | 2,221 | K-12 | K-9 |
| Christa McAuliffe Charter School | Ashland, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Marlborough, Natick, Southborough, Sudbury | 396 | 6-8 | 6-8 |
| Community Day Charter Public School – Gateway | Lawrence | 400 | PK-8 | PK-5 |
| Community Day Charter Public School – R. Kingman Webster | Lawrence | 400 | PK-8 | PK-5 |
| Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School (Horace Mann) | Boston | 325 | PK-5 | PK-5 |
| Global Learning Charter Public School | New Bedford | 500 | 5-12 | 5-12 |
| ***Charter School Name*** | ***Current District or Region*** | ***Chartered Maximum Enrollment*[[3]](#footnote-3)** | ***Chartered Grade Span*** | ***Grade Span 2016-2017*** |
| KIPP Academy Boston Charter School | Boston | 588 | K-8 | K-2 and 5-8 |
| Pioneer Charter School of Science | Chelsea, Everett, Revere | 780 | K-12 | K-2 and 6-12 |
| Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School | Agawam, Amherst, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Chesterfield-Goshen, Chicopee, Conway, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Frontier, Gill-Montague, Granby, Granville, 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 | 584 | K-12 | K-12 |
| Sizer School, A North Central Charter Essential School | Ashburnham-Westminster, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster, Lunenberg, Nashoba, North Middlesex, Wachusett | 400 | 7-12 | 7-12 |
| Veritas Preparatory Charter School | Springfield | 324 | 5-8 | 5-8 |

1. The Community Charter School of Cambridge request was submitted during the 2015-2016 amendment cycle and was deferred for consideration to the 2016-2017 amendment cycle. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The following charter schools also submitted requests to increase maximum enrollment: KIPP Academy Boston Charter School, Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School, and Veritas Preparatory Charter School. Please see: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=22832> for more details. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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