## Charter Amendment Requests Pending Board Action

## (Grades, Enrollment, or Districts Served)

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Pursuant to the Charter School Regulations, 603 CMR 1.11(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 nine existing Commonwealth charter schools that involve changes to the districts served, the grades served, and/or the maximum enrollment allowed. If you wish to request a copy of any of the submitted amendment requests or if you have any questions, please contact charterschools@doe.mass.edu.

Section 1.11 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 on the existing school and 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 may be brought to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for consideration no later than its February 25, 2014 meeting. Please check <http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html> for updates.

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| **Existing Charter School Name** | **Current District or Region** | **Current Maximum Enrollment** | **Current Grades** | **Charter Amendment Requests** |
| Atlantis Charter School\* | Fall River | 795 | K-12 | Maximum enrollment increase of 605 students |
| Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School | Franklin | 450 | K-8 | Add Bellingham, Blackstone/Millville, Holliston, Hopedale, Medway, Mendon/Upton, Milford, Millis, Norfolk, Plainville, Walpole, and Wrentham to become regional; and maximum enrollment increase of 450 students |
| Community Charter School of Cambridge | Cambridge | 360 | 6-12 | Maximum enrollment increase of 60 students |
| Global Learning Charter Public School\* | New Bedford | 500 | 5-12 | Maximum enrollment increase of 100 students |
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| Holyoke Community Charter School | Holyoke | 702 | K-8 | Add grades 9-12 |
| KIPP Academy Lynn Charter Public School\* | Lynn | 850 | 5-12 | Add grades K-4; and maximum enrollment increase of 647 students |
| Lowell Community Charter Public School\* | Lowell | 640 | K-5 | Add grades K1, 6-8; and maximum enrollment increase of 160 |
| Mystic Valley Regional Charter School\* | Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, & Wakefield | 1500 | K-12 | Maximum enrollment increase of 400 |
| Sturgis Charter Public School | Bourne, Carver, Sandwich, Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, Dennis-Yarmouth, Chatham, Nauset, Provincetown, Plymouth, Harwich, Wareham | 800 | 9-12 | Maximum enrollment increase of 50 |