**Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Schedule of Charter School Items**
**September 2021 through June 2022**
**(as of November 2021)**

**Note:** All items in January through June 2022 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 21, 2021

* *Reports on June 2021 Actions Taken by the Commissioner*

October 19, 2021

* *Request for Waiver of Charter School Regulations*

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School

November 16, 2021

* *Charter Authorizing Overview and Schedule of Board Items*

December 21, 2021

* *No items scheduled*

January 25, 2022

* *Amendments of Charters*

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School, Community Day Charter Public School-Gateway, Community Day Charter Public School-R. Kingman Webster, Community Day Charter Public School-Prospect, Learning First Charter Public School, Salem Academy Charter School

* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*

Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School, Brooke Charter School, Community Day Charter Public School-Gateway, Community Day Charter Public School-R. Kingman Webster, Global Learning Charter Public School, Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School, Pioneer Charter School of Science

* *Renewal Decisions and Report on Conditions*

Sizer School: A North Central Charter Essential School

* *Report on Conditions*

Argosy Collegiate Charter School

February 15, 2022

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

Global Learning Charter Public School, Hampden Charter School of Science East, Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School

* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*

Christa McAuliffe Charter School, Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School, KIPP Academy Boston Charter School, Libertas Academy Charter School, Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School, Veritas Preparatory Charter School

* *Report on January Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

March 22, 2022

* *Report on February Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

April 26. 2022

* *No items scheduled*

May 24, 2022

* *No items scheduled*

June 28, 2022

* *No items scheduled*

## **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 (2021-2022), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from 7 existing charter schools or charter school networks 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 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 January 25, 2022 and anticipate completing the process by its meeting scheduled for February 15, 2022. Updates may be found on the Department’s website at [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://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. The Department requests that public comment be submitted by **January 7, 2022**.

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| **Name of Charter School** | **Current District or Region** | **Chartered Grade Span** | **Current Maximum Enrollment** | **Proposed Amendment to Charter** |
| Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School | Auburn, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Oxford, Shrewsbury, Sutton, West Boylston, and Worcester | K-12 | 1426 | Clarify region by adding Wachusett Regional School District which includes Holden, a non-operating district[[1]](#footnote-2) |
| Community Day Charter Public School-Prospect; Community Day Charter Public School-Gateway; and Community Day Charter Public School-R. Kingman-Webster | Lawrence | PK-8 | 400 each; total of 1200 | Consolidate 3 charters[[2]](#footnote-3) |
| Global Learning Charter Public School | New Bedford | 5-12 | 500 | Increase enrollment by 100 seats |
| Hampden Charter School of Science East | Chicopee, Ludlow, Springfield, and West Springfield | 6-12 | 560 | Add grades K-5 and increase enrollment by 264 seats |
| Learning First Charter Public School | Worcester | K-8 | 666 | Increase enrollment by 36 seats |
| Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School | Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Monson, North Brookfield, Palmer, Southbridge, Spencer-East Brookfield (East Brookfield, Spencer), Sturbridge, Tantasqua (Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge, Wales), Wales, and Webster | K-8 | 360 | Add grades 9-12 and increase enrollment by 420 seats |
| Salem Academy Charter School | Salem | 6-12 | 480 | Increase enrollment by 30 seats |

**FY22 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 14 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 25, 2022 meeting and no later than its February 15, 2022 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/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 **December 1, 2021** 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** |
| Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School | Boston | 545 | 5–12 |
| Brooke Charter School | Boston and Chelsea | 2221 | K–12 |
| Christa McAuliffe Charter School | Ashland, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Marlborough, Natick, Southborough, and Sudbury | 396 | 6–8 |
| Community Day Charter Public School-Gateway | Lawrence | 400 | PK–8 |
| Community Day Charter Public School-R. Kingman Webster | Lawrence | 400 | PK–8 |
| Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School | Boston | 325 | PK–5 |
| Global Learning Charter Public School | New Bedford | 500 | 5–12 |
| KIPP Academy Boston Charter School | Boston | 588 | K–8 |
| Libertas Academy Charter School | Springfield | 630 | 6–12 |
| Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School | Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Monson, North Brookfield, Palmer, Southbridge, Spencer-East Brookfield (East Brookfield, Spencer), Sturbridge, Tantasqua (Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge, Wales), Wales, and Webster | 360 | K–8 |
| Pioneer Charter School of Science | Chelsea, Everett, and Revere | 780 | K–12 |
| Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School | Agawam, Amherst, Amherst-Pelham (Amherst, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury), Belchertown, Chesterfield-Goshen (Chesterfield, Goshen), Chicopee, Conway, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Frontier (Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, Whately), Gill-Montague (Gill, Montague), Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham (Hamden, Wilbraham), Hampshire (Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg), Hatfield, Hawlemont (Charlemont, Hawley), Holyoke, Leverett, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Mohawk Trail (Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe, Shelburne), Northampton, Pelham, Pioneer Valley (Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, Warwick), Shutesbury, South Hadley, Southampton, Southwick-Tolland-Granville (Granville, Southwick, Tolland), Springfield, Sunderland, West Springfield, Westfield, Westhampton, Whately, and Williamsburg | 584 | K–12 |
| Sizer School: A North Central Charter Essential School | Ashburnham-Westminster (Ashburnham, Westminster), Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster, Lunenburg, Nashoba (Bolton, Lancaster, Stow), North Middlesex (Ashby, Pepperell, Townsend), and Wachusett (Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling) | 400 | 7–12 |
| Veritas Preparatory Charter School | Springfield | 766 | 5–12 |

1. Pursuant to G.L. c. 71, § 89, and 603 CMR 1.00, Commonwealth charter schools provide enrollment preference and receive tuition funding based upon the public school district serving the town or city where a student resides. The public school district, rather than town or city, defines the charter region of a Commonwealth charter school. In 2001, Holden, a non-operating district, was added to the charter region of Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School; the regional school district that serves Holden residents is Wachusett Regional School District. The school’s request seeks to align the school’s charter region with the requirements of the charter school statute. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Consolidation permits two or more separate charter schools within a network of charter schools to operate as a single charter school under one charter with multiple campuses. The Board has previously granted the consolidation requests of five former networks of charter schools. A charter school network exists when multiple charter schools operate under individual charters and a single board of trustees oversees all of the schools. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)