



# PHASE I: Letter of Intent

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## Basic Contact and Application Information

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**Applicant groups and Existing Education Corporations interested in submitting an application to establish Regents-authorized charter schools are asked to complete this brief information sheet. The Department will use this information to plan and coordinate peer review panels with appropriate expertise to evaluate all application materials.**

**Please indicate whether an Applicant Group (operates no charter schools to date) or an Existing Education Corporation (operates a least one charter school) is submitting this Round 1 Letter of Intent.**

Applicant Group LOI to establish a single, new charter school

### **Proposed Charter School Name**

(Please write out the full name for the proposed charter school, and include the words "charter" and "school" in the proposed name(s)).

School Name	Dr. C.F.G. College Preparatory Charter school
Grades Served (K-5, .6-8, 9-12, etc.) During Initial Term	6-8
Max Number of Students During Initial Term	80

### **Proposed or Current Board Chair and Public Contact information, including mailing address, phone number, and email address.**

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	First and Last Name	Best Phone Number (###-###-####)	Email Address
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Proposed/Current Board Chair	Gregory Washington	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Public/Media Contact Person	Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

**List of Key Design Elements**

(Integral to the school model, these elements should be reflected throughout the application)

1	AP General Education Curriculum
2	Advanced Technology
3	Two Foreign languages
4	TACH,SAT,SHAT,REGENT Prep Courses
5	Law and Economics
6	Health and Fitness Studio
7	College Professors
8	Full Music and Arts Program
9	Special Ed Program Services
10	Parent College awareness Course

**If available, please provide the URL to the website established for the proposed school or existing education corporation.**

(No response)

**Proposed Management and/or Partner Organization(s), such as a charter or educational management company or a university, academic program partner, or whole school change partner.**

(Refer to the application kit for definitions and guidance as only "substantial" partnerships should be listed here).

Proposed Management Company	(No response)
Partner Organization 1	Metropolitan College of New York
Partner Organization 2	Noel Pointer Foudation

**Proposed Board Chair Signature**

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**Date**

2016/06/23

**Thank you for completing this form.**

## LETTER OF INTENT

### DR. CFG COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

#### 1- Application Information:

##### a. Applicant: Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore 145-42 226<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

**Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore**, Cynthia is a former Facilitator/Trainer for The NYC Administration for Children Service. She is also a former NYC Public School Teacher. She served as Principal/Educational Director and Entrepreneur of her own private school in NY for eleven years, 2003- 2014. She holds a Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate in Human Services, Education, Religious Education and Theology/Philosophy. **Cynthia will serve as Employee Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction**, for the Proposed Charter School. Cynthia's contact number [REDACTED]

Media Contact - [\[REDACTED\]](#)

#### 2- Founders Information

##### Proposed Board Members

**Gregory Washington, (Proposed Executive)** Gregory is a Web Developer and Adjunct of Technology at Baruch College.

He holds a Bachelors degree in Technology. He is also a Treasurer for New Covenant Temple Church Financial Department. He prepares and creates budgets, quarterly income and expense reports. Contact number: Business- [REDACTED]

**Jennifer Bryan, (Proposed Trustee)** Jennifer is an Attorney. She holds a Juris Doctor degree (J.D.). She practices Law in New York and New Jersey. Jennifer works for New York Life Securities in New York, NY. She is accountable for establishing and enforcing, robust compliance policies and procedures to promote achievement of corporate goals. Contact number: [REDACTED]

**Dr. Mary Infantino, (Proposed Trustee)** Is a Physician at Heart and Health Medical PhD, RN, ANP, BC, has received a Doctorate in Nursing from Adelphi University. At Long Island University, Mary is an Associate Professor and the Chairperson of the Nursing Department/ Director of the Graduate program Advanced Practice. Dr. Mary has many awards and honors for research articles. She is also a member of several Professional societies, one of them, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Contact number: Business- [REDACTED]

**Tolan Sharpe, (Proposed Trustee)** Is a former Relationship Banker/Business Banking Manager for JP Morgan Chase. He is currently a Financial Service Professional for New York Life Insurance Company. He is a Licensed NYS Notary Public and holds a Bachelors degree from Syracuse University. Contact number: Business- [REDACTED]

**Chinita Pointer, (Proposed Trustee)** is Chief Executive Officer and Founder for Noel Pointer Foundation. A Brooklyn based non-profit Arts organization, Chiquita is the Wife of the late Grammy nominated Jazz violinist, she created a String music education program which Exist in 26 NYC Schools. Chinita holds Bachelors in Business. Her Contact information:

[REDACTED]  
[info@noelpointer.org](mailto:info@noelpointer.org) [REDACTED]

##### Proposed Founding Board of Trustees

**Kevin Hines**, Kevin is a Supervisor for NYC Public Assistance. He is presently holding the office of a Human Staff Representative for CWA Local 1180. He holds a Doctorate degree. Contact number: [REDACTED]

**Ingrid Black**, Ingrid is a Licensed MSW. She holds a Masters from Columbia University. She is a former Social Worker for The Administration for Children Services. Contact number: Cell [REDACTED]

### **3- PARTNERS INFORMATION**

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**Christ the King Regional High School**. **Janine Michel**, **Director of Instructional Support Services** She is responsible for the Special Education Program.

Contact Information: [REDACTED]

**Medgar Evers College**. **Laura James**, **WLEP Director**. She is responsible for the **Summer Youth Employment Program**. [REDACTED]

[syepsummerjob@mec.cuny.edu](mailto:syepsummerjob@mec.cuny.edu)

**Noel Pointer Foundation**. **Chinita Pointer is the Founder and Executive Officer**. She created will be responsible for assisting in creating a String music education program. Contact Information: [REDACTED]

### **Proposed Assistant Principal**

**Maureen Bowen**, Maureen holds a Masters from Baruch College in Special Education. She is a former NYC Public School Teacher. She is currently a Facilitator for Brooklyn Hospital. She gives Health Fair, promoting HIV/AIDs Awareness; she also has been trained on the sensitivity of LGBTQ. Cell: 347-356-5755. The Board has interviewed and elected her as a Proposed Assistant Principal.

### **Proposed School Administrative Assistant/Office Manager**

**Evelyn Clarke**, Evelyn was Assistant Director for Fitch Ratings. Evelyn was Director's right-hand person; responsible for tracking daily progress, schedule, arranging logistics, manages all of the Director's development. [REDACTED] 5. The Board has interviewed and elected her as a Proposed School Administrative Assistant/ Office Manager.

#### **a. Replication:**

**Target Population – Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School, will target the following students:** Grades 6 through 8<sup>th</sup>, General Ed, Special needs, At-risk Students. We will work with Community Board 19-Regional 5. We will meet the needs of student and families in the community by providing afterschool workshops. The community of district 19- regional 5, free and reduced priced lunch have always been in service. This is due to low income in the community. 86% received reduced prices lunches. Most common ethnicity is Black, non-Hispanics, and Hispanics. Brooklyn is a school district with 26,285. The need is great.

**b. Proposal History:** This is the first time any member of this founding group has been a part of a founding group for a New York State Charter school.

#### **4- School Information:**

##### **Proposed Charter School Information**

a. Proposed School Name: **DR. CFG COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL**

b. Proposed School Location: 822 Dumont Avenue. Brooklyn, NY. 11207

Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School Proposes to open in Community School District (CSD) 19, the East New York section of Brooklyn.

**Approximate date that the school would start instruction will be July 2017.**

c- **Planned Grades and Enrollment: Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School will begin with 70 Students. We will service grades 6 through 8<sup>th</sup>**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> year of operation, we will house 70 students in the 6 grade.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation, we will house 70 students in the 6 grade and 65 students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation, we will house 70 students in the 6 grade, 70 in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 60 in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> year of operation, we will house 70 Students in the 6 grade, 75 in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 55 in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation, we will house 70 students in the 6 grade, 80 in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 45 in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

c- **Proposed Management and /or Partner Organization:**

**The following organizations will provide ongoing support related to Music, Special Ed., internship, Summer Youth employment, College tours and staff development.**

**Noel Pointer Foundation.** Chinita Pointer is the Founder and Chief Executive Pointer. She created a String Music Education program which exists in 26 NYC Schools. Contact Information: Noel Pointer Foundation Restoration Plaza 1368 Fulton Street. Brooklyn, NY. Email: [info@noelpointer.org](mailto:info@noelpointer.org) 718-230-4825/718-804-8860 Fax: 718-230-4841.

**Medgar Evers College.** Laura James, WLEP Director. She is responsible for the Summer Youth Employment Program. Contact 1534 Bedford Avenue. Brooklyn, NY. 718-804-8860/61 Email: [syepsummerjob@mec.cuny.edu](mailto:syepsummerjob@mec.cuny.edu)

**Christ the King Regional High School Special Ed.** Dept. Janine Michel is Director of Instructional Support Services. She is responsible for the Special Education Program. Contact: 68-02 Metropolitan Ave. Middle Village, NY. 11379. 718-366-7400 x247 Fax: 718- 366- 1165 Email: [jmichel@ctkrhs.org](mailto:jmichel@ctkrhs.org).

**Metropolitan College of New York.** Vanessa Cruz, Coordinator of Experiential Learning. She is responsible internship, Staff development, and Campus trips. Contact: 60 West Street. New York, NY. 10006 212-343-1234 x 2432, 2408 Email: [vcruz@mcny.edu](mailto:vcruz@mcny.edu).

d- **Proposed School Mission:** Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School will prepare its students to become future College graduates. We will develop our students to become both successful and innovative leaders to meet the future, through early college awareness.

**Motto:** We will meet the academic, and emotional, needs of students and their families.

#### **SCHOOL OVERVIEW:**

We strongly believe our students will graduate with the ability to make a constructive plan of action for their future. They will open to explore, challenge and experience early college awareness, based on our model of instructions, which is designed to achieve academic success in overall learning.

Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter will offer **AP General Educational Curriculum, Advanced Technology, Foreign languages, Law and Economics, Health and Fitness Studio, TACH, SAT, SHAT, Regent's Prep courses, Full**

**Music and Arts programs, College Awareness Courses for Parents** to help assist their children, **College Campus Field Trips**. Our students will have the opportunity to take classes with College Professors who knows what it takes to help these students excel and enter into the College Prep High Schools of their choice. With the assistance of Christ the King Regional High School Special Ed Dept., We will serve the more learning-challenge students by providing **Special Education** Teachers, Psychotherapist, Social workers, and a registered nurse. Metropolitan College of New York, has agreed to partner with us. We believe partnership between secondary and higher education will, not only enhance our program but, bring quality education to all our students attending this school of advancement. In addition to the above elements, Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School will also offer Music and Arts. Our Music and Arts researched based curriculum proves that musically inclined students score higher to a statistically significant degree. What make our music and arts curriculum different are the classes or duo classes, for example: Music and English Language Arts, Music Theory and Cognitive, Dance and Physical Education, Music History and Social, Voice/Instruments/Drama and Social, Music Therapy and Emotional.

- Music and ELA Improvisation and composition skills, Hearing, understanding, speaking the language, phonological awareness, vocabulary, listening skills, and sound recognition.
- Music Theory and Cognitive, Reading, Writing, Music, Math skills, Memory skills, Attention control/ focusing.
- Dance and Physical Education, Body Awareness, Coordination, Daily Movement (drill).
- Music History and Social, History of Jazz, Spiritual, Gospel, RB, Classical, Famous, and other well-known individuals who made and musical impact on society.
- Music and Social, Leadership skills, Self confidence, Performances (singing).
- Music and Emotions, self expression, the skills of acting. We will accomplish this program with the assistance of Noel Pointer Foundation (Music Program).

**Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School Teacher's Enhancement Program:** With the assistance of Metropolitan College of New York, In order to prepare for the academic year school year, our teachers will participate in an intensive professional development program that will survey our entire academics, outline additional curriculum or even subtract curriculum if necessary, that might not be as challenging. This program will set goals, plan weeks during the summer, and two weeks during the spring semester.

e- **INITIAL FACILITY PLANS**

**Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School** proposes to open in Community School District (CSD) 19, the East New York section of Brooklyn, NY. 822 Dumont Avenue. Brooklyn, NY 11207. Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School has found an appropriate real-estate for the home of Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School. This facility can hold up to 350 students. We have consulted with the landlord and preparations are made for approval. However, we intent to further seek public facility space as a "back up" plan of action.

f- **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

Our instructions, goals and expectations are aligned to NY State Standards. Our curriculum standards are high, but appropriate. Students will be test on their techniques, and point system on everyday life experience, for example: Maintain proper discipline, Dress Code, and attendance. Teachers will give progress reports during the course of ten months. Report cards will be given out four times in ten months showing the student progress in each domain. Teachers/Parents conference is three times in 10 months. Use Homework for reinforcement, review and

enrichment or for special projects. Support the broader program, by attending extra –curricular activities. There will be three instructional field trips.

**g- ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**Public Outreach.-Flyers and Business cards were hand out in the Community of District 19. I target local places of worship, Community Council meetings and Community leaders**

- 1- On April 19, and April 26, 2015 a letter was emailed to Senator Roxanne J. Persaud, the new Senator for District 19 requesting a meeting to inform her of the Proposed Charter school.**
- 2- On met with Senator Roxanne J. Persaud and Chief of Staff, Mr. Mitchell Partnow on 5/20/2016. I have not yet received a letter verifying this meeting. However, they will verify by phone, 718-649-7653 or email: [MPARTNOW@NYSENATE.GOV](mailto:MPARTNOW@NYSENATE.GOV). 122 E. 96<sup>th</sup> St. 11236.**
- 3- Reached out to Latrice Walker, Assembly District April 28, 2016, and no respond.**
- 4- Reached out to CUNY Collaborative Program April 28, 2016, Respond on April 28, 2016**
- 5- On May 24, 2016, I leaders and Board members of America Come Back to God Evangelistic Church Inc. located 550 Rockaway Avenue. Brooklyn, NY. 11212. I explained the proposed Charter school, the work scope and the estimated timeline for anticipated school's development. We also discuss the use of their Annex located at 822 Dumont Avenue. Brooklyn, NY. 11207.**
- 6- On June 16, 2016, met with Vanessa Cruz, Coordinator at Metropolitan College of New York, informing them of the Proposed Charter School, and becoming Partners.**
- 7- On May 12, 2016, met with Vinton Thompson, President of Metropolitan College of NY. And Patrick Inniello, PhD Director of the Master of Science in Education Program informing them of the Proposed Charter School, and becoming Partners.**
- 8- On June 2, 2016, Brooklyn Council of Churches to inform the the Council of the Proposed Charter School. Aprele Elliott, PhD Program Director.**
- 9- After each meeting. With local community leaders. It was an overwhelming support for our advance Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School's curriculum.**
- 10- On June 2, 2016 met with Detective Marcus Johnson at the 75<sup>th</sup> Precinct, He inform that I can speak at the next Community meeting September, 2016.**
- 11- On June 2, 2016 met with Councilwoman Inez Barron, representative and set up a meeting, to meet with her and discuss Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School.  
In September, 2016 we will target the diverse population, on below, or above grade level, taking a special interest in Special needs and at-risk students.**

## **PROPOSED – DR. CFG COLLEGE PREPATORY CHARTER SCHOOL**

### **BOARD, FOUNDER TEAM MEMBERS AND PARTNER ORGANIZATION**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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**AMERICA COME BACK TO GOD**

*EVANGELISTIC CHURCH, INC.*

*550 Rockaway Avenue*

*Brooklyn, N.Y. 11212*

*(718)922-9328*

*Overseer*

Pastor Ulysses Furr

*Secretary*

Dr. Fay Singleton

June 21, 2016

**To:** New York City Charter School

**Re:** Church's Board of Directors Meeting

DR. CFG COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear Sir/Madam:

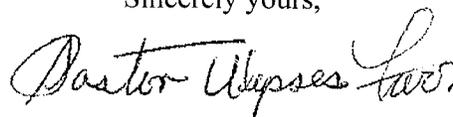
I am writing this letter in support of the Proposal that was submitted to you by Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore regarding the establishment of the Dr. CFG Preparatory Charter School. She met with the Board of Directors on May 24, 2016 and explained to us the entire work scope and estimated timeline for the anticipated School's development.

The College Preparatory Charter School will have a great impact in our community, as there is a need for advanced education and early College awareness. Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore has helped to advance students over the past eleven years as Principal, and seven years as Teacher at the America Come Back To God Christian Academy and the John and Herbert Furrs Christian Daycare Center. I have no doubt that Dr. Gilmore and the proposed CFG College Preparatory Charter School Board of Directors will continue to help shape the children's lives in our community.

Various members of the Board of Directors has agreed to housing the Charter School in our Annex facility which is located in District 19. Our Church building is located at 550 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11212 in the Brownsville section - District 23. The Annex building is located at 822 Dumont Avenue. Brooklyn, NY 11207 in the East New York section, District 19.

I am confident that the Church community will give their full support to the opening of the Charter School. We are also thankful for the services of Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore for truly she is an asset to our community.

Sincerely yours,

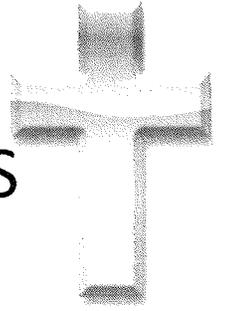


Pastor Ulysses Furr,  
President,  
*(Board of Trustees)*

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# BROOKLYN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

2448 Bedford Ave.  
Brooklyn, New York 11226



Pastor Susie M. Elliott, President

June 2, 2016

Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore  
145-42 226 Street  
Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

Dear Dr. Furrs Gilmore:

This note serves as confirmation that you are on the Agenda for the June 21<sup>st</sup> Brooklyn Council of Churches Board Meeting and Fellowship Luncheon. This meeting will be held at Mt. Paran Baptist Church 1665 Broadway at the corner of Schaefer at 1:00 P.M.

We understand that you are a representative of America Come Back to God and you will speak about Charter Schools.

Please comply with our presentation time specifications: 5 minutes.

We do look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely

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Aprele Elliott, Ph.D.  
Program Director

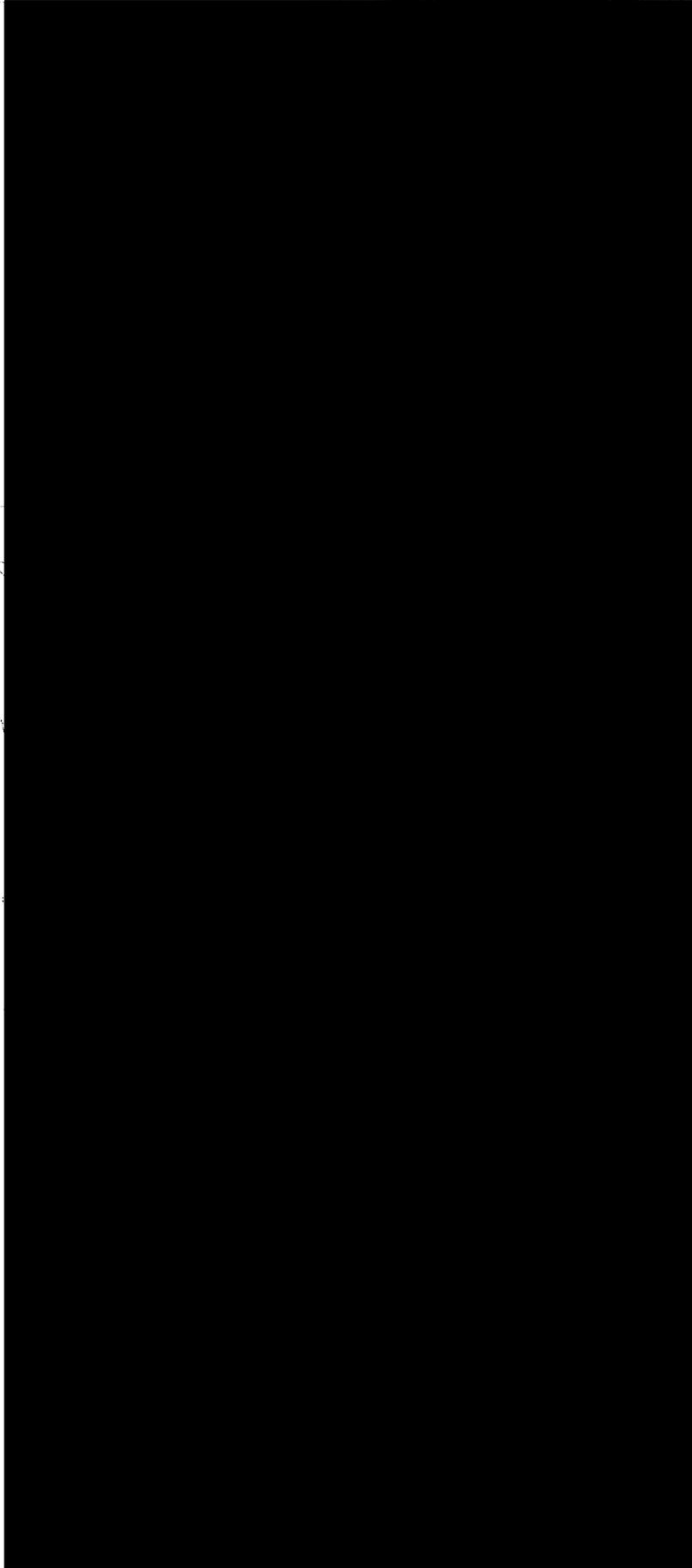
Brooklyn Council of Churches Attendance Sheet

Date: June 21, 2016

Name

Church/Organization

Contact Info




June 16, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Today I had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Furr-Gilmore to discuss her charter school. She explained the several aspects of the charter school, including the hiring of the interns by semester. She would also include the cost of the fingerprinting of the students in the budget, as most students would not be able to afford the fingerprinting. We look forward to sending our student-interns to Dr. Furr-Gilmore's new charter school.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 212-343-1234, ext. 2408.

Regards,



*Vanessa Cruz*  
Metropolitan College of New York  
Coordinator of Experiential Learning  
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**From:** Patrick Ianniello <Pianniello@mcny.edu>  
**To:** 'cindycindy926@aol.com' <cindycindy926@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Meeting at Metropolitan College of New York  
**Date:** Thu, May 12, 2016 2:45 pm

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Dear Dr. Cynthia Furr-Gilmore,

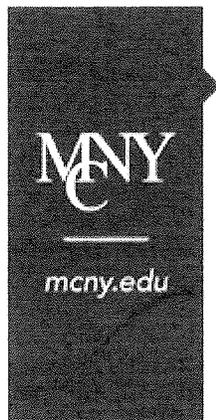
It was a pleasure meeting and talking with you during your visit to Metropolitan College of New York's new Manhattan Campus today.

I think it is very commendable that you are planning and applying for approval to open the *Dr. CFG College Preparatory Charter School* in the East New York community of Brooklyn as a middle school that focuses both on high academic standards and early college awareness for all students.

Thank you and please keep me posted about the progress of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick Ianniello



**Patrick Ianniello, Ph.D. | Director of the Master of Science in Education Program**

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Website: <http://www.mcny.edu>

April 28, 2016

Metropolitan College of New York  
60 West Street  
New York, New York. 10006

Dear Vinton Thompson, President

My name is Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore, Former Principal, Educational Director and Teacher.

I am an Alumni of Metropolitan College of New York, Student of 1987.

I am in the process of opening up a College Preparatory Charter School. I will like to make an appointment with you to discuss

partnership. This will be a great opportunity for internship for Metropolitan Students majoring in Education and an opportunity

for the Charter students to experience early college awareness.

Please have your secretary email or contact me at 917-202-5621, Cell or 718-527-7276, Evening.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Furrs-Gilmore

**From:** Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore <cindycindy926@aol.com>  
**To:** vthompson <vthompson@mcny.edu>  
**Cc:** icabrera <icabrera@mcny.edu>; Planniello <Planniello@mcny.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL  
**Date:** Fri, Apr 29, 2016 11:19 am

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Dear Vinton Thompson,

Good morning.

Thank you so much for responding. I look forward to meeting with you and your assistant Isabel Cabera. I can be reached at anytime.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Vinton Thompson <vthompson@mcny.edu>  
**To:** 'Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore' <cindycindy926@aol.com>  
**Cc:** Isabel Cabrera <icabrera@mcny.edu>; Patrick Ianniello <Planniello@mcny.edu>  
**Sent:** Thu, Apr 28, 2016 5:24 pm  
**Subject:** RE: COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear Cynthia,

How nice to hear from you. I would be pleased to welcome you for a visit and a tour of our brand new Manhattan Campus. Regarding partnerships, I will refer you to the head of our MSED program, Dr. Patrick Ianniello, for further discussion of what might or might not be possible. Right now our program is small and we already have a set of good, established partner schools for practice teaching/field experience.

I'm copying my assistant Isabel Cabrera who can work with you to schedule a visit shortly.

Best regards,

Vinton Thompson



**Vinton Thompson | President**  
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**Subject:** COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

**AMERICA COME BACK TO GOD**

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June 21, 2016

**To:** New York City Charter School

**Re:** Church's Board of Directors Meeting

**DR. CFG COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL**

Dear Sir/Madam:

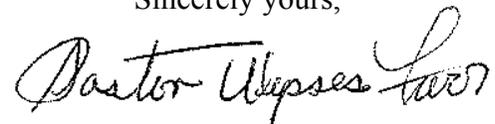
I am writing this letter in support of the Proposal that was submitted to you by Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore regarding the establishment of the Dr. CFG Preparatory Charter School. She met with the Board of Directors on May 24, 2016 and explained to us the entire work scope and estimated timeline for the anticipated School's development.

The College Preparatory Charter School will have a great impact in our community, as there is a need for advanced education and early College awareness. Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore has helped to advance students over the past eleven years as Principal, and seven years as Teacher at the America Come Back To God Christian Academy and the John and Herbert Furrs Christian Daycare Center. I have no doubt that Dr. Gilmore and the proposed CFG College Preparatory Charter School Board of Directors will continue to help shape the children's lives in our community.

Various members of the Board of Directors has agreed to housing the Charter School in our Annex facility which is located in District 19. Our Church building is located at 550 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11212 in the Brownsville section - District 23. The Annex building is located at 822 Dumont Avenue. Brooklyn, NY 11207 in the East New York section, District 19.

I am confident that the Church community will give their full support to the opening of the Charter School. We are also thankful for the services of Dr. Cynthia Furrs-Gilmore for truly she is an asset to our community.

Sincerely yours,



Pastor Ulysses Furr,  
President,  
(Board of Trustees)

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