

## Vickie Smith

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**From:** Vickie Smith  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 1:23 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Vickie Smith  
**Subject:** RE: Second round limitation

Dear Ms. Lee,

I want to acknowledge receipt of your comments concerning the Department's 2015 RFP and Application Kit. Your comments will be reviewed and considered. Thank you,

Vickie Smith, Coordinator  
New School Development

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**From:** CHARTERSCHOOLS  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:44 PM  
**To:** Vickie Smith  
**Subject:** Fw: Second round limitation

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:09 PM  
**To:** Joe Klein; CHARTERSCHOOLS  
**Cc:** Janise Beguhl [REDACTED]; Bryan Hickman ([REDACTED])  
**Subject:** RE: Second round limitation

Hi Joe,

Here is a draft of what I would post on the comment:

Dear Authorizers,

I am writing on behalf of The Anew School, an innovative charter school model that seeks to transform the lives of students from Rochester. It has come to our attention that this year your second round for charter school applications may be limited to replication applicants. We are petitioning you to reconsider this decision. As I'm sure you're aware, the application process is an involved one, which will require us to gain community support and demonstrate the benefit of our unique model. We wish to present you with our strongest possible application, and consequently will not be able to submit in your first cycle. If you limit your applicant pool, we will not have the opportunity to apply this year, and may be forced to find another state to launch our school. We see great synergy for our model in the State of New York, specifically in Rochester, which has received national attention for its struggles in educating Black boys. As a recipient of the Echoing Green Black Male Achievement fellowship, I have received extensive support and training to bring a viable school model to Rochester than

can contribute to the change agency that has already begun in the city. The Anew School asks for a chance to present our application in Round 2.

Sincerely,  
Alexandria Lee  
Founder and CEO  
The Anew School

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Subject: Second round limitation

From: Joe Klein <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, January 20, 2015 1:52 pm

To: "[charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov)" <[charterschools@nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@nysed.gov)>

Cc: "Janise Beguhl ([REDACTED])  
<[REDACTED]>, "Bryan Hickman  
[REDACTED]"

Dear Authorizers,

I would like to comment on possible limitations on the second round for schools proposed to open in 2016. I believe it would be harmful to recruiting high-performing charter schools to Rochester if Round 2 were limited to high quality replication applications from existing charter operators with a proven track record of success in New York State and/or other states.

In 2014, two non-replication charters applied for the second round through NYSED. Vertus Charter School and Renaissance Arts Academy Charter School were both approved in the second round, and they are both performing very well. I have been privileged to visit both schools, and they are both wonderful learning environments for their students.

Our organization, E3 Rochester, is recruiting other high-quality charter schools to open in Rochester in 2016. The schools we are recruiting are a mix of replications and new schools. Rochester vitally needs high-quality schools and an unrestricted second round will help us recruit exceptional schools.

Thank you,

Joe Klein

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