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To: School District in which the proposed charter school may be located and the Charter Public and Nonpublic Schools in the Same Geographic Area as the Proposed Charter School (see proposed school and district below)
From: New York State Education Department Charter School Office (on behalf of the NYS Board of Regents)
Re: Notice of Receipt of and Pending Action on Charter School Application(s)
Date: August 29, 2012

This notice is to inform you that on July 31, 2012, the New York State Board of Regents received an application to establish a charter school in the following district:

WARWICK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINISINK VALLEY CSD
FLORIDA UFSD

Details of this Charter School application include:

Proposed Charter School: Developing Innovative Rural Thinking (DIRT) Charter School
Lead Applicant(s): Shannon Hockswender
Proposed Management Company: NA
Proposed Partner(s): NA
Proposed District: WARWICK VALLEY CSD, MINISINK VALLEY CSD AND FLORIDA UFSD
Anticipated Opening Date: September 2013

Proposed grade levels and number of students for this Charter School are as follows:

For Each Year of Initial Charter Term	Proposed Grade Levels	Proposed Number of Students
Year 1	K-5	206
Year 2	K-6	250
Year 3	K-6	250
Year 4	K-6	250
Year 5	K-6	250

The application above is being reviewed for possible action at the December 2012 meeting of the Board of Regents. Full application materials may be viewed at www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter.

Please note that pursuant to Education Law section 2857(1) and 8 NYCRR 119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/publichearing.html>), the school district of location is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community in connection with the foregoing applications. This hearing, which is required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the charter school, must be held within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Please provide the following required documentation:

1. A copy of the public hearing notice must be provided to the Charter School Office at the time of dissemination.
2. Written confirmation that this hearing was held must be sent to the Charter School Office no later than the next business day following the hearing.
3. Copies of any and all written records or comments generated from this hearing must be sent to the Charter School Office within 15 business days after the hearing.

The documentation listed above should be submitted electronically to charterschools@mail.nysed.gov (the subject line of the email should include Public Hearing).

In addition, the Board of Regents welcomes your comments on the proposed charter school, including those related to the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school on other public and non-public schools in the area. Comments should be submitted to charterschools@mail.nysed.gov or the physical mailing address in the letterhead of this memo. The subject line of the email should read: School District response to charter school application.