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**VIA EMAIL**  
December 16, 2010

Mr. Morty Ballen  
Lead Applicant  
Explore Excel Charter School  
155 Water Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Mr. Ballen:

The Board of Regents, at its full board meeting on December 14, 2010, voted to approve and issue the initial charter for Explore Excel Charter School, submitted by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York.

The material terms of the initial charter include the following:

Name of Proposed Charter School	Explore Excel Charter School
Lead Applicant(s)	Morty Ballen
Management Company	Explore Schools, Inc.
Other Partner(s)	None
District of Location	New York: CSD 17 or 18
Opening Date	August 2011
Grade Levels/Number of Students	Opening with 168 students in K – 2nd grade and growing to include 396 students in K – 6th grade
Initial Charter Term	December 14, 2010 up through and including December 13, 2015

To view the full item that was acted on by the Board of Regents, please visit <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2010Meetings/December2010/1210monthmat.html#P12>.

Congratulations to you and the founding Board of Trustee members. I look forward to working with you as you continue to develop and offer high quality educational opportunities for students in New York State.

If you have any questions, please contact the New York State Education Department Charter School Office at (518) 474-1762.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally Bachofer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sally Bachofer

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