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**VIA EMAIL**

March 7, 2012

Superintendent Bernard P. Pierorazio  
Yonkers Public Schools  
One Larkin Center  
Yonkers, New York 10701

Dear Superintendent Pierorazio:

This notice is to inform you that on February 27, 2012, the New York State Board of Regents received an application to establish a charter school within the Yonkers Public School District. Details of this application include:

Name of Proposed Charter School	Westchester Academy of Science Charter School
Lead Applicant(s)	Mehmet Ozhaves
Proposed Management Company	None identified
Proposed Partner(s)	None identified
Proposed District of Location	Yonkers Public School District
Anticipated Opening Date	August 2013
Proposed Grade Levels/Number of Students per each Year of Initial Charter Term	2013-2014: Grades 6-8 216 students 2014-2015: Grades 6-9 240 students 2015-2016: Grades 6-10 360 students 2016-2017: Grades 6-11 432 students 2017-2018: Grades 6-12 504 students

This application is being reviewed for possible action at the June 2012 meeting of the Board of Regents. Full application materials may be viewed at [www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter](http://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.

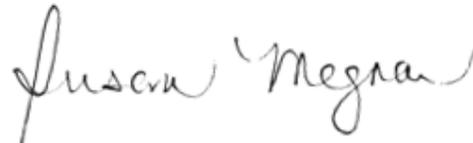
1. A copy of the public hearing notice must be provided to the Charter School Office at the time of dissemination.
2. No later than the next business day following the hearing, written confirmation that this hearing was held must be sent to the Charter School Office.
3. Copies of any and all written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

All documentation listed above should be submitted electronically to [charterschools@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@mail.nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should include the *Westchester Academy of Science Charter School Public Hearing*).

In addition, Yonkers Public Schools has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school(s) on traditional public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than April 23, 2012 to [charterschools@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@mail.nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should read: *Yonkers Public School District response to Westchester Academy of Science Charter School application*).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-1762 or [smegna@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:smegna@mail.nysed.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Susan Megna  
Charter School Office

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