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April 22, 2011

James Willis, Superintendent
Utica City School District
106 Memorial Parkway
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Mr. Willis:

This notice is to inform you that on March 31, 2011, the New York State Board of Regents received an application to establish a charter school in the Utica City School District. Details of the application include:

Name of Proposed Charter School	Mohawk Valley Charter School for Excellence
Lead Applicant(s)	Dr. Andy Lopez-Williams
Proposed Management Company	None identified
Other Proposed Partner(s)	None identified
Proposed District of Location	Utica City School District
Anticipated Opening Date	August 27, 2012
Proposed Grade Levels/Number of Students per each Year of Initial Charter Term	2012-2013: Grades K,1 150 students 2013-2014: Grades K-2 225 students 2014-2015: Grades K-3 300 students 2015-2016: Grades K-4 375 students 2016-2017: Grades K-5 450 students

The application is being reviewed for possible action at the September 2011 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 application. 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.

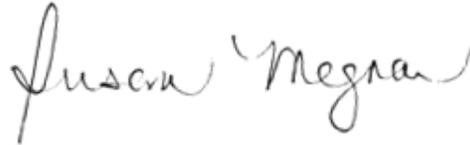
2. No later than the next business day following the hearing, written confirmation that this hearing was held must be sent to the Charter School Office.
3. Copies of any and all written records or comments generated from this hearing must be sent to the Charter School Office within 15 business days after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

All documentation listed above should be submitted electronically to charterschools@mail.nysed.gov (the subject line of the email should include the *Mohawk Valley Charter School for Excellence Public Hearing*).

In addition, the Utica City School District has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school on traditional public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than June 3, 2011 to charterschools@mail.nysed.gov (the subject line of the email should read: *Utica City School District response to Mohawk Valley Charter School for Excellence application*).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kimberly Santiago, Lead Reviewer at (518) 474-1762 or ksantiag@mail.nysed.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Megna".

Susan Megna
Charter School Office

c: Superintendents of public schools within county
Principals/Heads of public and non-public schools within county