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VIA EMAIL

October 5, 2011

Ms. Amber M. Dixon, Interim Superintendent
Buffalo City School District
712 City Hall
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Interim Superintendent Dixon:

This notice is to inform you that the New York State Board of Regents received two proposed renewal charter applications. Both the Pinnacle Charter School and the Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School submitted applications. It is anticipated that they will be considered by the Board of Regents at its January 9-10, 2012 meeting. Details of these requests are provided in the enclosed chart.

Please note that pursuant to Education Law section 2857(1) and 8 NYCRR 119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/csreg119.4.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 (subject line: *Renewal: Name of CS: Public Hearing*).

The Buffalo City School District has the right to comment to the Board of Regents on this proposed renewal charter application. All such comments should be submitted to charterschools@mail.nysed.gov (subject line: *Renewal: BCSD response to Name of CS*).

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 cursive script that reads "Susan Gibbons".

Susan Gibbons
Regional Liaison

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cc: Superintendents of public schools within county
Principals/Heads of public and non-public schools within county
Dr, Murat Demirbas
Richard Stanton
Cliff Chuang

Name of Charter School	Pinnacle Charter School
Terms and Dates of Charter	Second Renewal Charter: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2011 – 2012: Grades K-8: 560 students
Current Year of Operation	2011 – 2012: Ninth Year of Operation
Lead Applicant(s)	Richard Stanton, BoT President
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
District of Location	Buffalo City School District
Proposed Renewal Charter New Material Term	Third Renewal Term: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017
New Grade Levels	2012-2013: Grades K-8 2013-2014: Grades K-8 2014-2015: Grades K-8 2015-2016: Grades K-8 2016-2017: Grades K-8
New Enrollment	2012-2013: 560 students 2013-2014: 560 students 2014-2015: 560 students 2015-2016: 560 students 2016-2017: 560 students

Name of Charter School	Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School
Terms and Dates of Charter	First Renewal Charter: January 12, 2009 – June 30, 2012
Current Grade(s) and Approved Enrollment	2011 – 2012: Grades 7-12: 400 students
Current Year of Operation	2011 – 2012: Eighth Year of Operation
Lead Applicant(s)	Dr. Murat Demirbas, BoT President
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
District of Location	Buffalo City School District
Proposed Renewal Charter New Material Term	Second Renewal: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017
New Grade Levels	2012-2013: Grades 7-12 2013-2014: Grades 7-12 2014-2015: Grades 7-12 2015-2016: Grades 7-12 2016-2017: Grades 7-12
New Enrollment	2012-2013: 400 students 2013-2014: 400 students 2014-2015: 400 students 2015-2016: 400 students 2016-2017: 400 students