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July 26, 2012

Dr. Bolgen Vargas, Superintendent
Rochester City School District
131 West Broad Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Dear Superintendent Vargas:

This notice is to inform you that the New York State Board of Regents received a proposed renewal charter application from Rochester Academy Charter School. It is anticipated that it will be considered by the Board of Regents at its January 14-15, 2013 meeting. Details of this request 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: Rochester Academy Charter School Public Hearing).

The Rochester City School District has the right to comment to the Board of Regents on this proposed renewal charter. All such comments should be submitted to the Charter Schools mailbox: charterschools@mail.nysed.gov (subject line: Renewal: RCSD response to Rochester Academy Charter School).

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 "Patti Anderson".

Patti Anderson
CSO Liaison

Enc.

cc: Superintendents of public schools within county
Principals/Heads of public and non-public schools within county
Mahmut Gedemenli, BoT President, Rochester Academy Charter School
Cliff Chuang, Director, Charter School Office
Corina Chavez, Performance Oversight Coordinator, Charter School Office

Name of Charter School	Rochester Academy Charter School
Terms and Dates of Charter	First Charter: January 15, 2008 – January 14, 2013
Current Grades(s) and Approved Enrollment	2011 – 2012: Grades 7-12: 360 students
Current Year of Operation	2011 – 2012: Fourth Year of Operation
Lead Applicant(s)	Mahmut Gedemenli, BoT President
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	N/A
District of Location	Rochester City School District
Proposed Charter Renewal New Material Term	First Renewal Charter: January 15, 2013 – June 30, 2017
New Grade Levels	2012-2013: Grades 7-12 2013-2014: Grades K, 6-12 2014-2015: Grades K, 1, 5-12 2015-2016: Grades K-12 2016-2017: Grades K-12
New Enrollment	2012-2013: 360 students 2013-2014: 495 students 2014-2015: 595 students 2015-2016: 735 students 2016-2017: 735 students