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To: Charter School Principals

From: Ira Schwartz, Assistant Commissioner 

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Subject: Release of Accountability Determinations Based on 2012–13 School Year Results

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about the release of accountability determinations based on the 2012–13 New York State Accountability Report.

On August 14, 2014, the Department will post final accountability designation data based on 2012-13 school year assessment results at:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/ESEADesignations.html>.

The list containing the preliminary accountability statuses of all charters, including those identified as Focus and Priority Schools, LAP, and Reward Schools is posted to the IRS portal at <http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/page/pref/PortalApp>. The 2012-13 assessment data used to determine the accountability statuses of schools and districts is available in the New York State Report Card at: <https://reportcards.nysed.gov/>. For your reference, the criteria for identification of Priority Schools, Focus Districts, Focus Schools, LAP and Reward Schools can be found at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/ESEAMaterials.html>.

Each charter school identified as a Focus School or Priority School shall take such actions as are required by Article 56 of New York State's Charter Schools Act as formalized through the charter agreement and accountability oversight protocols that each charter school enters into with its authorizer, and as determined by the charter school's board of trustees in consultation with the charter school's authorizer. Sanctions for identified Focus Charter Schools and Priority Charter Schools may include the charter authorizer placing the school's charter on watch, warning or probation status; or revocation or non-renewal of a school's charter due to poor academic performance.

Please Note: Some of the accountability provisions of state accountability system do not apply to public charter schools in New York State. Please read all guidance carefully, and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Charter Schools Office at charterschools@mail.nysed.gov or the Office of Accountability at accountinfo@mail.nysed.gov.

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