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September 30, 2010

Dr. Welton Sawyer  
Superintendent of Schools  
Mount Vernon City School District  
165 North Columbus Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10553

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

This notice is to inform you that on September 22, 2010, the New York State Board of Regents received an application for a proposed new charter school in Mount Vernon City School District. The proposed school is:

**AMANI CHARTER SCHOOL**

Proposed grade levels: Grades 5 through 8  
Proposed number of students (full enrollment): 320  
Name of lead applicant: Stephanie McCain

This application is being reviewed for possible action at the December 2010 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), the New York City Department of Education is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community, in connection with the foregoing applications. As per 8 NYCRR 119.4 (which became effective on July 31, 2007), this hearing, which is required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the above charter school, must be held within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, and written confirmation that this hearing was held must be sent to the New York State Education Department Charter School Office no later than the business day next following the hearing. Copies of any and all written records or comments generated from this hearing, if any, should also be sent to the Charter School Office within 15 business days after the hearing. Please let my office know when this hearing will be held by forwarding a copy of the hearing to the Charter School Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Megna, Charter School Office, at (518) 474-1762.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sally Bachofer".

Sally Bachofer

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- Superintendents of public schools within area