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To: New York State Charter School Leaders and Board Chairs †
From: Cliff Chuang, Director, Charter School Office
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Subject: Updates from NYSED

I apologize for the long delay in direct communication to you, and hope that the 2011-2012 school year has started off well. Please find several updates and reminders for your consideration below.

• **New Online NYSED Resources and Updates:**

- EngageNY.org will serve as the primary information hub for three central components of the Regents PreK-12 public education Reform Agenda: Common Core standards, data-driven instruction, and the State's new teacher and principal evaluation system. The site is the go-to resource for the Network Teams: the dozens of curriculum, data and instructional experts who will be providing turnkey professional development to 715 of our State's participating districts and charter schools around these reforms.
- <https://eservices.nysed.gov/srr/> is a new web-based system for **2011-2012 School Reporting Requirements**. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments about the items on this system.
- Please note the updates related to **2011-2012 NYS assessment materials and testing schedules** at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/>.
- Please note that there is a new website for **New York State Report Cards**: <https://reportcards.nysed.gov/>
- The **NYSED Charter School Office 2011-2016 Strategic Plan** is now posted at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/documents/CSOStrategicPlanJuly2011.pdf>
- Information about **October 5, 2011 BEDS Day Reporting** which is due on Friday, October 28, 2011, can be found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/beds/>. There are some significant changes this year, so please review this information carefully. To assist, two informational webinars (presenting the same information) with staff from the Department's Information and Reporting Services Office are being held to provide additional information about BEDS reporting for charter schools.
 - *Tue. 10/18/11 at 12 p.m.:* New York City-focused, hosted by the NYC Charter School Center. To register for this webinar, please email chornick-becker@nyccharterschools.org.
 - *Fri. 10/21/11 at 1 p.m.:* Hosted by NYSED. Register at <http://www.forms2.nysed.gov/p12/psc/BSQ.cfm>
- **2010-2011 Charter School Annual Report – Submission of Progress Toward Charter and Financial Statements Due Nov. 1, 2011.** Please remember to submit these final components according to the instructions at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/form.html>. For schools authorized by SUNY, *Accountability Plan Progress Reports* should have already been submitted to SUNY per their instructions. Please be sure to send a copy to NYSED at charterschools@mail.nysed.gov. Please remember that the NYS Charter Schools Act requires that each school post its annual report on its website.
- **Board of Regents Action and Discussion at the September 2011 P12 Committee Meeting.** Welcome to the 21 new charter schools issued charters last month (12 authorized by the SUNY trustees, 9 authorized by the Board of Regents). The Charter School Office also provided an update on several key policy items. See <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2011Meetings/September2011/911monthmat.html#P12> and <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2011Meetings/September2011/911p12educationcommitteereport.html>.
- **Uniform Application.** Guidance related to uniform application for admission to a charter school is in the final stages of review and should be forthcoming shortly. Thank you for your patience.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 518-474-1762 or charterschools@mail.nysed.gov. Thank you.

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