



PHASE I: Letter of Intent

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Basic Contact and Application Information

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Applicant groups and Existing Education Corporations interested in submitting an application to establish Regents-authorized charter schools are asked to complete this brief information sheet. The Department will use this information to plan and coordinate peer review panels with appropriate expertise to evaluate all application materials.

Please indicate whether an Applicant Group (operates no charter schools to date) or an Existing Education Corporation (operates a least one charter school) is submitting this Round 1 Letter of Intent.

Applicant Group LOI to establish a single, new charter school

Proposed Charter School Name

(Please write out the full name for the proposed charter school, and include the words "charter" and "school" in the proposed name(s)).

School Name	Hudson Valley Military Charter School Academy
Grades Served (K-5, .6-8, 9-12, etc.) During Initial Term	6-8
Max Number of Students During Initial Term	400

Proposed or Current Board Chair and Public Contact information, including mailing address, phone number, and email address.

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	First and Last Name	Best Phone Number (###-###-####)	Email Address
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Proposed/Current Board Chair	Michael Clavin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Public/Media Contact Person	Michael Clavin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

List of Key Design Elements

(Integral to the school model, these elements should be reflected throughout the application)

1	Clear and shared focus.
2	High Standards and expectations.
3	Effective school leadership.
4	Leadership skills.
5	Alignment with standards.
6	Supportive learning environment.
7	Focused professional development.
8	Collaboration and communication.
9	Bilingual.
10	At risk students accepted.

If available, please provide the URL to the website established for the proposed school or existing education corporation.

(No response)

Proposed Management and/or Partner Organization(s), such as a charter or educational management company or a university, academic program partner, or whole school change partner.

(Refer to the application kit for definitions and guidance as only "substantial" partnerships should be listed here).

Proposed Management Company	(No response)
Partner Organization 1	New York Military Academy.
Partner Organization 2	Dutchess Community College

Proposed Board Chair Signature

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A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "M. J. ...". The first part of the signature is a stylized "M" followed by a period and "J.". The second part is a large, sweeping flourish that ends in a sharp downward stroke.

Date

2016/06/28

Thank you for completing this form.

LETTER OF INTENT:

I understand that this letter and any other general application documentation that I submit will be posted in the NYSED website and made accessible to the public. Personal contact information will not be posted. (Media contact information for each application will be posted separately).

Date of Submission June 20, 2016

Name of proposed school (the words "charter" and "school" must appear in the proposed school name): Hudson Valley Military Charter Academy

Conversion from an existing public school Yes No

Lead Applicant or authorizes representative Michael J. Clavin

Media Contact (if different from Lead Applicant) [REDACTED]

Media Contact (for Spanish speakers) Maria Luisa Federici

Media Contact email [REDACTED]

Media Contact email (for Spanish) [REDACTED]

Media Contact phone number [REDACTED]

Media Contact phone number (for Spanish) [REDACTED]

District or CSD in which the school will be located Cornwall Central School District

Physical address of the school (if known) 78 Academy Drive, Cornwall on Hudson, N. Y.

Composition of founding group (e.g. parents, teachers, non-profits) administrators, educators, politicians, business professionals, community advocate, parents

Proposed opening date (school year for which the school intends to open) : Fall 2017-2018.

If later opening date is anticipate, please indicate the school year: Fall 2017-2018

Total Projected Grade Levels and Enrollment

Grade Levels Served: 6 – 8

Projected Enrollment: 400

Are you planning to work with a charter management organization (CMO)? Yes No

If so please indicate the name of the CMO.

Are you planning to work with a partner organization (such as a university, academic program partner, or whole school change mode)? Yes__ No_X

If so, please indicate the name of the organization _____

Is this proposed school part of an existing network of charter schools? Yes__ No_X

If so, please indicate the name o the charter school network _____

Have you ever applied to this or another charter entity to open this proposed school or another charter school? Yes __ No_X

If so, please indicate the date the application (was/were submitted and to which charter entity (use additional lines as necessary) :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Michael J. Clavin

Signature of Lead Applicant or Authorized Representative

June 16, 2016

PROPOSAL HISTORY:

This is the first application for our founding group and we began the planning strategy in the summer of 2015. We have secured a site for the school and will collaborate with the school for New York Military Academy, a 9-12 preparatory school.

CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

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| a) NAME | Hudson Valley Charter School Academy |
| b) LOCATION | Cornwall-on-Hudson |
| c) PLANNED GRADES AND ENROLLMENT | 6-8 400 |

We will begin with 60 grade 6 students, and will add one grade level per year until reaching the full projected enrollment of 400 students in grades 6 to 8.

PARTNER ORGANIZATION:

The school will receive support from New York Military Academy in the form of the use of their campus for instruction, cafeteria, Auditorium and athletic facilities. NYMA will not manage the school nor provide our school with significant support of day –to- day operations.

SCHOOL MISSION: The mission of the Hudson Valley Military Charter Academy is to develop our cadets in mind, body and character to prepare them for further education and to be effective leaders and responsible citizens. Inherent in the mission are the four pillars of success:

- Academics: Developing a desire for knowledge.
- Leadership: Real life leadership Lab.
- Athletics: Installing a lifelong appreciation for wellness
- Character: Doing the right thing.

We will have a clear and shared focus with high standards and expectations for all students. There will be effective school leadership, high levels of collaboration and communication and focused Professional Development. The environment will support learning with curriculum, instruction and assessment aligned with standards. Teaching and learning will be monitored on a frequent basis and we will have high levels of family and community involvement.

TARGET POPULATION:

The Hudson Valley Military Charter Academy will be located in the Cornwall Central School District and will reach out to students not only from that population, but from the cities of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, as well. Students residing in Cornwall on Hudson will be given a preference in our lottery process. We will offer a quality education which will emphasize leadership skill, to a socially diverse population as well as to those students deemed “at risk”. The HV Military Charter Academy will reach out to the Latino families in all three districts, and will offer ESL instruction. We intend to afford students from failing school districts the unique opportunity for a well rounded education that will assess and strive to meet the specific needs of each child.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

The planning committee has reached out to the Cornwall on Hudson, City of Newburgh and City of Poughkeepsie Communities to create an awareness of our school and solicit feedback about our proposed Academy. We have had conversations with representatives from the office of Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney and Assemblyman Kiernan Lalor. They are very excited about the prospect of our Military Charter Academy and Assemblyman Lalor has volunteered to serve on the Board of Trustees.

We have begun the process of engaging parents and family members directly, as well as local community advocates, and we intend to conduct a meeting for interested community members in mid-July.

There will be a high demand for our Charter Academy and in conjunction with the lack of options in our proposal areas, we anticipate a very high level of interest in our program.

PROPOSED BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Assemblyman Kiernan Lalor: will join the Board.

Joanne Mejias: Former Superintendent in the NYCDOE, creator of a NYC Charter School and currently special liaison to Chancellor Farina.

Steven Diamond: Attorney in Wappingers Falls.

Sheriff Butch Anderson: Dutchess County Sheriff, he is seriously considering joining the Board.

Dr. Hansraj: Orthopedic Specialist, Poughkeepsie. Seriously considering joining the Board.

One Military Specialist: TBD.

Mr. Larry Elting: Businessman, considering the position.

APPLICANT GROUP MEMBER NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
	Ian Abramson	[REDACTED]
	Michael Clavin	[REDACTED]
	Maria Luisa Federici Clavin	[REDACTED]
	Kiernan Lalor	
	Joanne Mejias	[REDACTED]
	Steven Diamond	

TABLE 1: APPLICANT GROUP INFORMATION***Minimum of 5 members must be designated as Trustees**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND ROLE ON APPLICANT GROUP (Key Words)	PROPOSED ROLE (if any) (Trustee, Employee, Consultant, or None)	PROPOSED POSITION ON THE BOARD (e.g., officer, trustee, or constituent representative)
NYU Law School Professor	Legal - Real Estate	Trustee	President
NYCDOE Administrator	Education	Director	
Teacher/Economist	Finances	Financial Director	
Assemblyman		Trustee	Trustee
NYCDOE Consultant		Trustee	Trustee
Attorney		Trustee	Trustee

LENGTH OF INITIAL TERM	VOTING MEMBER (YES OR NO)
1 year	Yes
3 years	Yes
3 years	No
3 years	Yes
3 years	Yes
3 years	Yes

**HUDSON VALLEY MILITARY
CHARTER SCHOOL ACADEMY**

PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 14th AT 6 PM

NYMA MESS HALL

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