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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: NYSED Charter School Office Update

Please consider the following items and respond as appropriate. I look forward to meeting many of you in May during the Policy Forums described below.

- **SAVE THE DATES! Charter School Policy Forums.** As noted in my prior update, we are in the process of developing guidance and policies related to the implementation of the NYS Charter Schools Act as amended in May 2010. We have planned a series of forums around the state in order to solicit feedback from charter school operators on several issues, including the mission and vision of the NYSED Charter School Office, lottery regulations and uniform application forms, replication/consolidations/mergers, and annual report format. Charter school board members, leaders, and staff who can speak to these issues are welcome to attend. If space becomes an issue, we may ask each school to select 1 or 2 representatives, though we will let you know if this is necessary as registration gets underway. These forums will be held in the following locations and times:
  - Wed., May 18, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Niagara Charter School, Niagara
  - Thu., May 19, 4:30 – 6 p.m., New York City Charter School Center, New York City
  - Tue., May 24, 4:30 – 6 p.m., New York State Education Department, Albany
  - Fri., May 27, 11:30 – 1 p.m., Webinar

We will send out online registration information shortly.

- **Charter school tuition rates** for each district for the 2011-12 school year are now posted at: [https://stateaid.nysed.gov/charter/html\\_docs/charter\\_1112\\_final.htm](https://stateaid.nysed.gov/charter/html_docs/charter_1112_final.htm). As many of you know, the 2011-12 rate will be the same as the rate used during the current 2010-11 school year.
- **NYSED CSO Website Updates:**
  - Charter school laws and regulations are now posted at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/law.html>
  - An article featuring the dissemination practices of the Westminister Community Charter School in Buffalo is now posted at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/SuccessfulPractices.htm>
  - Information about the 36 full applications received in response to the 2011 NYSED Charter School RFP can be found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/2011CSFullApplications.html>

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