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April 22, 2011

Dr. James Williams, Superintendent  
 Buffalo Public Schools  
 712 City Hall  
 Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Dr. Williams:

This notice is to inform you that on March 31, 2011, the New York State Board of Regents received two applications to establish two charter schools in the Buffalo Public Schools district. Details of the two applications include:

Name of Proposed Charter School	Wisteria Charter School	
Lead Applicant(s)	Dana Kemp	
Proposed Management Company	None identified	
Other Proposed Partner(s)	None identified	
Proposed District of Location	Buffalo Public Schools	
Anticipated Opening Date	September 2012	
Proposed Grade Levels/Number of Students per each Year of Initial Charter Term	2012-2013: Grades K-4	125 students
	2013-2014: Grades K-5	150 students
	2014-2015: Grades K-6	175 students
	2015-2016: Grades K-7	200 students
	2016-2017: Grades K-8	225 students

Name of Proposed Charter School	Southwest Key Charter School	
Lead Applicant(s)	Juan Sanchez	
Proposed Management Company	None identified	
Other Proposed Partner(s)	Southwest Key Programs	
Proposed District of Location	Buffalo Public Schools	
Anticipated Opening Date	August 27, 2012	
Proposed Grade Levels/Number of Students per each Year of Initial Charter Term	2012-2013: Grades K, 1, 5	132 students
	2013-2014: Grades K-3,5,6	248 students
	2014-2015: Grades K-3,5-7	364 students
	2015-2016: Grades K-8	480 students
	2016-2017: Grades K-9	560 students

These two applications are being reviewed for possible action at the September 2011 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) and 8 NYCRR 119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/publichearing.html>), the school district of location is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community in connection with the foregoing applications. This hearing, which is required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the charter school, must be held within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

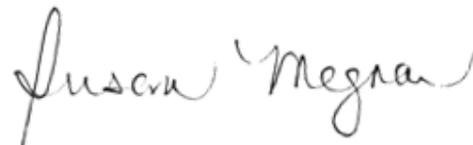
1. A copy of the public hearing notice must be provided to the Charter School Office at the time of dissemination.
2. No later than the next business day following the hearing, written confirmation that this hearing was held must be sent to the Charter School Office.
3. Copies of any and all written records or comments generated from this hearing must be sent to the Charter School Office within 15 business days after the hearing.

All documentation listed above should be submitted electronically to [charterschools@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@mail.nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should include the NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL *Public Hearing*).

In addition, the Buffalo Public Schools district has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school(s) on traditional public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than June 3, 2011 to [charterschools@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@mail.nysed.gov) (the subject line of the email should read: *Buffalo Public Schools response to NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL application*).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-1762 or [smegna@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:smegna@mail.nysed.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Megna".

Susan Megna  
Charter School Office

c: Superintendents of public schools within county  
Principals/Heads of public and non-public schools within county