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To: New York State Charter School Leaders and Board Chairs †  
From: Cliff Chuang, Director, Charter School Office  
Date: July 25, 2011  
Subject: Great News and Updates

Some great news to share: **New York was one of only 2 states to be awarded a 5-year federal Charter Schools Program Grant for 2011-2016 in the amount of \$113 million total, with \$28 million for 2011-12.** Please see the press release at:

<http://www.oms.nysed.gov/press/CharterSchGrant.113Million.html>. Thank you to all those in the field who do the hard work day in and day out that has established New York state's reputation for having a robust charter school sector which offers high quality public school options for families. As we get the full details, we will be providing more information about how to access these funds and the new opportunities ahead.

Other updates, news, and reminders:

- **SEDREF Update:** If you haven't already done so, please respond to NYSED's Information and Reporting Services annual request to update your public school directory information for our SED Reference File (SEDREF) which serves as the authoritative guide for processing information for the statewide student data warehouse, the Basic Educational Data System, the exam ordering system and a host of other SED applications. The listserv used to send out this email is also populated by SEDREF (see footnote). A listing of the current SEDREF information on file was sent out to each charter school in early June. Please return this document (**even if no changes were made**) to the New York State Education Department, Information and Reporting Services, Room 863 EBA, Albany, NY 12234, fax to (518) 402-5361 or (518) 474-4351 as soon as possible, but no later than **July 8, 2011**. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Mitchell (518) 474-7965 or e-mail [dataquest@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:dataquest@mail.nysed.gov). Thank you for your cooperation.
- **NYS Charter School Stimulus Grant Update:** The SUNY Charter Schools Institute has amended its **2011-12 RFP for NYS Charter School Stimulus Fund Grants (T002196)**. The deadline has been extended to August 10, 2011 and the revised RFP is posted at <http://newyorkcharters.org/documents/RFP002196SSFCCharterSchoolGrants2011-12rev.pdf>
- **Charter Schools Program Grants for Replication and Expansion (CFDA 84.282M):** A grant opportunity for charter schools or charter management organizations considering replication. There is a pre-application webinar/workshop from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on July 25, 2011. The grant is due August 11, 2011. Full details can be found at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/charter-rehqcs/2011/application-package.pdf>
- **July Enrollment Reconciliation due on July 31, 2011:** On or before the last day of July, each charter school shall provide a final report of actual enrollment to the department and to each school district with resident pupils attending the charter school in the prior school year. For each student with a disability attending such charter school, such report shall also indicate the level of special programs or services actually provided directly or indirectly to such student by the charter school and the annual cost incurred by the charter school in providing such special programs or services. Please

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† **Ongoing Request: Update Your SEDREF Information.** If the appropriate persons are not receiving this email, please check that your publicly-displayed information on NYSED's SEDREF system is accurate at [http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/pls/pref/SED.sed\\_inst\\_qry\\_vw\\$.startup](http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/pls/pref/SED.sed_inst_qry_vw$.startup). Information about how to update this information can be found at <http://www.oms.nysed.gov/sedref/home.html>. Please copy [charterschools@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@mail.nysed.gov) on any update requests.  
Thanks.

email Charter Schools Mailbox with 'July Enrollment Reconciliation' in the subject line to:  
[charterschools@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:charterschools@mail.nysed.gov)

- **Annual Report due August 1, 2011, according to revised guidelines:** Please be reminded that since 2010-11 NYS state assessment data has not yet been released, the *Progress Toward Charter Goals* component of the Annual Report should be submitted in a format determined by each authorizer *by a date specified by each authorizer, once the data is released*. In addition, there have been changes to the financial information requirements. Please see the revised guidelines at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/form.html> for full details.
- **Nutrition Workshops.** The NYSED Child Nutrition Office will conduct six one-day workshops for new school food service directors/managers during the month of August. These comprehensive sessions, offered at no charge to attendees, will familiarize new directors/managers with Child Nutrition Program regulations and provide them with management techniques to administer a cost-effective operation. For details and to register, see: <http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/page/pref/CNKC/NeedToKnow/New%20Managers%202011%20memo.pdf>

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