



February 7, 2013

Susan Stetzer
District Manager
Community Board 3
59 East 4th Street
New York, NY 10003

Dear Ms. Stetzer:

I am writing to inform you that Success Academy Charter Schools - NYC ("Success Academy") will be submitting an application to the Trustees of the State University of New York to open two new public charter schools in Community School District 1 ("New Success Academies").

The mission of the charter schools will be to provide students with an exceptionally high-quality education that gives them the knowledge, skills, character, and disposition to meet and exceed New York State standards, and the resources to succeed and lead in school, college, and a competitive global economy.

The schools will serve low-income and/or mixed-income populations residing within Community School District 1 or the neighborhood of location, including English Language Learners and students with special education needs. The aim would be to educate all students at the same high level, irrespective of socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, and/or other status. We deeply believe that economically and racially integrated school settings provide important benefits to both students and the community. Students from low-income families benefit academically from attending mixed-income schools, and the establishment of high-quality mixed-income schools raises the bar generally for lagging middle-class schools. It is a core principle at Success Academy that every child should have access to a high-quality public school option.

If approved, the New Success Academies would open in August 2014 with Kindergarten and 1st grade, and add one grade each year until they serve Kindergarten through 8th grade (middle school grades subject to government approval). The planned total enrollment in the school's fifth year of operation is 600-675 students.



The academic program will include daily reading, writing, math, and exploratory-based science instruction, totaling approximately four-and-one-half hours each week. On any given day, students might dive into a good book, hypothesize about whether an object will sink or float, mold a papier-mâché dragon head, sing songs, solve the word problem of the day, challenge a fellow student in chess, write a compelling story, or score the winning soccer goal. Success Academy scholars are critical thinkers who love learning and are college-bound.

The school day will run from 7:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Kindergarten and until 4:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. for all other grades, except one day each week, the school day will run from 7:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. Extensive professional development will be provided for teachers on those afternoons. Teachers will use student assessment data to drive instruction, and employ a research-based, results-driven curriculum that goes well beyond New York State standards and Core Curriculum state Standards.

We welcome your comments, which may be made via e-mail at NewSchoolsD1@successacademies.org. To leave a voicemail with your comments, please call 646-747-6196, and be sure to specify the school your message concerns. We want to serve your great community, and we will endeavor to incorporate the community's input as we embark on this exciting mission.

We look forward to working with you and becoming an integral part of your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eva Moskowitz', written in a cursive style.

Eva Moskowitz
Chief Executive Officer
Success Academy Charter Schools