



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 50

NOVEMBER 1, 2000

ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the development and encouragement of charter schools is an important component of efforts to improve the quality of education in New York City, and

WHEREAS, funding has been allocated in the Fiscal Year '01 budget for educational reform strategies and innovations, including the support of charter schools through contributions to capital related and start-up costs of such schools, and

WHEREAS, such funds should be distributed to charter schools that can demonstrate effective and appropriate use of such funds; and

WHEREAS, a committee charged with coordination and oversight of the distribution of such funds, having as its members the Commissioner of the Department of Youth and Community Development, the Commissioner of the Department of Design and Construction and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, can best ensure the success of a charter school grant program;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Establishment of Charter School Improvement Fund Committee. There is hereby established a City of New York Charter School Improvement Fund Committee ("the Committee") reporting to the Mayor, through the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Education and Cultural Affairs. The Committee shall consist of the Commissioner of the Department of Youth and Community Development, who shall serve as Chair, the Commissioner of the Department of Design and Construction and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, or their designees.

Section 2. Functions of the Committee. The Committee shall:

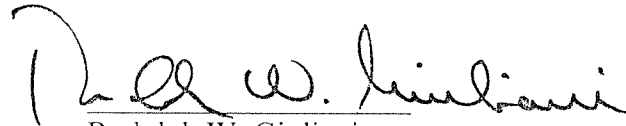
- a. Solicit applications from, and at its discretion award grants to, charter schools located in the City of New York for specific capital and start-up projects.

Grants to a charter school in any fiscal year may be in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 unless otherwise approved by the Mayor.

- b. Consider establishment of performance incentives for the grant program that require the grant recipient charter school, as a condition of receiving its full grant, to meet specific levels of academic achievement and award bonus grants to charter schools that exceed such levels of academic achievement.
- c. Require documentation from each charter school grant recipient demonstrating appropriate use of the grant and completion of the project.

Section 3. Agency Assistance. All City agencies shall cooperate in providing to the Committee such personnel, facilities, information and other assistance as is necessary and required by the Committee to carry out its responsibilities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.


Rudolph W. Giuliani
Mayor