

Revision of the Admissions Policy lottery new students in Kindergarten only

To: Members of the True North Troy Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees
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Subject: Revision of the Admissions Policy lottery new students in Kindergarten only
Date: December 1, 2015

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the True North Troy Preparatory Charter School (the “School”) currently admits students by lottery in both kindergarten and fifth grade, and admits students in all other grades via waiting list; and

Whereas for the first time in the 2016-17 school year, the School’s class of fifth graders will be populated by former Troy Prep fourth graders, providing an opportunity to simplify the School’s admissions and lottery procedures; now therefore be it

Resolved that the School Board of Trustees requests a Revision to the Admissions Policy of the True North Troy Preparatory Charter School to reflect that the School will only admit students by lottery in Kindergarten, and admit students to all other grades via waiting list; and be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School, in conjunction with its management partner, Uncommon Schools, to complete and submit to the SUNY Board of Trustees on its behalf the request for the Charter Revision described herein.

Background

As of 2015-2016, Troy Prep is at full enrollment (grades K-8). This makes holding a lottery in grade 5 unnecessary, confusing for parents, and procedurally difficult for the school. To simplify its admissions process, the school proposes to hold a lottery only in Kindergarten, and fill vacancies in other grades via waiting list.