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To the Charter School Office of New York State Education Department

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, this letter serves as Brooklyn RISE's request to expand the grades served by the school, which qualifies as a material charter revision. Specifically, we are currently chartered to serve grades K-5 and are seeking to additionally serve grades 6-8.

Family demand is driving our expansion revision request. Namely, our families have expressed the desire for Brooklyn RISE to offer a middle school program so that their children can continue to attend our school through grade 8. A key driver in families' satisfaction with our school is the comprehensive suite of supports that we provide to all learners, including those who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, and/or are acquiring English. This robust support has contributed to the successful academic performance of our students. Specifically, in SY 2021-22, we met the performance of our returning district, NYC CSD 15, in ELA and slightly exceeded performance in math, which is significant given that the district is one of the highest performing in the state. Further, we significantly outperformed the state in both ELA and math. Given this success, our families overwhelmingly want the option to keep their children enrolled in our school through grade 8 so that they can continue to receive the supports they need to achieve success and be prepared to thrive in high school.

In terms of timeline, we will be at scale this upcoming school year (SY 2023-24), serving grades K-5, which is the grade span for which we are currently chartered. If approved, we will serve grade 6 for the first time in SY 2024-25. We will add a grade each year, serving grade 7 in SY 2025-26 and grade 8 in SY 2026-27. We have no plans to expand beyond grade 8; accordingly, if approved, we will be at scale as a K-8 school in SY 2026-27.

We have subsequently included all required information related to the requested revision.

Thank you for your consideration with our request.

Sincerely,

Christina Hu

Board Chair