



**To:** Charter School Office of the New York State Education Department on behalf of the Board of Regents

**From:** The Board of Trustees of Brooklyn RISE Charter School

**Date:** August 15, 2023

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees, school leadership team, staff, students, and families of Brooklyn RISE Charter School, we submit this application for renewal to the Charter School Office of the New York State Education Department on behalf of the Board of Regents. The application details our operation over our five-year initial charter term, outlining how we have worked to achieve our mission, implement our key design elements, and, ultimately, effectively serve our students and families. We also propose a number of revisions we are seeking to implement upon renewal to better serve our students and families.

Key highlights of how we have satisfied the criteria for renewal include the following:

- **Student Performance:** We first served grade 3 in SY 2021-22. Our students significantly outperformed the state in both ELA and math, as well as met the performance of our district of location (NYC CSD 15) in ELA and math, which stands as one of the highest performing districts in the state.
- **Teaching and Learning:** We implement documented curricula that are aligned to NYSLS and differentiated according to students' needs. Our staff receives robust training and shares a common understanding of high-quality instruction for all students, including those with diverse needs.
- **Culture, Climate, and Family Engagement:** We maintain a positive, student-centered culture that is anchored in inclusivity and nurtures students' social-emotional development. We value our families and implement an array of communication mechanisms, as well as hold numerous family events.
- **Financial Condition:** We have practiced fiscal responsibility and are in very good financial condition, consistently earning financial composite scores at or close to 3.00.
- **Financial Management:** We have demonstrated effective financial management as evidenced by our audits determining that we implement sufficient internal controls over financial reporting.
- **Board Oversight and Governance:** Our board collectively holds the skills and expertise needed to effectively govern our school and implements governing practices to ensure that we realize our mission, effectively serve our diverse student population, and comply with legal obligations.
- **Organizational Capacity:** Our leadership structure enables us to effectively run our school, support our staff, and provide a high-quality education to our students. Staff are certified and highly-qualified.
- **Mission and Key Design Elements:** We have successfully implemented our key design elements, which has enabled us to ensure that all our students are on the path to college – the hallmark of our mission.
- **Enrollment, Recruitment, and Retention:** We have succeeded in maintaining sufficient enrollment demand and have successfully recruited and maintained a population of diverse learners.
- **Legal Compliance:** We have strengthened our practices and protocols to ensure that we maintain legal compliance and have secured partnerships to support our leaders and board around compliance.

<b>Charter School Name</b>	Brooklyn RISE Charter School
<b>School Location (City/Town/Borough if NYC)</b>	Brooklyn, NYC
<b>Charter School District of Location or Community School District if NYC</b>	NYC CSD 15
<b>District(s) Served or Community School Districts if NYC</b>	NYC CSD 15
<b>Date School Opened</b>	August 2019
<b>Charter School Term History (list initial and all renewal charter terms)</b>	Initial Charter Term: 2019-20 through 2023-24
<b>Enrollment on June 30, 2023</b>	XXX
<b>Charter Approved Maximum Enrollment</b>	312
<b>Charter Approved Grade Span</b>	K-5
<b>Grades Served on June 30, 2023</b>	K-4

I hereby certify that the information submitted in this Application for Charter Renewal is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; that this application has been approved by the school’s board of trustees; and that, if awarded a renewal charter, the school shall continue to be open to all students on a space available basis, and shall not discriminate against any student, employee or any other person on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability or any other ground that would be unlawful if done by a school. Admission of students shall also not be limited on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, race, creed, gender, religion, or ancestry. I also certify that the board of trustees has reviewed the 2015 or 2019 Charter School Performance Framework and understands that the school will be evaluated on the basis of and held accountable for meeting the 2015 or 2019 Charter School Performance Framework benchmarks during the next charter term.

<b>*Electronic Signature of Chair of Board of Trustees (or designated signatory)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Print/Type Name</b>	
<b>Title (if designated signatory)</b>	
<b>Date of Application Approval by Board of Trustees</b>	

**\*NOTE: NYSED permits the use of electronic signatures to execute most documents. Unless the school is using a system in compliance with the United States Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce (ESIGN) Act and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act compliant system to apply the electronic signature (e.g., Adobe Acrobat certificate signature), schools wishing to make use of this option should sign documents by hand and then scan and send them to NYSED.**