Revision of the Admissions Policy to Give Preference to Children of Employees of Rochester Prep and Uncommon Schools

To: Members of the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees

From: Anna Hall, Chief Operating Officer, Uncommon Schools Boston, Troy, and Rochester

Subject: Revision of the Admissions Policy to Give Preference to Children of Employees of Rochester Prep and Uncommon Schools

Date: September 16, 2015

Resolution

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

Whereas a state law enacted on June 25, 2015, established that, with respect to charter school lotteries “PREFERENCE MAY ALSO BE PROVIDED TO CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL OR CHARTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES MAY CONSTITUTE NO MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL’S TOTAL ENROLLMENT.” (§ 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 2854 of the education law, as amended by chapter 101 of the laws of 2010); now therefore be it

Resolved that the School Board of Trustees requests a Revision to the Admissions Policy of the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School to reflect that third preference, after current students and siblings, is given to children of employees of True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School or Uncommon Schools, Inc., provided that such children of employees do not constitute more than 15% of Rochester Prep’s total enrollment at any time; and be it further

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

Background

This Revision would reflect the most recent changes in education laws in the State of New York on charter school admissions policy.