

Revision of the Admissions Policy lottery new students in Kindergarten only

To: Members of the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees
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Subject: Revision of the Admissions Policy lottery new students in Kindergarten only
Date: November 5, 2015

Resolution

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

Whereas the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School (the “Schools”) 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 2014-2015, the Rochester Prep Brooks Middle School’s class of fifth graders will be populated by Rochester Prep Jay Elementary School’s fourth graders; and by 2018-2019, the Rochester Prep West Campus Middle School’s class of fifth graders will be populated by Rochester Prep West Campus Elementary School’s 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 Rochester Preparatory Charter School to reflect that the Schools will only admit students by lottery in Kindergarten, and admits students to all other grades via waiting list; and admits students by lottery in fifth grade for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 at Rochester Prep West Campus Middle School; 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 2014-2015, the elementary and middle schools at Rochester Prep “Brooks-Jay-HS” have been 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. Until the elementary and middle schools at Rochester Prep West Campus can reach full enrollment (grades K-8), the school will continue to hold a lottery for grade 5 in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.