




THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

**TO:** P-12 Education Committee

**FROM:** Ken Slentz 

**SUBJECT:** Charter Schools: Renewal of Charter Authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) - Icahn Charter School 2

**DATE:** January 25, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### SUMMARY

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the proposed renewal charter for Icahn Charter School 2 as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) in its capacity as a charter school authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law, and that the charter be extended for the term indicated.

The following table outlines information about this proposed charter school.

### Icahn Charter School 2

Name of Charter School	<b>Icahn Charter School 2</b>
Terms and Dates of Charter	September 12, 2006 – September 11, 2011
Previously approved Grade(s) and Enrollment	2010-11 school year: K-5, 216 students
Lead Applicant(s)	Gail Golden, BoT President
Management Company	N/A
Other Partner(s)	Foundation for a Greater Opportunity, Inc.
School District of Location	CSD 8
Facilities	The School is in private space at 900 Van Nest Avenue, Bronx, New York
<b>New Material Terms</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Renewal: September 12, 2011- July 31, 2012 Add Grade 6 - increase enrollment to 252 students</b>
Grade Levels and Enrollment	2011-12 school year, K-6, 252 students
Date Approved by SUNY Charter Schools Institute on behalf of the SUNY BOT	June 3, 2011

The SUNY Board of Trustees provided the following information about the proposed short-term renewal of the charter for Icahn Charter School 2:

*The Icahn Charter School 2 ("Icahn 2") utilized the 2006-2007 school year for planning purposes and opened in the fall of 2007. The 2010-2011 school year is therefore Icahn 2's fourth year of operation in Community School District 8. In order to accumulate a full five years of operational, financial and academic performance data before beginning the charter renewal process and to receive the full benefit of the intended five-year charter term, the school sought an extension to its charter from September 12, 2011 to July 30, 2012, with a projected enrollment of 252 students in grades K-6 in the 2011-12 school year.*

### **RECOMENDATION**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter school: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school , and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the first renewal charter of the Icahn Charter School 2 as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including July 31, 2012.

The Regents action for the Icahn Charter School 2 will become effective immediately.