**Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Schedule of Charter School Items**
**September 2024 through June 2025**
**(as of October 2024)**

**Note:** All items are tentatively scheduled and may be adjusted within the schedule as needed. Some items may not come before the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) for discussion and vote because the Board has previously delegated authority to the Commissioner or because the Commissioner may not recommend granting a new charter or a school’s request.

September 24, 2024

* *Voluntary Return of Charter for Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School*
* *Report on Approval of Loans Beyond the Charter Duration*

October 29, 2024

* *Charter Authorizing Overview and Schedule of Board Items*

November 19, 2024

* *No items scheduled*

December 17, 2024

* *Report on Contract Approvals Previously Delegated to the Commissioner*
	+ *Proposed Contract with Management Organization for Roxbury Preparatory Charter School*

January 28, 2025

* *Amendments of Charters*

Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers: A Horace Mann Charter Public School

KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School

Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School

Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

Salem Academy Charter School

February 25, 2025

* *Amendments of Charters*

 Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School

South Shore Charter Public School

* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*

Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School

Atlantis Charter School

Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School

Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

Community Charter School of Cambridge

Community Day Charter Public School

Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School

Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School

Holyoke Community Charter School

Lawrence Family Development Charter School

Lowell Community Charter Public School

Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School

Marblehead Community Charter Public School

Match Charter Public School

Neighborhood House Charter School

South Shore Charter Public School

Springfield Preparatory Charter School

* *Renewal Decisions and Report on Conditions*

Boston Renaissance Charter Public School

Springfield International Charter School

* *Report on Conditions*

Argosy Collegiate Charter School

Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School

Codman Academy Charter Public School

Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School

UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester

March 25, 2025

* *Report on February Renewal Decisions by the Commissioner*

April 29, 2025

* *No items scheduled*

May 20, 2025

* *No items scheduled*

June 24, 2025

* *Proposed Contract with Management Organizations for Holyoke Community Charter School and for Community Day Charter Public School*

**Charter Amendment Requests Pending Board Action**

**(Districts Specified in Charter Region and Maximum Enrollment)**

Pursuant to the Charter School Regulations, 603 CMR 1.10(1), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) must approve certain changes in the material terms of a school's charter. This year (2024-2025), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received requests from seven existing charter schools that involve changes to the districts specified in the school’s charter region and maximum enrollment. Please see the table below for a list of charter schools that have submitted charter amendment requests. Please contact the Department at charterschools@mass.gov to obtain copies of any of the submitted amendment requests.

Section 1.10 of 603 CMR contains several criteria that the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (Commissioner) and the Board may consider in reaching a determination regarding a school's request to amend its charter. First, "the Commissioner and the Board may consider a charter school's compliance with applicable state, federal, and local law." Second, the Commissioner and the Board may consider the evidence regarding the success of the school's academic program, the viability of the school as an organization, and the faithfulness of the school to the terms of its charter. Third, if seeking an increase in student enrollment from certain districts, the board of trustees must qualify as a "proven provider" based on the existing school and must meet the performance criteria described in 603 CMR 1.04(4). Fourth, schools must address additional criteria as outlined in the Department's [guidelines](https://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/governance/board-amendment-guidelines.docx) on amendments.

The Department currently anticipates bringing these matters to the Board for consideration at a meeting no earlier than January 28, 2025 and completing the process by February 25, 2025, if requests are recommended by the Commissioner for approval. Updates on this process may be found on the Department’s [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) website.

The Department solicits comments from the superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current/proposed district or region. Members of the public may submit written comments regarding a school's amendment request to: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, c/o Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02149 or by email to charterschools@mass.gov. Email is preferred. The deadline for public comment is December 13, 2024. The deadline is guided by the Board's anticipated schedule regarding charter school matters, including proposed charter amendments and charter renewals.

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| **Charter School Name** | **Location** | **Grades** | **Max Enrollment** | **Current District or Region** | **Proposed Amendment to Charter** |
| Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School[[1]](#footnote-2)  | Marlborough | 6-12 | 966 | Clinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard | Increase enrollment by 34 seats |
| Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers: A Horace Mann Charter Public School | Boston | 9-12 | 448 | Boston | Increase enrollment by 352 seats |
| KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School | Lynn | K-12 | 1586 | Lynn | Increase enrollment by 1,361 seats |
| Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School | Hadley | K-12 | 584 | Agawam, Amherst, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Chesterfield-Goshen, Chicopee, Conway, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Frontier, Gill-Montague, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham, Hampshire, Hatfield, Hawlemont, Holyoke, Leverett, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Mohawk Trail, Northampton, Pelham, Pioneer Valley, Shutesbury, South Hadley, Southampton, Southwick-Tolland-Granville, Springfield, Sunderland, West Springfield, Westfield, Westhampton, Whately, and Williamsburg | Increase enrollment by 100 seats |

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| **Charter School Name** | **Location** | **Grades** | **Max Enrollment** | **Current District or Region** | **Proposed Amendment to Charter** |
| Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School | South Hadley | 7-12 | 400 | Agawam, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Erving, Frontier, Gateway, Gill-Montague, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham, Hampshire Regional, Hatfield, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Mohawk Trail, Monroe, Monson, Northampton, Palmer, Pioneer Valley, Ralph C. Mahar, Rowe, South Hadley, Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional, Springfield, Tantasqua, Ware, West Springfield, and Westfield | Reduce the number of districts named in the region to 18 districts (Proposed region is: Agawam, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Granby, Hadley, Hamden-Wilbraham, Hampshire Regional, Hatfield, Holyoke, Ludlow, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield) |
| Salem Academy Charter School | Salem | 6-12 | 480 | Salem | Increase enrollment by 70 seats |
| South Shore Charter Public School[[2]](#footnote-3) | Norwell | K-12 | 1,075 | Abington, Braintree, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman-Hanson | Increase enrollment by 225 seats |

**FY25 Applications for Renewal of Charters**

This winter, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (Commissioner) will make recommendations to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) regarding the renewal of the charters for 19 schools. Please contact the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) at charterschools@mass.gov to obtain copies of any of the applications for renewal.

Consistent with charter school regulations, the review of the school's application for renewal for another five-year term is guided by evidence regarding the success of the school's academic program, the viability of the school as an organization, and the faithfulness of the school to the terms of its charter. The Commissioner's recommendations will consider each school's performance at the time of the charter renewal as well as the progress it has made during the past four years of operation. The evaluation will include a review of evidence such as the school's academic performance, accountability plan performance, annual reports, financial record, and application for renewal, as well as assessments conducted by the Department.

We currently anticipate that these matters will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to the February 25, 2025, meeting. Please check [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) for updates.

The Department invites written comments from superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current district or region. Please see the table below for a list of charter schools that have submitted applications for renewal and the schools' associated districts. Comments may be submitted by December 13, 2024 to: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, c/o Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02149 or by email to charterschools@mass.gov.

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| **Charter School Name** | **Current District or Region** | **Chartered Maximum Enrollment** | **Chartered Grade Span** |
| Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School | Clinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard | 966 | 6-12 |
| Atlantis Charter School | Fall River | 1,378 | K-12 |
| Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School | Bellingham, Blackstone/Millville, Franklin, Holliston, Hopedale, Medway, Mendon/Upton, Milford, Millis, Norfolk, Plainville, Walpole, Wrentham | 900 | K-8 |
| Boston Renaissance Charter Public School | Boston | 944 | PK-6 |
| Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School | Barnstable, Bourne, Dennis-Yarmouth, Falmouth, Mashpee, Monomoy Regional, Nauset, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro | 260 | 6-8 |
| Community Charter School of Cambridge | Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Revere | 420 | 6-12 |
| Community Day Charter Public School | Lawrence | 1,200 | PK-8 |
| Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School | Acton-Boxborough, Ashburnham-Westminster, Athol-Royalston, Ayer Shirley, Bedford, Berlin-Boylston, Carlisle,  Chelmsford, Clinton, Concord, Concord-Carlisle, Fitchburg, Gardner, Grafton, Groton-Dunstable, Harvard, Hudson, Leominster, Lincoln, Lincoln-Sudbury, Littleton, Lowell, Lunenburg, Marlborough, Maynard, Narragansett, Nashoba, Newton, Northboro-Southboro, North Middlesex, Orange, Oxford, Quabbin, Ralph C. Mahar, Shirley, Shrewsbury, Southborough, Sudbury, Tyngsborough, Wachusett, Wayland, West Boylston, Westborough, Westford, Westminster, Weston, Winchendon, Worcester | 400 | 7-12 |
| Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School | Amherst, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Central Berkshire, Chesterfield-Goshen, Conway, Deerfield, Easthampton, Erving, Frontier, Gateway, Gill Montague, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hampshire, Hatfield, Hawlemont, Leverett, Mohawk Trail, New Salem-Wendell, Northampton, Orange, Pelham, Pioneer Valley, Ralph C. Mahar, Rowe, Shutesbury, Southampton, South Hadley, Sunderland, Ware, Westhampton, Whately, Williamsburg | 218 | K-8 |
| Holyoke Community Charter School | Chicopee, Holyoke | 702 | K-8 |
| Lawrence Family Development Charter School | Lawrence | 1,000 | PK-8 |
| Lowell Community Charter Public School | Lowell | 815 | PK-8 |
| Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School | Lowell | 150 | 9-12 |
| Marblehead Community Charter Public School | Marblehead, Nahant, Swampscott | 230 | 4-8 |
| Match Charter Public School | Boston | 1,250 | PK-12 |
| Neighborhood House Charter School | Boston | 828 | PK-12 |
| South Shore Charter Public School | Abington, Braintree, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, Whitman-Hanson | 1,075 | K-12 |
| Springfield International Charter School | Springfield | 1,574 | K-12 |
| Springfield Preparatory Charter School | Springfield | 486 | K-8 |

1. Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School has also submitted an application for renewal. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. South Shore Charter Public School has also submitted an application for renewal. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)