

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members and Staff

From: Elizabeth Hoffman, Principal Legislative Financial Analyst

Re: Fiscal 2016 Term & Condition

Date: December 4, 2015

The Department of Education (“DOE”) provided the Charter School report on November 19, 2015 as part of the below Fiscal Year 2016 term and condition. The term and condition requires DOE to provide to the Council the total number of enrolled students in charter schools. The spreadsheets provided list the name of each charter school, the borough where the school is located, the school DBN, the authorizing agency, the number of students in each school disaggregated by grade, the total number of general education students, and the number of special education students in each school disaggregated by grade and percent of time in special education. The report also shows which schools are collocated in DOE buildings and which are located in private buildings.

The DOE did not provide information on the number of English Language Learners or the number of students provided free or reduced price school lunches and therefore is not in compliance with this term and condition. This semiannual report was included as a term and condition in the Fiscal 2016 budget to disclose payments made from DOE to charter schools. Funding budgeted in Unit of Appropriation 406 is used by the DOE for charter schools.

| Department of Education (040) Unit of Appropriation [406] |
|---|
| As a condition to the expenditure of funds appropriated to unit of appropriation 406, the Department shall provide a semi-annual list to the City Council detailing the total number of charter schools, listed by name and address, funded in such unit of appropriation. Such list shall also contain the total number of enrolled students in each charter school, disaggregated by grade. The semi-annual list shall also contain the following information for all charter schools funded in such unit of appropriation, in the aggregate: 1) the total number of enrolled students, disaggregated by grade; 2) the total number of enrolled Special Education students, disaggregated by grade; 3) the total number of enrolled General Education students, disaggregated by grade; 4) the total number of enrolled English Language Learner students, disaggregated by grade; 5) the total number of students provided free or reduced price school lunches, disaggregated by grade; and 6) the total sum of year-end projected payments, disaggregated by payments for general education students and payments for special education students with the payments for special education students further disaggregated by tuition payment category. |
| Such list shall be provided to the Council on December 1, 2015 and June 1, 2016. |

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Hoffman at EHoffman@council.nyc.gov or 212-788-9165.

Additional Information:

- There are 82 charter schools located in Brooklyn, 59 in the Bronx, 45 in Manhattan, 15 in Queens, 4 in Staten Island and 4 outside of New York City. A total of \$1.47 billion was included in the Fiscal 2016 budget for DOE to pay these 209 charter schools.
- There are a total of 93,910 students in charter schools and 12,908 of them are in special education. Students in special education are broken down into the following categories: 3,313 students spend less than 20% of time in special education, 3,940 students spend 20-60% of time in special education and 5,655 spend more than 60% of time in special education.
- In 2015-2016, the State set the charter school tuition rate at \$13,877 per pupil in New York City.