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Mr. Robert Clark, Lead Founder
LEAD Charter School
201 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07103

Dear Mr. Clark:

On February 29, 2016, the application for LEAD Charter School was approved. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:11-2.1(k)*, the approval for the granting of the charter was contingent upon satisfying the conditions of the preparedness visit process conducted by representatives of the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) and receipt of any outstanding or additional documentation requested.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the above-referenced contingencies have been satisfied; therefore, I am granting a charter to the LEAD Academy Charter School. The charter term will cover the period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-1 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:11-1 et seq.*, the granting of this charter permits your school to open and function as a public school, within the Newark Public School District, in accordance with your approved application.

During the preparedness period, the charter school applied for a waiver that would provide extended time to submit required documentation for the 201 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ facility. The charter school must comply with the terms detailed within the Department approved waiver (enclosed). The school must submit the appropriate certificate of occupancy, sanitary inspection report and fire inspection certificate to the Essex County Office of Education on or before August 31, 2017. A successful site visit from the Essex County Office of Education is also required prior to the admittance of students.

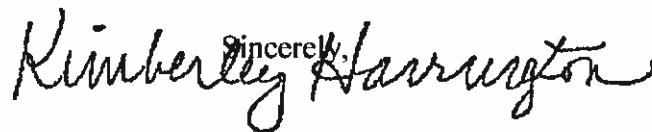
Subsequent to this letter you will receive your Charter Agreement, which sets forth the terms and conditions of operating a charter school in New Jersey and will also contain accountability criteria by which the charter school will be evaluated. Please sign the Charter Agreement, pass a board resolution and send a copy of the contract to njcharter@doe.state.nj.us by September 1, 2017.

The school's maximum enrollment has been approved with the following configuration:

Grade	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
K				
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9	23	40	60	70
10	23	40	60	70
11	23	40	60	70
12	23	40	60	70
Total	92	160	240	260

As public school educators, we are challenged to prepare all New Jersey students to achieve excellence now and in the future. The Department looks forward to working with you and your school community. If you have any questions or need any information, you may contact Katherine Czehut, director, Office of Charter and Renaissance Schools, at 609-292-5850.

I wish you a successful academic year as you join us in seeking to ensure that the students you serve receive the highest quality education.

Sincerely,


Kimberley Harrington
Commissioner

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Enclosure

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