



The New York City Department of Education held a public hearing in CSD 29 on August 4, 2009 regarding this proposed charter application. There were two written comments at the hearing. Both comments emphasized the lack of seats for middle school students within the district. One comment requested that the enrollment plan for RSCS be changed to provide instruction to middle school students.

Additional information concerning this initial application may also be found on the Board of Re

New York State Education Department

Summary of Proposed Charter

Name of Proposed Charter School: Riverton Street Charter School (RSCS or “the School”)

Address : 118-34 Riverton Street, St. Albans, NY

Applicant: Rochelle Noel

Anticipated Opening Date: September 7, 2010

District of Location: New York City Community School District 29, Queens

Charter Entity: Chancellor of the city school district of the City of New York

Institutional Partner (s): N/A

Management Partner(s): N/A

Grades Served:

2010-2011: K – 1  
2011-2012: K – 2  
2012-2013: K – 3  
2013-2014: K – 4  
2014-2015: K – 5

Projected Enrollment:

2010-2011: 100  
2011-2012: 150  
2012-2013: 200  
2013-2014: 250  
2014-2015: 300

Proposed Charter Highlights

Applicant

The lead applicant, Ms. Rochelle Noel, is an employment attorney, parent, resident of the St. Albans community, and member of the St. Catherine of Sienna Church. Ms. Noel has been admitted to the bar of the State of New York and has nearly fifteen years of experience as an attorney. Ms. Noel earned a juris doctor and a B.A. degree from St. John’s University. She completed her undergraduate studies *magna cum laude*.

Institutional Partner

N/A

Management Partner

N/A

Curriculum/Assessment/Instruction

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- The School proposes a 190-day instructional year.
- The School will provide an extended day with instruction from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Professional development sessions will be held on Fridays, with student dismissal at 2:20 p.m.

### Governance

- The number of Trustees shall not be fewer than five and shall not exceed 13.
- Trustees will be divided into three classes for the purposes of staggering the terms of office. The terms of the first class of trustees will expire in one year. The terms of the second class will expire in two years. The terms of the third class will expire in three years.
- The officers of the corporation will be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.
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- The School is not seeking incubation space in a New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) facility.
- RSCS proposes to lease space from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn in a 31,320 square foot facility. The facility, located in Queens, was formerly used by the St. Catherine of Sienna parochial school, which closed in June 2009. RSCS estimates the rent expense in Year One will be \$187,920 and \$580,673 in Year Five.
- The School's Year One revenue will be \$2,027,167 and will grow to \$4,136,073 by Year Five.
- The Year One budget anticipates total expenses of \$1,887,220, and \$3,586,401 by Year Five.
- RSCS projects carrying forward a balance of \$118,767 from the start-up period.-

School Year	Number of Students	Projected Payment*	Projected Impact
2010-2011	100	\$1,281,629	.0071%
2011-2012	150	\$1,980,117	.0107%
2012-2013	200	\$2,719,360	.0142%
2013-2014	250	\$3,501,177	.0178%
2014-2015	300	\$4,327,356	.0213%

\* Assumes a 3 percent annual increase in the District's budget from the base of \$18.035 billion in 2010-2011; and a 3 percent annual increase in the average expense per pupil per year from the 2010-2011 rate of \$12,816.

### Personnel

- The School will be led by a principal, dean of curriculum, student support dean and operations director. The deans and operations director will report to the principal.
- The dean of curriculum will lead the instructional team comprising two teachers per grade and a "Specials Coach." RSCS will provide instruction in technology education, art, music, physical education, and health using a mixture of full-time and part-time teachers.
- The School will employ the following staff in its first year of instruction: four classroom teachers, two aides, two specialty teachers (art and physical education), one special education teacher, one librarian, a nurse, a part-time ELL coordinator (.5 FTE), a part-time social worker (.5 FTE), a part-time parent coordinator (.5 FTE), a security guard, and a janitor.
- The School will add a part-time guidance counselor in Year Two.
- RSCS will supplement the structured immersion program by providing pull-out instruction with a certified aide, teacher or consultant.
- Professional development priorities include classroom management, engaging

President of the Borough of Queens, and from Congressman Gregory Meeks, House of Representatives – 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

### Public Opinion

- NYC DOE mailed a letter and posted a notice on its website, notifying the public and independent schools in CSD 29 of the proposed application for Riverton Street Charter School and inviting comments at a public hearing.
- NYC DOE held a public hearing in CSD 29 on August 4, 2009 regarding the application. Thirty-nine people attended the hearing. Two provided written comments. Public comments submitted to NYSED expressed concern over a lack of middle school space within CSD 29 and affirmed the quality of existing elementary schools in the district. One written comment requested that the grade configuration of the School be extended to grades K – 8.