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**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**TO BE PROPOSED:**  
February 14, 2018

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education approves the distribution of an additional 57 seats in state charter schools for the 2017-18 school year and, pursuant to Section 10-66bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, grants enrollment waivers for two state charter schools, as delineated in the February 14, 2018, memorandum to the Board, “Approval of Charter School Enrollments,” and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_, this fourteenth day of February, Two Thousand Eighteen.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary  
State Board of Education

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**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education  
**DATE:** February 14, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Charter School Enrollments

**Executive Summary**

**Introduction**

In accordance with Section 10-66bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), on July 19, 2017, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the distribution of 9,913 seats in state charter schools for the 2017-18 school year. The number of seats to be distributed was determined based on the funds made available pursuant to Governor Malloy’s Executive Order “Resource Allocation Plan” for Fiscal Year 2018, since the state budget had not yet been passed. Upon passage of the budget, Public Act 17-2, of the June Special Session, additional funding was appropriated in the Charter School budget line item. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) seeks the SBE’s approval to distribute 57 additional seats for three charter schools.

**Background**

CSDE seeks approval for additional seats at Capital Preparatory Harbor, Common Ground, and Elm City College Preparatory charter schools. Based on their October 1, 2017 enrollment filing, each of these schools has enrolled students above the SBE approved enrollment level for 2017-18. Capital Preparatory Harbor School over enrolled by 35 seats, Common Ground by 2 seats and Elm City College Preparatory by 33 seats.

There are state charter school enrollment caps of 300 seats for schools serving Grades K-8 and 250 for all other grade levels. Two of the schools exceed these caps and will need a charter grant enrollment waiver. Applying the statutory per-pupil rate for state charter schools of \$11,000 for 2017-18, these totals are within available appropriations. The enrollments are disaggregated and detailed in Table 1 (attached).

**Recommendation**

The CSDE recommends that the SBE approve the additional 57 seats to be distributed among these three schools, and approve grant enrollment waivers for Capital Preparatory Harbor and Elm City College Preparatory which are serving students beyond the statutory cap in the 2017-18 school year.

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## 2017-18 Additional Seats

<u>Charter School Name</u>	<u>Host District</u>	<u>SBE Approved Enrollment</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2017 Enrollment</u>	<u>Additional Seats</u>
Capital Prep Harbor	Bridgeport	404	439	35
Common Ground High School	New Haven	200	202	2
Elm City College Preparatory School	New Haven	719	752	20
<b>Total Additional Seats</b>	--			<b>57</b>