



## The New Jersey Department of Education Announces Approval of Five Charter Schools to Open

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**Trenton, NJ** – Today, the New Jersey Department of Education granted a final charter to five charter schools to open for the 2017-18 school year.

In order to receive a charter, each charter school applicant team must meet the Department's rigorous, multi-stage approval process. Once an application is approved, the charter school applicant team must successfully complete the [NJDOE's preparedness review](#) before being granted a final charter and subsequently being allowed to open. This review process is designed to determine whether the charter school applicant team has the structures in place to ensure academic success, equitability, financial viability and organizational soundness.

“By expanding public school options for families, we are ensuring that more New Jersey children have access to the high-quality education they deserve,” said Education Commissioner Kimberley Harrington.

With the opening of these five charter schools, there will be a total of 89 charter schools and 56,416 authorized charter school seats in New Jersey for the 2017-18 school year.

<b>Charter School (approved to open in September 2017)</b>	<b>District(s) Served</b>	<b>Year 1 Grades (enrollment projection)</b>	<b>Year 4 Grades (enrollment projection)</b>
Achieve Community Charter School	Newark	K-1 66 students	K-4 426 students
College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School	Asbury Park and Neptune	K-1 and 5-6 197 students	K-9 961 students
College Achieve Paterson Charter School	Paterson	K-1 and 5-6 276 students	K-9 961 students
LEAD Charter School	Newark	9-12 92 students	9-12 260 students
Ocean Academy Charter School	Lakewood	K-2 160 students	K-5 340 students