



**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

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**CEC 15 Charter Committee**  
**Opposition to Success Academy Cobble Hill Charter Revision**

CEC15 has received notice of Success Academy's application to revise enrollment for its Cobble Hill Charter School (SACH). The school was initially authorized to serve 880 students in K-7. The school currently serves only 416 students in grades K-4 and is seeking authorization to serve 536 students in K-4 and 9-10 in the 2021-2022 school year.

**CEC15 Charter Committee does not support this request for a charter revision.**

We support the grade truncation of Success Academy's K-7 school and we are encouraged that the Charter is not asking for additional space at this time.

However, CEC15 Charter Committee does not support the expansion of grades 9 or 10 for a Success Academy High School. According to the Office of School Enrollment, District 15 has no need for additional high school seats at this time. There are two high schools co-located with Success Academy at the Cobble Hill site and there are plenty of high schools in the immediate area, including high achieving Millennium Brooklyn. Furthermore, Brooklyn has no need for these additional high school seats. This applies to District 21 in Bensonhurst as well, where the Charter is applying for a similar revision to add grades 9 and 10.

We are also perplexed that [SUNY's website](http://www.suny.edu) already lists SACH as a K-10 school<sup>1</sup>. If SACH already has the authorization to serve grades 9 and 10, then why is there an application for a revision?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.newyorkcharters.org/suny-authorized-schools/success-academy-cobble-hill/>

Nevertheless, due to attrition and lack of parent interest over the last seven years, Success Academy Cobble Hill has not been able to fill its initial mandate for an 880 seat K-7 school. Those seats should be offered to either of the growing high schools with which SACH is co-located. As SACH holds onto those extra 120 seats that they cannot or choose not to fill, they discriminate against the rights of D15 students at BHSIS and Digital Arts & Cinema Technology High School.

**For all of the above reasons, the CEC15 Charter Committee does not support and is in full opposition to this charter revision request.**