



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

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**CEC15 Statement - Brooklyn Prospect Charter Public Hearing**

Brooklyn Prospect is requesting to enter into an education services agreement with the charter management organization, Prospect Schools, Inc., presumably to expand into a greater network in state and out-of-state.

In our experience, Charter Management Organizations (CMOs) do not consider it necessary to provide information about their operations despite public records laws that govern all public schools in New York. Non-profit CMOs are not in and of themselves subject to FOIL or required to have an appeal process covered by the state records law.

There is already a lack of transparency and oversight that exists with Charter Schools. By allowing Brooklyn Prospect Charter to enter into an agreement with the CMO Prospect Schools, Inc. the public is left with questions of management that every public district school must have an answer for. And without sufficient oversight, deficiencies in internal controls will exist within the operation.

Entering into an education services agreement with a Charter Management Organization contradicts CEC 15's understanding of Brooklyn Prospect Charter's "small school" vision.

As representatives of District 15 families and educators, CEC15 vehemently opposes this request. When charter schools enter into an education services agreement with any Charter Management Organization, in New York State and/or nationally, transparency and accountability are at stake.

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