



## Christie Administration Announces Approval of Charter School To Open in September in Paterson

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**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey Department of Education granted initial approval of one charter school application submitted during its March application round, Philip's Academy Charter School of Paterson, to open in September for the 2016-2017 school year.

In order for the Department of Education to approve a charter school, a charter school applicant team must meet the Department's rigorous multi-stage approval process. After receiving initial application approval, the Department conducts a preparedness visit and reviews the school's academic and operational components to ensure that the charter school applicant has the capacity to provide a high-quality educational program from the first day of school. New charter school approvals are for four years, and renewals thereafter are for five years.

There are currently 89 charter schools operating in New Jersey. Since 2010, 39 new charter schools have opened and the Department has closed 17 due to academic, operational or financial deficiencies.

Charter School approved to open in September 2016	District Served	Year 1 Grades (Enrollment Projection)	Year 4 Grades (Enrollment Projection)
Philip's Academy Charter School	Paterson	K (45 Students)	K-3 (180 Students)