

FACSA



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Goals for The Gathering



- Understand Implications of Statutory Shifts
- Map the History of FACSA Accomplishments
- Renewal Handbook For Authorizers/Schools
- Charter Termination / Closure Guidance

Statutory Update



Mapping The Path



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1. Performance Management
2. Model Application
3. Model Contract
4. Model Renewal Draft



Begin with the End in Mind



More high quality seats for students.

Renewal for Authorizers

Renewal Packet

- Provide renewal document

- Include memo addressing if the school has the ability to submit amendments after the renewal document is submitted

- Provide schools the ability to meet with staff for technical assistance prior to submission of the renewal document

Develop timeline for renewal

- Spring of year 4: provide renewal packet

- Summer of year 4/5: conduct renewal individual orientation

- Fall/Winter of year 5: school submission of renewal document

Consider Differentiated timeline for schools in risk of closure

- Plan for 90-day nonrenewal notice in the timeline

- Plan for appeals

- Plan for parental notification if school not renewed and enrollment of students in other schools

- Consider application window for other choice programs

Renewal for Authorizers



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Conduct renewal site visit:
 Compliance / instruction review
 Based on benchmarks / standards
 Protocols / surveys
 Contract Review Committee recommendation
 to the school
 Compile site visit report with renewal
 recommendation to the school



Renewal for Authorizers

Site visits
 Orientation meeting held with Board Chair and Principal
 prior to the renewal site visit
 Written visit and interview protocol in place
 Interview Governing Board, Parents, Principal, Teachers
 Observe Classrooms
 Compliance Check
 Financial review
 Human Resources/certification review
 Federal program review
 Assessment review (use of data to differentiated
 instruction)
 Approximately a day to complete the site visit
 Value External Reviewers as part of the process
 Has some values
 Can create some challenge



Renewal for Authorizers

Focus groups
 Protocol
 Standards
 Additional data other than renewal
 Response / comment by renewing school
 90-day nonrenewal

 Human Capital

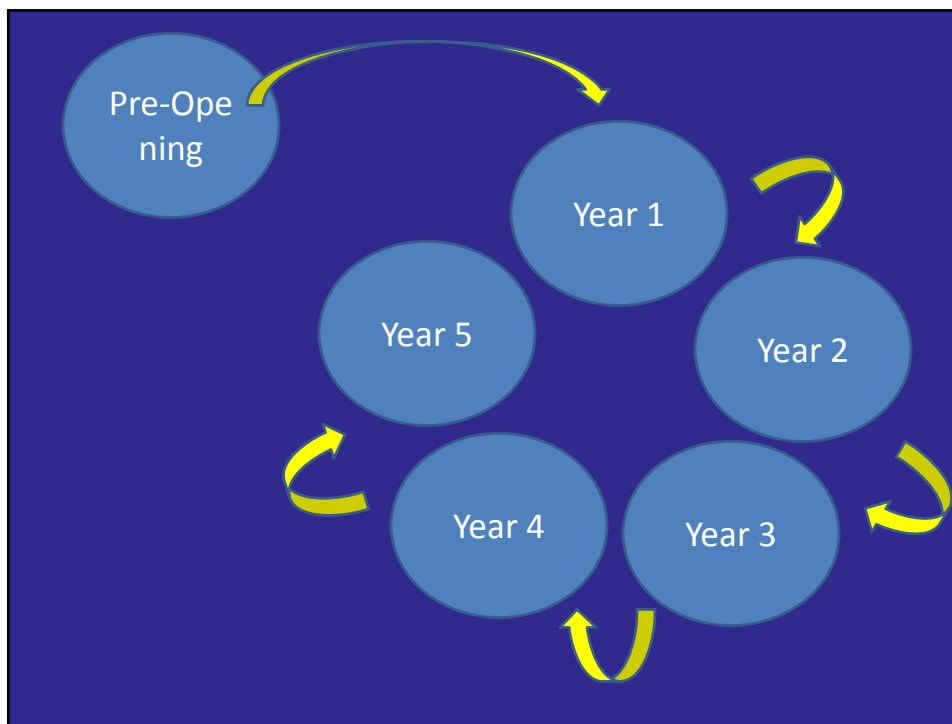


If Only I Had Known....



Critical Timing Issues
 Statutory Challenges
 Arguments to Anticipate
 Templates
 Protocols
 Efficiencies
 Anticipating Board and Executive Needs

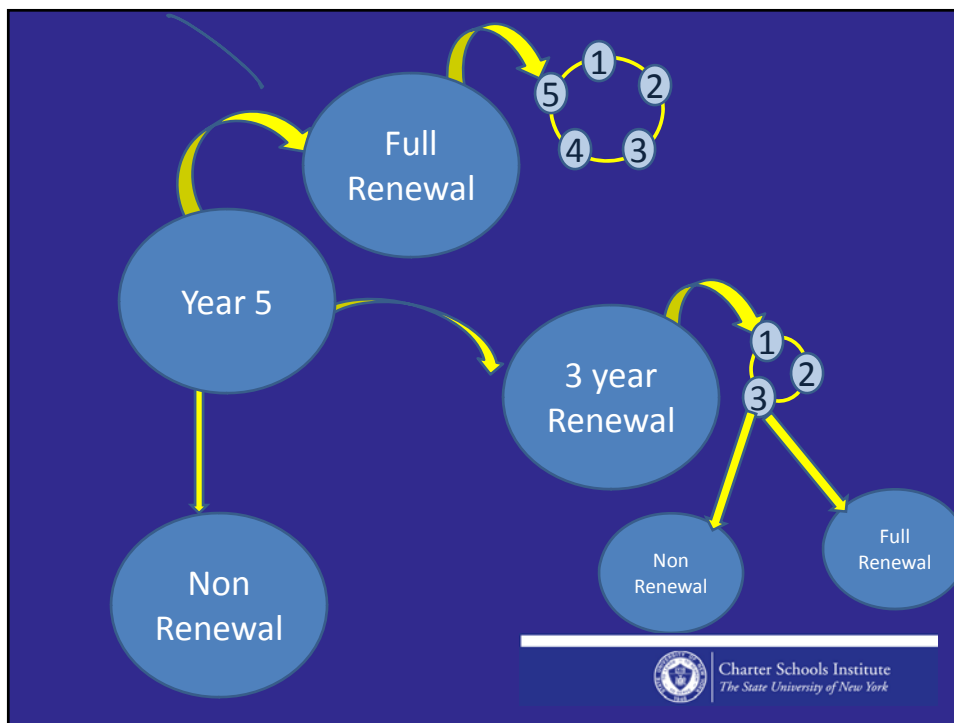
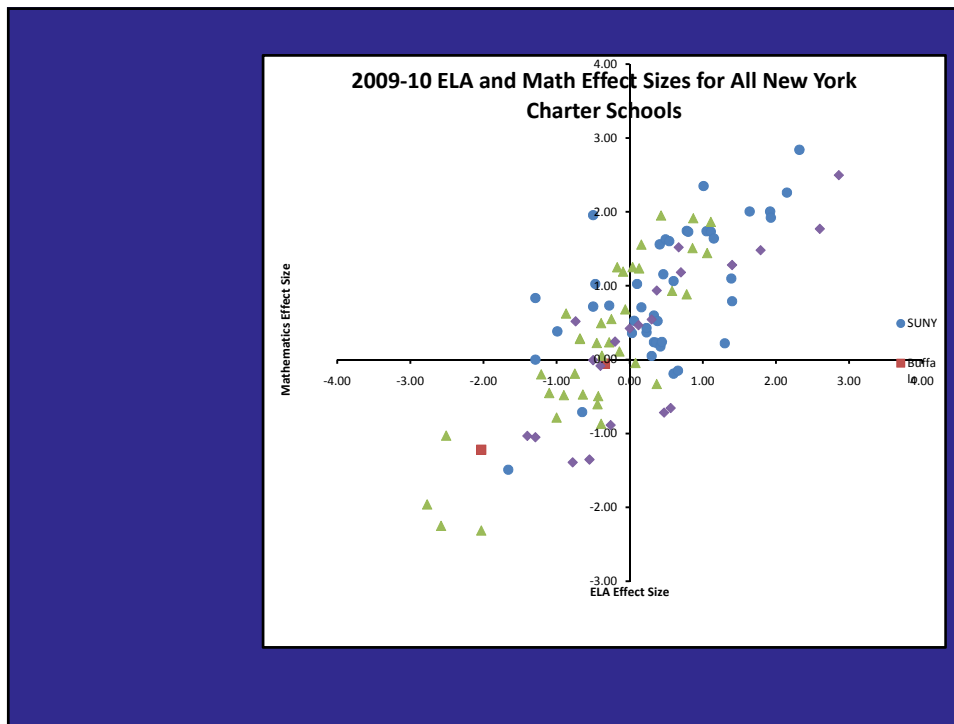
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Closing Schools = Challenge

“As much as we have an obligation to the 260 students currently enrolled in the Lynn Community Charter School, we also have an obligation to the many thousands of students yet to come, who deserve a higher quality public education system. For these students, whose names we do not know and whose faces we do not see, we must ensure that the promise of charter schools and education reform is fulfilled...”

- James Peyser, Former Chair Massachusetts Board of Education



Multiple Personalities

