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Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign
75 Pleasant Street
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Dear Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign,

This letter indicates our intent to submit a Prospectus for a Commonwealth Charter School to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by the August 16, 2021 deadline.

The proposed regional charter school, named Innovators Charter School (ICS), will provide a rigorous wall-to-wall early college STEM education for historically underrepresented students in grades six through twelve from the Gateway Cities of New Bedford and Fall River, working with Bristol Community College and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

The ICS educational program weaves together three key design elements: the science of adolescent development, the principles of deeper learning, and a comprehensive STEM early college curriculum design. The synergy across our three key design principles, embedded within a college going school culture, supports academic development, cognitive development, identity development, along with social and emotional development.

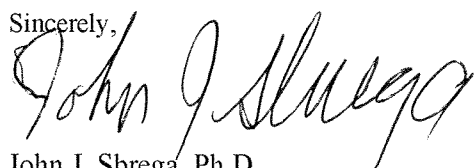
Our wall-to-wall early college STEM programming removes barriers, and supports students and families, so that all students can persist through the post-secondary pipeline to meaningful and high value careers.

The composition of the applicant group is as follows:

Dr. Jack Sbrega
Mr. Nicholas Christ
Ms. Starlene Alves, Esq.
Mr. Kevin Briggs
Mr. Pierce Larsson
Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown
Ms. Evelyn Ranone
Dr. Fran Roy
Dr. Joany Santa
Ms. Sania Santos, Esq.
Mr. Omari Walker
Ms. Melanie Winklosky

The applicant group seeks proven provider status through the submission of proven provider candidates Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown and Dr. Fran Roy.

Sincerely,



John J. Sbrega, Ph.D.

COMMONWEALTH AND HORACE MANN CHARTER APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

This information is included with all submissions. The application, including this form, are posted on the Department website. Applicants are advised that the primary contact person may be contacted by the public and/or media with questions about the proposed school.

Name of Proposed Charter School: Innovators Charter School

School Address (if known):

School Location (City/Town REQUIRED): New Bedford, MA (subject to change)

Primary Contact Person: Dr. Jack Sbrega

Role or relationship of contact person to proposal: Anticipated Chair for the Prospective Board of Trustees

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1. The proposed school will open in the fall of school year: 2022-2023 2023-2024

| School Year | Grade Levels | Total Student Enrollment |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|
| First Year | 6-8 | 315 |
| Second Year | 6-9 | 420 |
| Third Year | 6-10 | 525 |
| Fourth Year | 6-11 | 630 |
| Fifth Year | 6-12 | 735 |
| <i>Add additional rows as needed to show planned growth to reach full proposed grade span and maximum enrollment.</i> | | |

2. Grade span at full enrollment: 6-12

3. Total student enrollment when fully expanded: 735

4. Age at entry for kindergarten, if applicable: N/A

5. If applicable, the proposed Horace Mann charter school is: New or Conversion

6. If applicable, the proposed type of Horace Mann charter school is:

Horace Mann I Horace Mann II Horace Mann III

Questions #7-10 are for applications for a Commonwealth charter school ONLY.

7. Will this proposed Commonwealth school be a **regional charter school**? Yes No

If yes, list the school districts (including regional school districts) in the proposed region. Please only list districts that are included in *District Information on Enrollment Projections for New Applications and Expansion Amendments* at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/new/?section=app>. (Use additional rows if necessary.)

New Bedford

Fall River

If no, please specify the district's population as reported in the most recent United States census estimate for the community the school intends to serve: _____.

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall not approve a new Commonwealth charter school in any community with a population of less than 30,000 as determined by the most recent United States census estimate [available at <http://www.census.gov/>], unless it is a regional charter school. (MGL c. 71 § 89(i)(1).

8. For all proposed Commonwealth charter schools, list the districts that are contiguous with the proposed school's district or region. Please only list districts that are included in *District Information on Enrollment Projections for New Applications and Expansion Amendments* at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/new/?section=app>. (Use additional rows if necessary.)

Dartmouth Freetown-Lakeville Somerset

Fairhaven Westport

Acushnet Somerset-Berkley

9. Will the proposed Commonwealth charter school serve a district where overall student performance on MCAS is in the lowest 10 percent, as designated in *District Information on Enrollment Projections for New Applications and Expansion Amendments* or in **any updated analysis** performed by the Department? Yes No

10. Will the proposed Commonwealth charter school serve a district or districts in which the 9 percent net school spending cap is, or **could be**, exceeded by applications during the upcoming cycle? Yes No

11. Have members of the applicant group previously submitted an initial application or final application that did not result in a charter? Yes No (Member: Nicholas Christ)

If yes, is the present submission related in content to the previous application? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the name of the previous proposal and the year submitted.

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| New Heights Charter School of Fall River | 2013-2014 |
| New Heights Charter School of Brockton | 2014-2015 |

12. Is the applicant group currently the board of trustees of an existing charter school?

Yes No

If answered YES, please explain why the group is not using the charter application designed for use by a current board of trustees.

13. Do members of the applicant group currently operate or are they employed by a private or parochial school? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the person's name, the school name and school location, and dates of employment or affiliation.

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14. Are any members of the applicant group present or past members of a charter school board of trustees, school committee, or other type of public governing body? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the person's name; the charter school name and school location, or school committee district; and dates of membership.

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