

Kangwa Montessori Chinese Immersion Charter Public School Application

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Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign

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Dear Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign,

I, representing the founding members, submitted this application for a Massachusetts Public Charter School: Commonwealth Charter School (regional)- Kangwa Montessori Chinese Immersion Charter Public School, a PK-Grade 5 elementary school located in a garden, park or farm.

The mission of the Kangwa Montessori Chinese Immersion Charter Public School is to develop a strong academic foundation in Chinese and English, to cultivate an open mind for different cultures and their distinguished values, and to foster an appreciation for the natural world and its harmony with our personal lives.

The purposes of the Kangwa Montessori Chinese Immersion Charter Public School are to blend Chinese-English dual-language academic education and natural awareness together in order to sustainably preserve our Mother Nature, to empower the integration of curious thinkers into a multicultural, interconnected, and dynamic world, to inspire a lifelong love for learning in an environment that extends beyond the comfort zone.

All students in the region who are interested in Montessori and Chinese immersion school will be served. The general approach to curriculum and teaching is outlined by the following: 1. Montessori methods and curriculum; 2. Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and Common Core State Initiatives; 3. Hands-on interdisciplinary science projects including raising silkworms, chickens, and honey bees naturally; 4. Chinese math including abacus, mental arithmetic, multiplication formulas; 5. Chinese Gong Fu/self-defense and eye exercises.

Regarding key design elements, students will be grouped into separate mixed-age classes; The percentage of the Chinese instruction time will be changed according to different grade levels. There are lead teachers per class; one is a native Chinese speaker, and the other a native English speaker. The campus will exist within an open space that encompasses a park, garden or a farm.

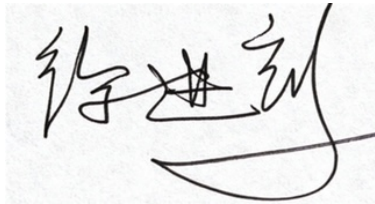
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Information on the composition of the applicant group:

1. Dr. Mary Cazabon, Dual language Immersion Expert and Researcher, former director of Cambridge Public School District Bilingual/ESL Department
2. Dr. Roger Harris, Associate Professor, Director, The Institute for Collaborative Education, New Jersey City University, former Superintendent, Boston Renaissance Charter Public School
3. Dr. Baifeng Sun, Education Consultant, former director of University of Massachusetts Boston Confucius Institute
4. Mr. Ben Xia, President and co-founder of Red & Blue International and Flat World Foundation, a non profit organization, former Principal of Newton Chinese Language School, parent.
5. Ms. Dandan Xu, Montessori Chinese teacher and parent,
6. Dr. Jinhui Xu, founder of Kangwa foundation, a non profit corporation, former Global Outreach Director and Foreign Language Instruction, Boston Renaissance Charter Public School

Salutation,

Jinhui Xu, Ed.D

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Founder of Kangwa Foundation, a non-profit corporation

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:

Kangwa Montessori Chinese Immersion Charter Public School

School Address (if known):

N/A

School Location (City/Town REQUIRED):

Newton

Primary Contact Person:

Jinhui Xu, Ed.D

Role or relationship of contact person to proposal:

Principal

Address [Street, City/Town, State, and Zip Code]:

75 Bound Brook Road, Newton, MA, 02461

Daytime Tel: (617) 669 0304 **Secondary Tel:** (_____)_____

Email: kangwafoundation@gmail.com

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	PK, K	30
Second Year	PK, K, G1	60
Third Year	PK, K, G1, G2	90
Fourth Year	PK, K, G1, G2, G3	120
Fifth Year	PK, K, G1, G2, G3, G4	150
Sixth Year	PK, K, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5	180

2. Grade span at full enrollment: PK-G5

3. Total student enrollment when fully expanded: 180

4. Age at entry for kindergarten, if applicable: 4 year old

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.)

<u>Newton</u>	<u>Needham</u>	<u>Wellesley</u>
<u>Weston</u>	<u>Dedham</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
<u>Wayland</u>	<u>Belmont</u>	<u>Watertown</u>

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.)

<u>Cambridge</u>	<u>Boston</u>	<u>Natick</u>
<u>Framingham</u>	<u>Waltham</u>	<u>Sommerville</u>

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 X 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 XNo

11. Have members of the applicant group previously submitted an initial application or final application that did not result in a charter? XYes No

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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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.

<u>Dr. Roger Harris</u>	<u>Member of the Board</u>	<u>Boston Renaissance</u>
	<u>of Trustees</u>	<u>Charter Public</u>
	<u>School committee</u>	<u>School, Hyde Park</u>

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	<u>Member of the Board of Directors</u> <u>2nd Vice President of the Board of Directors</u>	<u>Massachusetts Charter Public School Association</u>
	<u>Co-founder of the award-winning</u>	<u>Roxbury Preparatory Charter School</u>
<u>Dr. Mary Cazabon</u>	<u>Chair of Educational Advisory Board for the Teaching of Mandarin in Massachusetts and New England (2007-2010)</u>	<u>University of Massachusetts Boston</u>
	<u>Advisory Board for National Benchmarks and Standards (2003-2005)</u>	<u>Dual Language Programs Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington, DC, 2003–2005</u>
	<u>Board member and Newsletter Editor (1994-2003)</u>	<u>Massachusetts Association of Bilingual Education</u>
<u>Mr. Ben Xia</u>	<u>Board director</u>	<u>Newton Chinese Language School</u>
	<u>Board member and Deputy Secretary-General</u>	<u>Chinese School Association in the United States</u>