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SHPS SUBMITS CHARTER PETITION FOR FIRST EXPANSION SITE

Beginning with Education, St. HOPE Takes Business Model to New York City

Sacramento, CA - On September 4, 2007, St. HOPE made history by submitting a charter petition for its first expansion site. Named "St. HOPE Leadership Academy", St. HOPE Public Schools will open a charter school in New York City in August of 2008.

The school will serve students in grade k-12 and will feature a rigorous; standards based curriculum, an extended school day and year, a defined character development program and low student to teacher ratios. St. HOPE Leadership Academy will open with 150 students in grade 5 and 6.

"We are very excited about our expansion into New York City. St. HOPE remains committed to revitalizing inner-city communities through public education and we're pleased to have the support of the NYDOE and the New York City community at-large", said Dana Gonzalez, Director of New Site Development.

The New York Department of Education charter process requires all petitioners to complete a public hearing, two interviews prior to receiving final approval. St. HOPE expects to receive a final decision on or around January 15, 2008.

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