



March 14, 2025

Maura Webster, Chair, Board of Trustees
Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School
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Via electronic mail: mwebster@amsacs.org

Dear Board Chair:

Congratulations on the renewal of the charter for Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School. Based upon the evidence gathered over the past four years regarding the school's academic success, organizational viability, and faithfulness to the terms of its charter and under the authority delegated to me by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board), I have renewed the school's charter under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Section 89, and 603 CMR 1.00.¹

The charter term is five years, beginning July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2030. The terms of the charter include, but are not limited to, those that follow.

Type of Charter	Commonwealth	Location	Marlborough
Regional or Non-Regional	Regional	Districts in Region	Clinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard
Maximum Enrollment	966	Chartered Grade Span	6-12

The Summary of Review identified areas of concern related to Criterion 3: Compliance and Criterion 9: Governance. Specifically, the school is out of compliance with state regulations regarding teacher qualifications.² In addition, the board of trustees operates in a manner

¹ I notified the Board in a memorandum dated February 19, 2025 (attached) that I intended to renew the school's charter without conditions. No Board member requested that this matter be brought to the full Board for review. Therefore, I have taken this action.

² Per state regulations (603 CMR 1.06 (4)), all teachers beyond their first year of employment must have taken and passed the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL). The Department reviewed the qualifications of a systematic sample of approximately half of the general education teachers at the school and determined that 2 teachers beyond the first year of employment (out of the 43 whose qualifications were reviewed) had not passed the required MTEs.

that is not fully in compliance with the Open Meeting Law (OML).³ Finally, there are concerns about the board's oversight of the school's academic performance. To address these concerns, continue taking steps to ensure all staff are qualified; take steps to ensure board meeting minutes meet the requirements of the OML; and take steps to strengthen the board's oversight of the school's academic performance.

In the coming weeks, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will contact the school to support the school's planning for the new charter term. The school will need to develop a new Accountability Plan, and the beginning of the charter term is also a good time for the school to review and potentially request amendments to board bylaws and enrollment policies.

Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School shall be operated in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 89; 603 CMR 1.00; and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations and such additional conditions as the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education may from time to time establish, all of which shall be deemed conditions of the charter.

The charter school initiative is a key component of education reform in Massachusetts. Your school has proved what a strong vision, high standards, and hard work can accomplish for the students of Massachusetts. I wish you great success as you continue to provide academic excellence and choice to the children of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



Russell D. Johnston
Acting Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

C: Lisa Mobley, Executive Director, Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School

Attachments:

Summary of Review for Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School
Memorandum dated February 19, 2025

³ Minutes for meetings of the full board and committees do not consistently include the location of the meeting, as required by the OML. Minutes for meetings of committees also do not consistently include a summary of the discussion of each subject or a list of documents and exhibits used during the meetings, as required by the OML.