

State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PO Box 500 Trenton, NJ 08625-0500

DAVID C. HESPE Commissioner

September 30, 2016

Ms. Darryle Bogan, Lead Founder Montclair Charter School 43 Plymouth Street Montclair, NJ 07042

Dear Ms. Bogan:

CHRIS CHRISTIE

Governor

KIM GUADAGNO

Lt. Governor

Your application for the proposed Montclair Charter School has undergone a comprehensive review by a team of New Jersey Department of Education (Department) personnel as well as a qualified external reviewer. Based on recommendations and my review, I am denying your request based on the deficiencies identified during the charter school application evaluation process. A denial summary containing the details for the denial of your application will be forthcoming. Please be advised that this decision may be appealed to the Superior Court, Appellate Division, pursuant to *P.L.*2008, *c.* 36.

The charter schools initiative in New Jersey represents an exciting opportunity for parents, teachers and others to use their collective creativity in designing new and innovative ways of helping children to reach high levels of academic achievement. The Department is committed to developing a strong pipeline of charter schools in New Jersey and providing a high quality education for New Jersey students. I thank you for your interest and commitment to this important undertaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Czehut, Acting Director, Office of Charter and Renaissance Schools, at 609-292-5850.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Harrington
Acting Commissioner

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KH/CSE/KC/AC/s:/ CS Application Review Process/March Application/2016/Montclair CS Denial

c: Governor Chris Christie Senior Staff Department Directors Joseph Zarra Ronald Bolandi