



Date: June 21, 2022

To: Members of the Boston School Committee

From: Amar Kumar, Chair, UP Academy Dorchester Board of Trustees, Ariella Silverstein-Tapp, Principal, UP Academy Dorchester

Re: UP Academy Dorchester Charter Renewal Request

UP Academy Dorchester is a K1-8 Horace Mann Charter school serving over 600 students located at 35 Westville Street in Dorchester. Originally chartered in 2013, we are seeking to submit an application to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for renewal of our charter for a five year period. We received our original charter in 2013, and were approved for a five-year renewal in 2018. As a part of the charter school accountability process, we are seeking renewal of our charter to permit our continued operation from July 2023 through June 2028.

Because we are a Horace Mann Charter School, the application for renewal of our charter requires the support of our Board, the Boston Teachers' Union, and an affirmative vote of the Boston School Committee. Attached are draft materials for your review. We look forward to discussing our renewal application with you at the school committee meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

We are extremely grateful to partner with Boston Public Schools to serve our students and families. Our vision as a school and organization, that strives to allow students to cultivate their sharp minds, share their kind hearts and explore their path and potential, is something we take very seriously. We look forward to continuing that partnership and living out our vision in the years to come.