

THE FRIENDS OF THE BRONX CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE, INC.

REPLICATION AND EXPANSION OF HIGH-QUALITY

EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS

ABSTRACT NARRATIVE

Project Description and Goals: The Friends of the Bronx Charter School for Excellence (FOBCSE) is an emerging Charter Management Organization (CMO) committed to providing high-quality educational options for students and communities that are historically underserved. During the 2015-16 school year, our two existing schools served 941 scholars in New York and Connecticut across three campuses. The overarching goals of this project speak to both quality and scale. They are: (1) To avail greater access to high-quality educational programs to students and families in high-needs locations, and closing persisting achievement gaps that have too long pervaded these communities; (2) To replicate and improve upon the model of Excellence that has distinguished our programs and advanced scholarly achievement.

Expected Outcomes: FOBCSE's expected outcomes are: (1) To serve a total of 2,968 students across 7 elementary and two middle schools in New York and Connecticut; (2) Using an R&D approach to informing innovative practices to significantly increase student achievement, particularly for educationally disadvantaged students, to surpass district and statewide peers and prepare for top seats in high school, college, and chosen careers

Contribution to Research, Policy, or Practice: FOBCSE's impact extends beyond the scope of the project and grant term through our commitment to research and dissemination of best practices to raise public awareness of the public charter school model and push the boundaries of education reform.