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March 10, 2016

Ms. Janice Havay, President  
Board of Trustees  
Red Bank Charter School  
58 Oakland Street  
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Dear Ms. Havay:

On December 1, 2015, Red Bank Charter School submitted an amendment request to authorize a weighted lottery preference for economically disadvantaged students for the 2016-17 through 2018-19 school years. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-8(e), charter schools may seek approval from the Department to establish admissions policies, including weighted lotteries, that favor educationally disadvantaged students, in an effort to better represent a cross section of their school-age community population. Red Bank Charter School is requesting that economically disadvantaged students receive an increased chance at a seat at the school in the lottery for the next three school years. A child that provides proof of his or her economically disadvantaged status will get his or her name placed in the lottery three times rather than twice.

The charter amendment was sought pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:11-2.6, which allows a charter school to submit an amendment request to the Commissioner at any time after having been granted a charter. Please be advised that I have approved your amendment request for the implementation of a weighted lottery for economically disadvantaged students for the next three school years, starting in 2016-17. The school will evaluate the impact of the weighted lottery on its student population after conducting the lottery for the 2018-19 school year.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Harold Lee, director, Office of Charter Schools at 609-292-5850.

Sincerely,

David C. Hespe  
Commissioner

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