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Hellenic Classical Charter School – Park Slope, a DOE authorized charter school requesting to merge with Hellenic Classical Charter School – Staten Island, an NYSED authorized charter school.

- **How will merging benefit students?**
  The merger will benefit students in a number of ways. It will allow educational resources, including programs, services and staff, to be shared by the schools. The delivery of specialized programming such as enhanced special education programming, tutoring services, and enrichment programs, will be maximized by the merger of the schools.

- **How will merging benefit the community and/or stakeholders?**
  Merging will benefit the community and stakeholders by allowing them to deal with one entity rather than having to deal with the two separate schools.

- **How will merging improve the Board of Trustees’ capacity to govern its schools?**
  The merger will increase the Board of Trustees capacity to govern the associated charter schools by increasing the overall knowledge and experience held by the board. The Board is seeking to expand and recruit a member from Staten Island in the near future, which will also increase its capacity to govern.

- **How will merging improve schools’ operations and finances?**
  The merger will allow the schools to pool financial resources so that oversight of the schools’ finances and compliance obligations may be handled more efficiently, from both a cost and time perspective. Efficiencies and cost savings from pooled purchasing opportunities will be achieved.

- **What additional benefits are anticipated as the result of a merger?**
  Overall, the merging of the two schools will lead to a stronger, more effective operation which will have a positive effect on the education of the students.

The merger application will be submitted to NYCDOE and NYSED for approval. For more information or any questions regarding the merger please contact Joy Petrakos at Joy.Petrakos@hccs-nys.org.