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Connecticut Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS) is a charter school approved by the State Department of Education in 2005 pending approval of funding by the CGA this legislative session. With funding, CAMS would be ready to open this Fall 2007, serving grades 6 to 12.

To be located in downtown Hartford within a district having the lowest statewide scores in math and sciences, CAMS mission is to provide an option for parents to have their children educated in mathematical and scientific disciplines that will prepare them to be doctors, nurses, dentists, computer programmers, architects, mathematicians, engineers, chemists, physicists, etc. Although focus will be establishment of a high-quality college preparatory program, students not wishing to pursue college will be highly proficient in the mathematical and the computer sciences for data based and managerial positions.

With founding members consisting of a tenured Chemistry U. Connecticut Professor, Mathematics faculty member at Yale U., Otis Elevator Company senior electrical engineer, Boehringer Ingelheim senior software engineer and Louis Dreyfus Energy Services commodities trader, we feel that we offer a system of strong educational support and the ability to amass financial and community support, and establish a high-quality college-preparatory program. Another goal of CAMS is to help close Connecticut's achievement gap (largest achievement gap in the nation), a goal common to the other great charter schools of Connecticut.

CAMS Board is very hopeful in get funding this legislative session, and working very hard making preparations for Fall 2007. We have located an excellent school location in Hartford. We are searching/hiring school personnel, organizing open houses for our potential students and parents, and applying for grants from different companies of Connecticut. We have met with community leaders and the group where the site is to be located. Many parents of Hartford are very enthusiastic and supportive about our school, and hope that CAMS will get the funding in this legislative session and open in Fall 2007. CAMS is ranked first among the charter schools to be opened this year, and if any funding were made available for new charter schools, CAMS would be opened in Fall 2007.

We ask you to support the FUNDING of NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS. With your support, downtown Hartford will get a great technological school consisting of dedicated volunteer founding members that will better educate our children in math and sciences and bring hope to both parents and future parents.

For more information on CAMS, please visit our website at [www.ctacademymms.org](http://www.ctacademymms.org)

Yours Sincerely,

Board of Directors

Connecticut Academy of Math and Science

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