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**CHANCELLOR JOEL I. KLEIN AND CIVIC BUILDERS, INC., CEO  
DAVID UMANSKY ANNOUNCE PLANS TO EXPAND PARTNERSHIP IN  
SUPPORT OF CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT**

*24,000-Square Foot, 280-Seat Facility for Bronx Charter School for the Arts Opens in Hunts  
Point*

Chancellor Joel I. Klein today and Civic Builders, Inc., CEO David Umansky today presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new 24,000-square foot, 280-seat facility for the Bronx Charter School for the Arts in Hunts Point and announced plans to expand the Department of Education (DOE)'s partnership with Civic Builders in support of charter school development in New York City. Civic Builders, Inc., a non-profit leader in charter school real estate development, purchased the Hunts Point facility, which once housed a sausage factory, and transformed the building into a colorful, creative learning environment focused on arts education. Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrión, Jr., Council Member Jose M. Serrano, City Council Education Committee Chair Eva S. Moskowitz, and officials from Bank of America, Raza Development Fund, and FJC, joined Chancellor Klein, Mr. Umansky, and Bronx Charter School for the Arts faculty, students, and parents at today's ceremony.

"As we continue working to create new educational opportunities for New York City families, one of our biggest challenges is identifying and securing space to house new schools," Chancellor Klein said. "Last year, the Bronx Charter School for the Arts was able to get its start using space in an existing Department of Education facility for its then 160 students. This year, thanks to the support of Civic Builders, this school has a home of its own and will be able to grow in the future. We look forward to strengthening and expanding our partnership with Civic Builders so that New York truly will become the most charter friendly City in the country."

Building on the success of this initial public-private venture, the DOE and Civic Builders will expand their partnership supporting the development of multiple charter school facilities across the City. Each facility will be developed by Civic Builders in partnership