

Charter and Contract School Recommendations

December 6, 2017 Board Meeting



Charter School Authorization Overview

The Board will be asked to vote on the following actions:

- Renewal and revocation recommendations for existing schools.
- The approval and denial of new school proposals

Process Overview

Expected Outcomes

School Renewal Process

- Annual process to evaluate school contractual performance.
 - Process conducted annually based on expiration of school agreements.
 - Public hearing required for all charter renewal proposals.
 - Charter “non-renewals” by BOE have an appeal right with the Commission.
- More than five year renewal (with/without conditions)
 - Full five year renewal (with/without) conditions
 - Short term renewal with conditions

Charter School Revocation

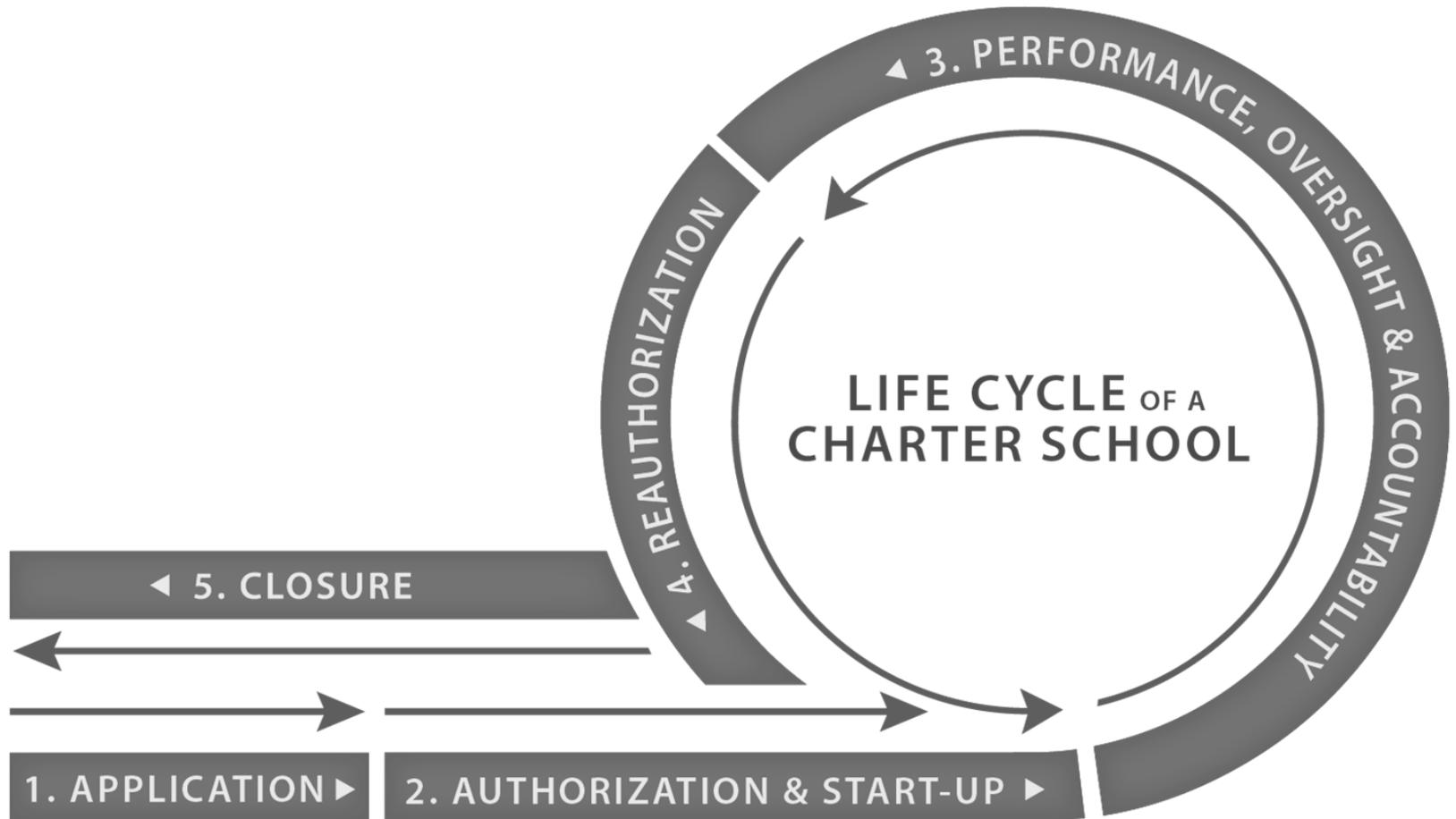
- Annual process to identify and close low performing charters based on the Charter School Quality Policy.
 - Schools that are currently identified on the warning list for a second time may be recommended for revocation and closure.
 - Charter revocations by BOE have an appeal right with the Commission.
- Low performing charters have opportunity to improve academic performance
 - Highly improved educational programs that meet remediation continue to operate, low performing educational programs who do not meet remediation will close
 - Students will have access to higher quality educational options

Request for Proposals

- Annual release of RFP.
 - BOE required to take action on proposals within 45 days of receipt.
 - Public hearing required for all new charter school proposals.
 - Charter proposal “denials” by BOE have an appeal right with the Commission.
- High quality educational models
 - Schools are located in areas of high need
 - Applicants identify targeted community and demonstrate community support



Strong Oversight and Accountability



School Renewal and Charter Revocation



School Renewal Process 2017-2018 Renewal Cohort

14 charter operators with 34 campuses (15,847 students), four contract schools (1003 students) and one SAFE program (11 students) have agreement terms ending June 30, 2018:

School	Campus	2017 Level Rating	2016 Level Rating	2 Yr Avg	SY18 Grades	SY18 Enroll	Community	Proposed Term
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Replicating Charter Schools

ASPIRA Charter Schools	3 Campuses			3.5		1284		7 Years w/ Conditions
	Business and Finance High School	Level 1	Level 1+	4.1	9-11	487	Logan Square	
	Early College High School	Level 2+	Level 2+	3.4	9-12	376	Avondale	
	Haugan	Level 2	Level 2+	2.9	6-8	420	Albany Park	
Acero Charter Schools	15 Campuses			3.7		7582		5 Years w/ Conditions
	Brighton Park Campus	Level 1+	Level 1	4.1	K-8	546	Brighton Park	
	Cisneros	Level 1	Level 1+	4.1	K-8	537	Brighton Park	
	Clemente	Level 2+	Level 2+	3.2	K-8	544	Belmont Cragin	
	De Las Casas	Level 2+	Level 1+	3.3	K-8	278	Lower West Side	
	Fuentes	Level 2+	Level 1	3.7	K-8	549	Avondale	
	Garcia High School	Level 1+	Level 1+	4.1	9-12	598	Archer Heights	
	Marquez	Level 1	Level 1	3.6	K-8	570	Brighton Park	
	Octavio Paz	Level 2	Level 2+	2.8	K-8	368	South Lawndale	
	Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz	Level 1	Level 2	3.3	K-12	677	West Ridge	
	Santiago	Level 1+	Level 1+	4.7	K-8	283	West Town	
	Jovita Idar	Level 1	Level 1	3.7	K-8	569	Gage Park	
	Victoria Soto	Level 2+	Level 2+	3.3	6-12	551	Rogers Park	
	Tamayo	Level 1+	Level 1+	4.1	K-8	287	Gage Park	
Torres	Level 1+	Level 1+	4.0	K-8	579	Archer Heights		
Zizumbo	Level 1	Level 1+	3.7	K-8	625	Archer Heights		

School Renewal Process

2017-2018 Renewal Cohort

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Replicating Charter Schools contd.

University of Chicago Charter Schools	4 Campuses			3.5		1754		5 Years w/ Conditions
	Donoghue	Level 2+	Level 2+	3.4	K-5	539	Oakland	
	North Kenwood / Oakland	Level 2+	Level 1	3.5	K-5	356	Kenwood	
	Woodlawn High School	Level 1	Level 1	3.7	6-12	645	Woodlawn Grand Boulevard	
	Woodson	Level 2+	Level 1	3.3	7-8	214	Woodlawn Grand Boulevard	
North Lawndale Charter School	2 Campuses			3.0		713		2 Years w/ Conditions
	Collins Campus	Level 2	Level 2	2.8	9-12	355	North Lawndale	
	Christiana Campus	Level 2	Level 1	3.2	9-12	358	North Lawndale	

Single Site Charter Schools

EPIC Academy Charter School		Level 1	Level 1+	3.9	9-12	538	South Chicago	7 Years w/ Conditions
Asian Human Services – Passages Charter School		Level 2+	Level 2+	3.2	K-8	447	Edgewater	5 Years w/ Conditions
Chicago Collegiate Charter School		Level 2	Level 1+	3.4	4-12	394	West Pullman	5 Years w/ Conditions
Christopher House Charter School		Level 1+	Level 1	4.2	K-8	341	Belmont Cragin	5 Years w/ Conditions
Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy		Level 1	Level 1	3.6	9-12	750	Lower West Side	5 Years w/ Conditions
Intrinsic Charter School		Level 1+	Level 1+	4.2	7-12	1012	Irving Park	5 Years w/ Conditions
		Level 2+	Level 2+	3.2	9-12	193	Douglas	5 Years w/ Conditions

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Single Site Charter Schools Contd.

Frazier Preparatory Academy Charter School		Level 2	Level 2+	2.6	K-8	361	North Lawndale	3 Years w/ Conditions
Urban Prep Academy for Young Men – Englewood		Level 2	Level 2+	3.0	9-12	263	Englewood	3 Years w/ Conditions
Urban Prep Academy for Young Men – West		Level 2	Level 2	2.5	9-12	213	Near West Side	2 Years w/ Conditions

Contract Schools

Chicago Technical Academy		Level 2+	Level 2	3.1	9-12	242	Near West Side	5 Years w/ Conditions
Plato Learning Academy		Level 2	Level 2	2.5	K-8	389	Austin	2 Years w/ Conditions

Options Contract Schools

Camelot – Excel Academy of Englewood		Level 1+	Level 1+	4.2	8-12	252	Englewood	5 Years w/ Conditions
Camelot – SAFE South Shore		Level 1+	Level 1	4.2	6-12	11	South Shore	5 Years w/ Conditions
Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy		Level 1	Level 2+	3.5	9-12	118	Kenwood	3 Years w/ Conditions



Charter School Quality Policy Action

Charter School Quality Policy Criteria for Revocation

School is Subject to Closure if:

- The school fails to implement the remediation plan, or
- The school is identified on the Warning List for two consecutive years

Upon identification:

- CPS must send notice that school is placed on warning list, in revocation status and subject to closure
- Charter school must submit remediation plan including timeline
- CPS shall monitor implementation

The following school is recommended for revocation according to the Charter School Quality Policy

School	SY14 Perf.	SY15 Perf.	SY16 Perf.	SY17 Perf.	2 yr. Avg.	Recommendation
ACE Tech Grades 9-12 315 students	Level 2 2.8	Level 2 2.3	Level 2 2.8	Level 2 2.4	2.6	Revocation



RFP-New School Proposals



Request for Proposals 2017 Applications

2 operators have proposed to open 2 charter schools in fall 2018.
(7 applicants proposing 8 campuses have been withdrawn)

Charter Holder	School Name	School Type	Opening Date	Grade Levels	At-Capacity Enrollment (proposed)	Recommendation
Chicago Classical Academy (South Loop)	Chicago Classical Academy Charter School	Charter	2018	K-8	504	Deny
Art in Motion (Greater Grand Crossing)	Art in Motion Charter School	Charter	2018	7-12	1200	Approve 900 enrollment



Request for Proposals Art In Motion Charter School

Proposed Model: Performing arts middle/high school with a project based model and personalized learning curriculum for rigorous instruction.

Basis of Approval Recommendation:

1. Formal partnership with Distinctive Schools, existing Chicago education management organization that currently oversees three Level 1 CPS schools and one Level 2+ CPS school, to provide comprehensive personalized and project based learning curriculum.
2. Strong educational model, instructional supports, special education and EL supports, SEL program and MTSS interventions.
3. Demonstrated financial and operational capacity.
4. Proposed co-location with Hirsch High School with viable independent facility option as an alternative.
5. Strong community partnerships including the Lynn Group, New Life Church, and Whole Foods.

