

Charter School Recommendations

December 5, 2018 Board Meeting



Charter School Authorization Overview

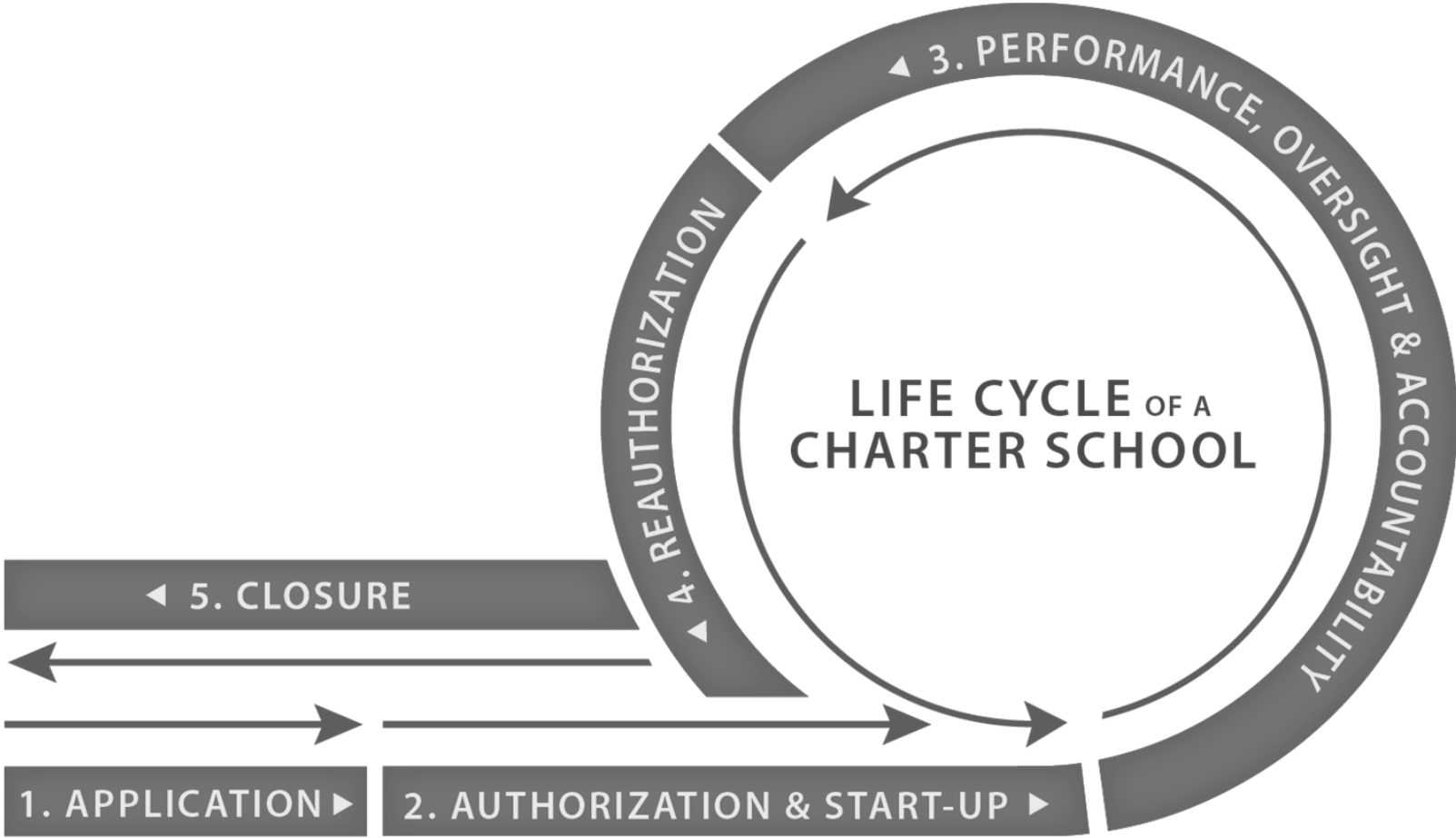
The Board will be asked to vote on the following actions:

- Non-renewal and revocation recommendations for existing schools
- New charter school proposals

Process Overview	Expected Outcomes
<p><u>Non-renewal and Revocation of Low Performing Charter Schools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Renewal: Annual process to evaluate school contractual performance (academic, financial, operational) based on expiration of charter school agreements• Public hearings held for all schools considered for renewal and revocation• Charter “non-renewals” and revocation by BOE have an appeal right with the Illinois Charter School Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
<p><u>Request for Proposals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Illinois Charter School Commission.	<p>Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High quality educational models• Schools proposed in areas of high need• Applicants identify targeted community and demonstrate community support



Strong Oversight and Accountability



Non-Renewal and Revocation of Charter School Agreement



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 Academic 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 non-renewal or revocation according to the Charter School Quality Policy

School	SY15 Perf.	SY16 Perf.	SY17 Perf.	SY18 Perf.	Recommendation
Urban Prep West Grades 9-12 176 students	Level 2 2.8	Level 2 2.6	Level 2 2.4	Level 2 2.7	Revocation
Kwame Nkrumah Grades K-8 197 Students	Level 3 1.8	Level 2+ 3	Level 3 1.5	Level 3 1.5	Non-Renewal



Student Transition Supports

- **Parent Communications** - Communications providing information about the board decision, upcoming informational meetings, and enrollment supports and options
- **Informational Session for Families (December)** – In person meeting to provide families with information, next steps for student transitions, educational options for students
- **Educational Options for Students** – CPS will provide students with options at higher performing district managed and charter schools. These options will include both schools with open seats and schools that the district will guarantee a seat for each student through the enrollment process
- **Monthly Transition Meetings for Families and Students (January-August)** – One-on-one meetings with families to discuss options at higher performing schools, student academic transitions and specific needs, transportation, and safety plans to meet the unique needs of each student



RFP-New School Proposals



Request for Proposals 2018 Applications

Three applicants have proposed to open three charter schools in fall 2019.
(Five new school proposals have been withdrawn)

Current Applicants

Charter Holder	School Name	School Type	Opening Date	Grade Levels	At-Capacity Enrollment	Recommendation
Intrinsic Schools (Near North/Loop)	Intrinsic 2 Charter School	Charter	2019	9-12	1080	Deny
Project Simeon 2000 (Greater Englewood)	Kemet Leadership Academy Charter School	Charter	2019	5-8 (At-Risk)	500	Deny
Chicago Education Partnership (Austin/Belmont Cragin)	Moving Everest 2 Charter School	Charter	2019	K-5	540	Deny



Request for Proposals 2018 Applications

Intrinsic 2 Charter School: Intrinsic has proposed opening a citywide high school downtown that would open next school year. While Intrinsic meets the Charter School Quality Policy criteria for replication, the operator has not been able to identify a location that meets needs identified in the district's Annual Regional Analysis. CPS does not support opening additional schools that do not meet a clearly identified need for families. Based on the proposal's inability to meet an existing community need for additional quality seats, CPS is recommending denial of the proposal.

Kemet Leadership Academy Charter School: Kemet has proposed creating a charter school in the greater Englewood community that would serve at-risk boys in grades 5-8. CPS has conducted a thorough review of the proposal and recommends denial of the application because the proposed curriculum is incomplete and unproven, the applicant has not developed a clear instructional approach, there is a lack of demonstrated leadership capacity, and the school's proposed budget and facility are not viable.

Moving Everest 2 Charter School: Moving Everest has proposed creating a traditional K-8 school in the Austin community beginning in 2019. Because Moving Everest, an existing charter operator, does not meet the district's criteria for replication, the school's site visit results were insufficient and the applicant did not demonstrate the capacity or program to serve English Language Learners, CPS is recommending denial of this proposal.

