

## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Proposed Revisions to the Eligibility Criteria for a Replication Application and Transfer Application

### Issue

The Replication Application and Transfer Application include eligibility criteria that evaluates a charter's performance in order to determine if a charter holder is eligible to submit either application. The Board will consider proposed revisions to both the Replication Application and Transfer Application to add eligibility criteria to allow charter holders to submit an application earlier than the Board's current process.

### Background

A Replication Application and Transfer Application are expansion requests that expand a current charter holder's operation by replicating an existing school into a new charter or transferring an existing school to its own charter.

Currently, when a charter holder requests to transfer an existing school to its own charter or replicates an existing school into a new charter, known as the Replication Model School, the school must be open and have completed at least three years of operation prior to submitting the application. This means a charter holder wanting to expand its operations must wait until its 4<sup>th</sup> year of operation to submit the application in order to execute the new charter or transfer charter in its 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation. A significant change being proposed by Board staff will allow a charter holder to be considered by the Board for a replication or transfer charter in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation, but will require the school being replicated or transferred to have a minimum Overall Rating of "Above Standard" on the academic dashboard in each of the last two years.

### Public Comment

The proposed changes were open for public comment from September 11 through October 1, 2018. Board staff did not receive any comments within the stated timeframe of this first opportunity for public comment.

### Proposed Revisions

Common changes to both applications include:

- Technical changes to enhance the readability of the application instructions
- Updating all attachments/forms as appropriate

### Replication Application

Appendix A: Application for Replication Charter includes the details on the proposed revisions and is summarized below:

- Change the minimum Overall Rating from "Meets Standard" to "**Above Standard**" on the academic dashboard for the Replication Model School in each of the **last two years** and not the last three years.
- Ensure that 75 percent or more of the other schools operated by the charter holder have a minimum Overall Rating of "Meets Standard" in the academic dashboard instead of requiring each school to meet this standard. This criterion aligns with that of the current eligibility criteria in the Academic Performance Framework and Guidance.

### Transfer Application

Appendix B: Application for Transfer Charter includes the details on the proposed revisions and is summarized below:

- The school being transferred must have a minimum Overall Rating of "**Above Standard**" on the academic dashboard in each of the **last two years**. Currently, the school being transferred must have completed a least three years of operation prior to submitting a transfer application.

- The charter holder and its Associated Charters must be in compliance pursuant to the Board's Conducting Compliance Checks Policy Statement. This criterion aligns with that of the Replication Application.

# Appendix A: Application for Replication Charter

# Appendix B: Application for Transfer Charter