



New Charter Applications 2017-18 Cycle

*Presentation to the School Reform Commission
Charter Schools Office*

February 22, 2018



PA Charter School Law (CSL) Requirements

- CSL specifies guidelines for reviewing charter applications
 - Demonstrated, sustainable support for the charter school plan by teachers, parents and other community members and students, including comments received at the public hearing
 - Capability of the applicant, in terms of support and planning, to provide comprehensive learning experiences to students
 - Extent to which the application considers the information specified in 1719-A and conforms to the legislative intent outlined in 1702-A of the CSL
 - Extent to which the charter school may serve as a model for other public schools
- CSL specifies timeline for the application review process
 - Applications must be accepted through November 15
 - At least one public hearing must be held on each application within 45 days of the receipt of the application
 - A decision on each application must be made within 75 days but no sooner than 45 days from the date of the first hearing



Philadelphia 2017-18 New Charter Application Cycle

- 13 Letters of Intent to apply were received by the Charter Schools Office
- Nine (9) applications were received by the November 15, 2017 deadline
 - Two (2) applications were withdrawn by the applicants after submission
- CSO utilized subject matter experts including District staff and external reviewers
 - Evaluators had expertise in curriculum, school operations, school finance, special education, English Learners and the charter sector
 - Each evaluation team led by a CSO team member



Philadelphia 2017-18 New Charter Application Cycle

- Initial public hearings were held on December 18, 2017
 - Each applicant made a brief presentation
 - Public comments were made by 4 Philadelphia residents
- Second public hearings were held during January 2018
 - The CSO presented summary findings from new charter application evaluations
 - SRC hearing officer and CSO questioned each applicant comprising approximately 22 hours of hearing proceedings
- Written public comment was accepted through January 31, 2018
 - 77 letters and emails were received



Charter Applications Withdrawn

Pennsylvania Institute Academy Charter School

As per application:

- Proposed school to be located in Morton neighborhood
- Proposed to open in 2019 serving 320 students in Grades 9-12 at scale
- Application withdrawn by applicant on January 19, 2018

Qor Charter School

As per application:

- Proposed school to be located in Frankford neighborhood
- Proposed to open in 2019 serving 312 students in K-Grade 4 at scale
- Application withdrawn by applicant on February 1, 2018

New Charter Applications

2017-18 Cycle

Antonia Pantoja Preparatory Charter School

Proposed in Application

Grade Range at Scale

K - 8

Total Enrollment at Scale

925

Location

Hunting Park (19140)

Proposed Opening Year

2018-19

Targeted Students

19120, 19134, 19140

Academic Program

- Dual-language program with student-centered learning approach
- Culturally relevant curriculum with focus on Puerto Rico, the Caribbean Islands and Latin America

Management Organization

ASPIRA, Inc. of PA

APM Community Charter School

Proposed in Application

Grade Range at Scale

K - 8

Total Enrollment at Scale

702

Location

Feltonville (19120)

Proposed Opening Year

2018-19

Targeted Students

19122, 19133, 19140

Academic Program

- Community school model
- Seek to prepare students for HS and beyond as engaged citizens and leaders with 21st Century skills

Management Organization

Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha, Inc. (APM)

Eugenio Maria de Hostos Preparatory Charter School

Proposed in Application

Grade Range at Scale

K - 8

Total Enrollment at Scale

850

Location

Olney (19120)

Proposed Opening Year

2018-19

Targeted Students

19120, 19134, 19140

Academic Program

- Dual-language program with student-centered learning approach
- Culturally relevant curriculum with focus on Puerto Rico, the Caribbean Islands and Latin America

Management Organization

ASPIRA, Inc. of PA

Franklin Towne Charter Middle School

Proposed in Application

Grade Range at Scale

6 - 8

Total Enrollment at Scale

450

Location

Bridesburg (19137)

Proposed Opening Year

2019-20

Targeted Students

Citywide

Academic Program

- Understanding by Design curriculum model
- Seek to have students reach core content proficiency and develop strong moral character

Management Organization

Franklin Towne Charter HS

MaST Community Charter School III

Proposed in Application

Grade Range at Scale

K - 12

Total Enrollment at Scale

2,600

Location

Somerton (19154)

Proposed Opening Year

2018-19

Targeted Students

19111, 19120, 19124, 19136,
19140, 19141, 19143, 19149,
19153

Academic Program

- STREAM curricular model with career based connections
- Seek to provide students with unique experiences, engaging learning activities and challenging content

Management Organization

MaST Educational Services Provider
(MaST ESP)

Mastery Charter Elementary School

Proposed in Application

Grade Range at Scale

K - 8

Total Enrollment at Scale

756

Location

Yorktown (19122)

Proposed Opening Year

2019-20

Targeted Students

19121, 19122, 19123

Academic Program

- College preparatory curriculum using systemized approach to education program delivery
- Seek to provide high levels of support to students in positive, relationship-based school community

Management Organization

Mastery Charter HS

Philadelphia Hebrew Public Charter School

Proposed in Application

Grade Range at Scale

K - 8

Total Enrollment at Scale

702

Location

East Falls (19129)

Proposed Opening Year

2019-20

Targeted Students

Citywide, focus on a 2-mile radius from location

Academic Program

- Dual-language program (Modern Hebrew) seeking to prepare students to be productive and ethical global citizens
- Diverse-by-design student recruitment model

Management Organization

Hebrew Public (NY)