



## **Franklin Towne Charter Middle School New Charter Application - Resubmission**

Presentation to the School Reform Commission  
Charter Schools Office

April 26, 2018



## New Charter Applications - Charter School Law

In Pennsylvania, the 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

\*Section 17-1717-A CSL



## Denied Applications – Charter School Law

- In Pennsylvania, the CSL provides denied applicants with either:
  - Right to appeal to the State Charter Appeal Board (CAB)
- OR**
- Right to resubmit the new charter application as a revised application
- If the applicant submits a revised application to the School District:
  - Per the CSL, the School Reform Commission is required to vote at the first scheduled public board meeting held *at least 45 days after receiving a revised application*



## Timeline: Franklin Towne Charter Middle School

- February 22, 2018: SRC denied the original new charter application and approved adjudication
- March 9, 2018: Franklin Towne CMS submitted a revised application
  - Revised application was evaluated using the 2017-18 new charter application, guidelines and criteria
  - Revised application narrative posted to the CSO website for public review
- Staff with relevant subject matter expertise conducted a comprehensive review of the revised application
- CSO created a new evaluation report for the revised application based on the resubmission
- April 26, 2018: first SRC action meeting at least 45 days after date of resubmission
  - SRC to take action on the revised application this evening

# Franklin Towne Charter Middle School

	Original Application	Revised Application
<b>Grade Range at Scale</b>	6 - 8	6 - 8
<b>Total Enrollment at Scale</b>	450	450
<b>Location</b>	Bridesburg (19137)	Bridesburg (19137)
<b>Proposed Opening Year</b>	2019-20	2019-20
<b>Targeted Students</b>	Citywide	Citywide
<b>Academic Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding by Design curriculum model</li><li>• Seek to have students reach core content proficiency and develop strong moral character</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding by Design curriculum model</li><li>• Seek to have students reach core content proficiency and develop strong moral character</li></ul>
<b>Management Organization</b>	Franklin Towne CHS	Franklin Towne CHS