

**Piperton Charter Academy**

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**The Background:**

Piperton Charter Academy submitted an initial charter application to Fayette County Schools. After reviewing the application, the Fayette County Board of Education voted to deny the charter proposal at a special called board meeting held on June 25, 2014.

On July 31, 2014, Piperton Charter Academy sponsors submitted an amended application to address the deficiencies cited in the initial application. At the August 25, 2014, meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education, the board voted to deny the amended application.

On September 4, 2014, sponsors of Piperton Charter Academy appealed to the State Board of Education. A hearing was held on October 1, 2014, at the Fayette County Courthouse. The State Board of Education Charter Application Review Committee conducted a de novo review of the application and held a capacity interview with the applicant on September 29, 2014.

**The Recommendation:**

The Executive Director recommends that the Board affirm the decision of the local board of education to deny the amended charter school application. This recommendation is based on the attached Findings and Recommendation of Dr. Nixon.