

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: October 30, 2023 2:15 pm
Browser: Chrome 113.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address: 172.58.219.141
Unique ID: 1157840462
Location: 42.3972, -71.2434

Name	Mark Wilson
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Relationship to school	Other
What is your relationship to the school?	We are a third party partnership, focusing on tutoring for students in need of extra support.
Written Comment	<p>We have thoroughly enjoyed our experience of working with the students at Lester Prep through our tutoring program. It is both refreshing and encouraging to witness the relentless pursuit of education at Lester Prep. Their unique approaches to solving one of Memphis's largest issues, educational opportunities within underserved communities, is incredibly important. Being able to support students who struggle in the classroom in their efforts to excel has been phenomenal, and seeing the verified results of each students' efforts is rewarding.</p> <p>To truly change the educational landscape, you have to take new approaches and find new solutions, and we're happy to be a part of that with our partnership at Lester Prep. We hope to continue watching their students grow as they break boundaries and put in the hard work necessary to improve themselves, and subsequently, their community as a whole.</p>

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Submission Time: October 30, 2023 6:16 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 16.5.2 / iOS
IP Address: 162.236.5.104
Unique ID: 1157937170
Location: 35.1499, -90.0558

Name brenda Brown

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Relationship to school Parent/Prospective Parent

Written Comment My name is Brenda Brown and I am a foster/ adopted parent, I chose Lester corner Stone for my children, because of the social activities for my children, there is basketball, football, and cheerleading at Lester. My children has so many trauma and I have the best team at Lester Prep Elementary and Middle school to guide my children through the healing process. Mrs. Tate team and staff is awesome ?? to her parents if there a situation with my children she is going to contact me immediately , and I appreciate her for loving and caring about her students when they are in a crisis/ trauma. Mrs. Tate has the best administrator team to make sure my children have uniform/ backpack and school supplies to have for their education needs. The teachers/ her staff make sure they have the best education with homework/ reading log, math to make sure they are getting their education needs met for the future. I thank the team for taking good care of my foster / adopted children so they feel loved and welcome to Lester CornerStone elementary and middle school. I love this school and hope they continue to give our students the best education possible for their future on all their education needs. Ms. Brenda Brown

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Submission Time:	October 31, 2023 7:03 pm
Browser:	Chrome 118.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.230.138.30
Unique ID:	1158361818
Location:	35.1499, -90.0558

Name	Christy Kirchner
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Relationship to school	Community Member

Written Comment

MidSouth Chess Organization believes chess truly is a universal activity - one which transcends differences in age, gender, ability, socio-economic standing, language, religion, nationality, and more. We are devoted to the development of students through the game of chess because we recognize the impact chess makes on our students' lives. In our new partnership with Lester Prep, our chess instructor has reported the growth of her students attitudes and self-esteem. She enjoys this partnership as it gives her an opportunity to support her students in their sense of individual value and respect as well as practice applying their educational skills--math, logic--on the chess board.

Re-authorizing Lester Prep will give our instructor and other community supporters a continued opportunity to further invest in the students educational and social abilities. These student clubs (communities) offer Lester Prep students the chance to explore hobbies and activities that could be their introduction to future employment or interpersonal growth. Research shows the more students are exposed to multifaceted activities, the less likely they are to make poor life choices; and more likely to be active adults in their future communities.

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Submission Time: November 2, 2023 12:01 pm
Browser: Safari 17.0 / OS X
IP Address: 50.231.103.83
Unique ID: 1159050554
Location: 38.2401, -122.0397

Name Stephanie Powell

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Relationship to school Community Member

Written Comment I highly recommend that Lester Prep continues to be a Middle school in Binghampton. It is needed for the community and the future of the kids that attend. Any time I have been at the school the staff and administration are doing a great job. To my knowledge the school seems to be run in a professional manner and it would be a loss if the contract with Lester Prep Middle school was not reissued.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 2, 2023 12:47 pm
Browser: Chrome 118.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address: 68.77.193.110
Unique ID: 1159076352
Location: 35.1387, -90.0095

Name David Montague

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Relationship to school Other

What is your relationship to the school? Teacher pipeline partner

Written Comment TO: TN Public Charter School Commission
FROM: David Montague
RE: Cornerstone Lester

As the Director of the Memphis Teacher Residency (MTR), I am writing in support of Capstone Education Group and their application to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission for Lester Preparatory School. MTR is a 15-year organization that recruits, trains and supports teachers for work within one of 34 partner schools within five partner neighborhoods. Lester Prep is one of those 34 schools.

From this perspective, I must say that the CEG network and CPL singularly, consistently provide schools that are functional, supportive, and effective. Thirty-five (35) MTR graduates currently serve within CEG schools largely due to their consistent quality leadership. We appreciate the partnership with CPL and CEG and look forward, with hope, for another ten (10) year vision of serving students alongside this quality organization and school.

My Best,

David Montague, Executive Director
Memphis Teacher Residency

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Submission Time: November 2, 2023 4:18 pm
Browser: Chrome 116.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address: 50.216.157.60
Unique ID: 1159169683
Location: 25.7689, -80.1946

Name	Karen Niceley
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	I feel as an organization in Binghampton, our partnership at Lester Prep is so valuable to the community and the students at Lester Prep. Collage Dance is able to teach the students only minutes from our conservatory, enhancing their awareness of what is happening and what is accessible right in their own community.

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Submission Time: November 3, 2023 7:27 am
Browser: Chrome 117.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address: 75.66.191.175
Unique ID: 1159386301
Location: 35.1567, -89.9274

Name	Thomas Marino
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Relationship to school	Board Member
Written Comment	Capstone has severed the students of Lester Prep faithfully and effectively for a decade. The team of educators and administrators are highly competent, which is much needed these days in public education. Further, they are extremely committed and compassionate in serving the children and families. The Binghampton community is a better place because they operate the school. Starting over with a new operator, including our local district, is not in the best interests of the children.

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Submission Time:	November 3, 2023 8:37 am
Browser:	Chrome 116.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	73.177.106.25
Unique ID:	1159411644
Location:	35.1499, -90.0558

Name	Randy Wade
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Relationship to school	Community Member
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Written Comment	<p>Thank you for allowing me to comment regarding the renewal of Lester Prep's public school charter. I am fully in favor of Lester Prep continuing as a public charter school. As an involved community member, I have witnessed firsthand the education, school spirit and community participation at Lester Prep. In my past role as an ARISE2Read tutor, I have gotten to know many of the staff and students at the school. It is my belief that the education being provided and positive atmosphere at Lester Prep are things our city cannot afford to lose. The contribution it makes to the lives of its students as well as the surrounding community is real and tangible. I respectfully request that you allow Lester Prep to continue in its present form.</p>
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Submission Time: November 3, 2023 10:08 am
Browser: Safari 15.6.1 / OS X
IP Address: 98.54.159.154
Unique ID: 1159455587
Location: 35.1387, -90.0095

Name	Kim Cook
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Relationship to school	Community Member
Written Comment	<p>I have lived in the Binghampton community for twenty-two years. I have volunteered at Lester in different seasons over the past couple of decades. I have known many of the staff and teachers professionally and personally. They are committed to using the best practices in the education of students. I strongly believe that Lester Prep is a huge asset to our community. The staff is committed to being sure that students are prepared for high school when they finish their time at Lester Prep. I believe it is in the best interest of our community, our students and our city for Lester Prep to receive reauthorization.</p>

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Submission Time: November 3, 2023 1:14 pm
Browser: Chrome 118.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1159544010
Location: 35.1512, -89.972

Name	Cathy galloway
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Relationship to school	Parent/Prospective Parent
Written Comment	<p>Why I like LP because they learn a lot the teachers really do work with them when they are falling behind. My kids play in sports they are really active in the program they have so many clubs the kids will grow in and I can see it.</p> <p>LP should stay open because not only my kids get to learn and grow with and achieve better I just love the school cause I can see the growth in the kids and the teachers really go out for the kids and they have great programs for the kids that have them invested and have the kids happy they take the kids on trips for they academic and conduct just to show they really care for the kids</p>

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Submission Time: November 7, 2023 8:48 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 16.6 / iOS
IP Address: 96.4.182.174
Unique ID: 1160779345
Location: 35.1512, -89.972

Name	Shareka Tuggle
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Relationship to school	Parent/Prospective Parent
Written Comment	I love Lester Prep bc they love the children and i love the way the teach them and be very consistent with the kids and the parents love how they reach out and keep us informed about our kid's learning and well being I think the school should be reauthorized bc of the work that they does in the binghampton community and how the kids benefit.

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Submission Time: November 7, 2023 11:52 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / Android
IP Address: 166.199.149.75
Unique ID: 1161123851
Location: 33.5226, -86.8033

Name	Breann Forbes
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Phone	(901) 568-2232
Relationship to school	Community Member
Written Comment	<p>Cornerstone Lester and Lester Prep are such a blessing to the Binghampton neighborhood! They create a strong sense of community and are an integral part of Binghampton. One of my favorite things about them is their commitment not only to the kids but also the neighborhood as a whole. They partner with multiple Binghampton nonprofits (including ours) to help improve quality of life for their students.</p> <p>Lester Prep provides must needed resources to the neighborhood.</p>

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Submission Time: November 8, 2023 6:32 am
Browser: Chrome 118.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 73.5.17.226
Unique ID: 1161206532
Location: 35.1567, -89.9274

Name	Tavis Rutherford
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff

Written Comment

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Charter Commission,

I am writing you today not just as a member of the Lester Prep Staff and Club community, but as someone deeply involved and invested in the educational fabric of our community. My name is Tavis Rutherford, and I am speaking as an advocate for the re-authorization of Lester Prep.

Lester Prep is not just a school; it's a thriving ecosystem of diverse student clubs, communities that are fundamental in shaping our students into well-rounded individuals. These communities serve as a nurturing ground for our young minds to explore, engage, and flourish in areas beyond textbooks and classrooms. They foster an environment of inclusivity, creativity, and personal growth.

These clubs provide a platform for our students to discover their passions, to build and strengthen lifelong friendships, and to develop skills that extend far beyond the academic realm. Whether it's the coding club sparking an interest in technology, the entrepreneur club creating business owners, or the debate club honing critical thinking, these communities are the lifeblood of holistic education.

In addition, these extracurricular activities instill values of teamwork, leadership, and discipline. They give our students the chance to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-life situations, better preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead in higher education and the professional world.

The impact of these communities on our students' lives cannot be overstated. It's not just about the knowledge gained but the values imbibed, and the character developed. Lester Prep has created a nurturing environment that supports the multifaceted growth of our youth, empowering them to become future leaders, innovators, and product citizens.

To conclude, the re-authorization of Lester Prep is not just a matter of continuity but a commitment to fostering an environment where all students can thrive and grow. I implore the Charter Commission to consider the invaluable role of these student clubs and communities in shaping our students' futures. Let us continue to endorse the growth and success of our youth by renewing Lester Prep's charter, ensuring that these vital educational opportunities persist for our community's benefit.

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Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161278287
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Travis Thompson
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Relationship to school	Parent/Prospective Parent
Written Comment	I enjoy having my child here at Lester Prep because the teachers here are passionate about teaching and challenging my child to learn new things so that she can grow her brain for the next level. I support the school getting re-authorized because the work the teachers put in the scholars pays off tremendously.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 8, 2023 1:46 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 17.0.1 / iOS
IP Address: 12.74.54.35
Unique ID: 1161406243
Location: 36.0711, -86.7196

Name	Nyrone Hawkins
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Relationship to school	Community Member
Written Comment	<p>Lester Prep is a beacon in the a Binghampton community. It is a true community school and opens its doors to every child in the community. Even with the challenges of providing a quality education Lester is committed to serving the whole family and not just the child. I love how they celebrate every student by meeting them where they are and guiding them to higher levels of education. Keeping in mind that child may not ever reach their grade level; however, celebrating every achievement made. I consider it a privilege to be able to work along side Lester Prep as change agents for the Binghampton community. In Closing, the data support the growth and improvement made by Lester Prep students. I support them being renewed for the next 10yrs.</p>

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Submission Time: November 8, 2023 2:54 pm
Browser: Chrome 118.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161439721
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name Yolanda Sherrod

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment As a recent hire on the leadership team, I would like to mention that I have worked in the turn around work for the majority of my career. I have never seen a school respond to the needs of students as quickly as CEG, specifically LP. The principal leads her staff in rich discussion about the needs of the students addressing strategies that work and eliminating those that do not work. All stakeholders have true involvement in the thought process behinds what works for the students of this community. I am grateful to be given the opportunity to serve the students of this community. Conerstone and Lester Prep are vital to the success of this community. I pray that you all acknowledge their efforts and vote to extend their contract for another 10 years.

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Submission Time:	November 9, 2023 9:34 am
Browser:	Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.4.182.186
Unique ID:	1161798890
Location:	35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Shaundrea Thomas- Jones
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
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Written Comment	<p>Lester Prep has been an amazing place to work. In this field, the work is not always easy but it most definitely worth it. My time at LP has been nothing short of a nurturing environment where students are being equipped with wisdom and knowledge in every facet of the school including in the classroom, the hallways, the lunch room and even at after school functions. I am proud to be apart of this team and know that we deserve more time with the district to continue moving students and nurturing adults.</p>
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Submission Time: November 9, 2023 9:39 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 119.0.6045.109 / iOS
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161801053
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Raven Davis
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	I love the culture and the staff at LP. The learning environment is like no other.

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Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161801817
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Natasha Gunn
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	I feel that Lester Prep should be around for another 10 years because of the great things has happened with this school continuing to be a LEVEL 5. Just living our the Mission State of what Capstone Education. The Administration the staff, and just how well rounded and vested they are in the community. I LOVE LP

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Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161814813
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Deshonda Jones
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Phone	(901) 416-3640
Relationship to school	Other
What is your relationship to the school?	Teacher
Written Comment	Lester Prep works diligently to LIVE the mission statement: CEG equips ALL students with the wisdom and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and to become leaders in their community. All stakeholders unite to bring the students the BEST learning experiences possible and to ensure a consistently nurturing environment. The instruction and activities at Lester Prep expose students to transferable skills that will help them throughout college and that will empower them within their communities.

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Browser: Chrome 118.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161818610
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Arleen Gathings
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	Lester Prep receiving another 10-year contract from the TN Charter Commission might guarantee a sustained influence on the community and offer a stable learning environment for upcoming kids, provided that the scholars are flourishing and the school keeps making significant contributions to their education. This also offers stability, allowing students to have a consistent and supportive learning environment.

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Submission Time: November 9, 2023 10:28 am
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161824760
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name Jolita Wainwright

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment As a teacher here at Lester Prep, I feel that Lester Prep offers it students an opportunity to be in smaller class sizes, a more specialized curriculum, and numerous ways that the students' parents can stay involved in the success of their child's education. In addition, Lester Prep provides its teachers with innovative teaching methods that will help close the achievement gaps of all students. For these reasons, Lester Prep should be given an opportunity to continue closing achievement gaps in the Binghampton community.

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Submission Time: November 9, 2023 11:03 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 119.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address: 174.202.198.9
Unique ID: 1161842634
Location: 35.0984, -89.9813

Name	Michael Jefferson
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Phone	(901) 310-8975
Relationship to school	Other
What is your relationship to the school?	Volunteer
Written Comment	I support the cause of Lester Prep. I have been in partnership with this school in helping transform youth in the community by offering my company's services in regards to grooming, and uplifting the overall morale of young men here

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Submission Time: November 9, 2023 11:20 am
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161851041
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Ayanna Robertson
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Phone	(901) 647-3647
Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	At Lester Prep, I know that there is good teaching and learning happening everyday.

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Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161878784
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name Megan Rainey

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment As a teacher at Lester Prep Middle School, I want to highlight the amazing job Lester Prep does to prepare scholars for their bright futures. Students are held to high expectations that encourage nothing but excellence. Scholars receive a top-notch education as they develop into the incredible young adults that they are destined to be. Lester Prep not only prepares students academically, but also, socially and emotionally so that they can exhibit PREPROCKS (Prepared, Respectful, Engaged, Purposeful, Resilient, Optimistic, Courageous, Kind, and Self-Controlled) wherever their future may lead them.

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Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161897232
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Crystal Henderson
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Phone	(901) 416-3640
Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	I think that Lester Prep is an excellent place where Scholars receive an outstanding education. I truly believe that the community will greatly benefit from the school being here another 10 years...

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Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1161927964
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	LaTricia Harvell
Email	lharvell@lesterprepmemphis.org
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	<p>Lester Prep is the one school that I have worked for that I can truly say has provided scholars with the necessary tools to be successful academically as well as socially. The teachers and administrators have a relentless attitude when it comes to educating scholars and pushing for student achievement. I believe the foundation that Lester Prep has set will carry the scholars to college and beyond. This is why a 10-year contract is imperative so that we can continue the path to excellence. I am so proud to be a Lester Prep Lion!!!</p>

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Submission Time: November 9, 2023 4:44 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 16.6 / iOS
IP Address: 174.161.156.235
Unique ID: 1162001320
Location: 34.9392, -89.8675

Name Jhoilan Hunter

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment Coming to teach at Lester Prep has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. Not only am I able to do what I love, but I am now a part of such a rich, loving, and intelligent community. Lester Prep believes in the students as well as the community they live in. It has been such a privilege here I cannot wait to continue my journey.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 10, 2023 4:49 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 16.6 / iOS
IP Address: 76.17.126.117
Unique ID: 1162417288
Location: 33.3902, -84.4748

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Relationship to school	Parent/Prospective Parent
Written Comment	This school is the second best thing to a good place in the neighborhood for those kids.

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Submission Time: November 11, 2023 5:01 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 16.6 / iOS
IP Address: 75.64.15.241
Unique ID: 1162591076
Location: 35.1499, -90.0558

Name	Haley Smith
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Relationship to school	Other
What is your relationship to the school?	Grandparent
Written Comment	Lester Charter School, is a great asset to the Binghampton community and it needs to continue to be.

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Submission Time: November 11, 2023 12:57 pm
Browser: Firefox 119.0 / OS X
IP Address: 96.43.52.142
Unique ID: 1162678555
Location: 34.9463, -90.4785

Name Robert Montague

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Relationship to school Other

What is your relationship to the school? Volunteer & Community Serving Partner

Written Comment I strongly support Capstone's continued authorization to operate Lester Middle School as the BEST option for the children of the Binghampton neighborhood.

I am the co-founder of the neighborhood nonprofit community development corporation. Our organization partnered with Capstone to provide in school assistance and after school support. I volunteered in the school before Capstone took over and since. The difference was so clear.

The Lester area district represents among the most challenging in Memphis, and likely the state. Highly transient, trauma-impacted, and often multi-generational welfare families comprise the student body. The District proposes that they are more capable to educate the children, because the lofty ASD goals have not been achieved as if they would be more effective.

In fact, student data and my experience clearly support the conclusion that Capstone is the more effective educator in this difficult environment. The Capstone faculty has a strong missional commitment, providing the extraordinary compassion and support to bring a focus on learning, and are progressing. The pre-ASD and current evidence is clear. The district was/is not equipped provide quality education results in their "typical" school and far less in the more challenging cases. Under the District, Lester students failed to learn and the school often operated in a state of chaos.

To me, the conclusion is obvious and, on behalf of the children, I ask you to renew the authorization of Lester Prep as a charter school.

Thank you!

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Submission Time: November 12, 2023 4:18 pm
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 73.5.82.72
Unique ID: 1162989226
Location: 35.0875, -89.7639

Name Patricia Fitzgerald

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment I feel that the Lester Prep administration supports all staff in every area, including academically and mentally. Their doors are always open, or they will respond to any issue by email or phone, if necessary. The mission statement of Lester Prep is future focused, with the goal of college for all of our scholars. Lester Prep scholars participate in a wide variety of clubs on a daily basis. The clubs are focused on students' interests and directing them towards a successful future. Students with special needs are supported and included in all specials, clubs, and other presentations/awards. They can also participate in extracurricular activities and field trips. Finally, the the Lester Prep community engagement is a wrap around service for the scholar as well as their families. This includes fun activities, tutoring and other supports for the family.

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Submission Time: November 13, 2023 7:06 am
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1163136411
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Jazmine Grayson
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	<p>Lester Prep has absolutely been a wonderful experience as a teacher. We are constantly pushed to uphold the expectations for students' behavior and their academic performance. Teachers and students are encouraged to not only strive but thrive in their respective roles. Additionally, teachers are very much supported whether that be mentally, emotionally or professionally. Everyone here is upheld to the same standards and are encouraged to do their absolute best.</p>

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 10:47 am
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1163230717
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Wanda Anderson
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	In my opinion Lester Prep is great place for children to thrive. Being a part of growing minds to know I can do many thing. They work very hard to reach their goals. The staff here at LP love the children and go the extra miles to meet needs. The School Administration are ready to support students and staffs. It's a great school.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 2:39 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 17.0.1 / iOS
IP Address: 174.202.200.40
Unique ID: 1163354841
Location: 35.0984, -89.9813

Name Sean Gentry

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment Renewing Lester Prep's charter is in the best interest of this community! Lester Prep has directly caused the academic growth of the community of Binghamton year over year, and it is my opinion that we will continue to do so. It is also my opinion that, given the appropriate time and resources necessary to turn the school around completely (the 10 year renewal), this trend will continue until we begin to meet and exceed the achievement goals.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 3:24 pm
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1163378545
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Judy Thompson
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	Lester Prep contributes so much excellence to our students, this community, and the future. The level of leadership, development of middle schoolers in character and skills, is so evident to those in the building, our families.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 3:37 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 119.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address: 172.59.89.109
Unique ID: 1163384710
Location: 35.1856, -90.0209

Name	Nigel Bradley
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	Lester Prep has been a great place to work a and an awesome school for students to learn at. They focus on helping students within the community to grow as individuals. The school is a level 5 school showing that the students are capable of making great strives towards success when motivated by the right group of teachers and the right motivation.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 3:47 pm
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1163389658
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment

I've had the privilege to serve as the Professional School Counselor at Lester Prep for over a year. I've enjoyed how Lester Prep is uniquely located in an area to serve the Binghampton Community as a neighborhood school. This school has challenged students not only academically but also socially. The mission at CEG is equip all students with wisdom and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and become leaders in their communities.

I have no doubts that Lester Prep is equipping students with the tools to become leaders of not only tomorrow, but also leaders of today. Lester Prep has engaged in Career Days, clubs of students' choices, appropriate incentives to promote academic and social growth, and it has all been aligned with it's aforementioned mission. Those great accomplishments doesn't even include the fact that after last academic year Lester Prep became a TVAAS Level 5 school! This school has been and should continue to set the standard for what it looks like to prepare leaders of the future and present.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 3:48 pm
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1163390120
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	I enjoy teaching at Lester Prep. This school offers good flexibility in regular curriculum to match the real-life scenarios to help scholars. Students also have more opportunities for one-on-one time. This reduces the pressure on students if they do not meet expectations during class time.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 3:57 pm
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1163394759
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name Marva Bell

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Relationship to school School Administration or Staff

Written Comment Greetings,
I am pleased to attest that the scholars at Lester Prep are receiving a quality educational experience. The students are cared for academically and holistically. The support scholars are given for academic achievement is impeccable. I recommend the services at Lester Prep remain an intricate part of serving families in the Binghampton Community.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 4:26 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 16.0 / iOS
IP Address: 76.138.13.137
Unique ID: 1163407682
Location: 35.1499, -90.0558

Name	Andrea Smith
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	Lester Prep is a very influential school that truly believes in "equipping all students with the Wisdom and Knowledge necessary to succeed in college and to become leaders in their community". This is my first year working at Lester Prep, and I am truly amazed and excited by the drive and will of all staff members dedicating themselves to show academic and character growth in every student. Everyone has the students best interest at heart and believe every child can learn and be influential in their community.

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 13, 2023 10:51 pm
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 69.220.148.131
Unique ID: 1163513601
Location: 35.1499, -90.0558

Name	Nastasia Dangerfield
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	<p>This year is my first year teaching at Lester Prep and by far this is the best first year I have ever had. The students are great and always ready to learn. Lester Prep has the most positive learning environment, and the students really take pride in the success of their education. The best part about this school is the staff and my team. We are always willing to go over the top for our kids and each other. Anything we need, my Admin is always on top of making sure that we get it. I love being a part of this school. This school put the joy back in teaching for me :)</p>

Form Name: Renewal Public Hearing Form - Lester Prep - Written Comment
Submission Time: November 15, 2023 8:55 am
Browser: Chrome 119.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.182.186
Unique ID: 1164136903
Location: 35.0761, -89.8547

Name	Meagan Tate
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Relationship to school	School Administration or Staff
Written Comment	As the principal of Lester Prep, and an 8 year staff member at Capstone Education Group, it has been an honor to serve this community. Lester Prep has had a history of Level 5 growth - and routinely (by the grace of God) closed the wide achievement gap that has plagued our scholars throughout their educational experiences. It is our mission to help them succeed and to see themselves as change agents in this city.
