



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

SY 2021- 2022

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

AND CHARTER

SCHOOL APPEALS

APRIL 8, 2021

SY 2021-2022

SCHOOLS IN OPERATION

- Bluff City High School
 - Located in Memphis, TN
 - Operated by Green Dot Public Schools
 - Serving grades 9-12
- KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary
 - Located in Nashville, TN
 - Operated by KIPP Nashville
 - Serving grades K-3
- KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle School
 - Located in Nashville, TN
 - Operated by KIPP Nashville
 - Serving grades 5-7



SY 2021-2022

SCHOOLS IN OPERATION

- Nashville Collegiate Prep
 - Located in Nashville, TN
 - Operated by ReThink Forward
 - Serving grades K-5
- Cornerstone Prep School
 - Located in Memphis, TN
 - Operated by Capstone Education Group
 - Has opted to delay its start until SY22-23 which is permitted under T.C.A. § 49-13-110.



BLUFF CITY HIGH SCHOOL

- Current projected enrollment for SY21-22: 592
- Facility status: fully built out
- Grade level status: fully built out
- Focus for SY21-22
 - Stabilize staffing now that it is no longer growing grades
 - Focus on reducing chronic absenteeism and increasing attendance rates as students return to school in-person
 - Accelerate closing achievement gaps and increasing student academic achievement
 - Continuing to build out school culture and offerings (e.g. athletics) to attract and retain students



KIPP ANTIOCH COLLEGE PREP ELEMENTARY

- Current projected enrollment for SY21-22: 566
- Facility status: fully built out
- Grade level status: Will serve grades K-3
- Focus for SY21-22
 - Continue to build out staff with adding 3rd grade
 - Focus on staff culture and retention for the long-term as they shift from start-up to sustainability
 - Address learning loss seen in SY20-21



KIPP ANTIOCH COLLEGE

PREP MIDDLE

- Current projected enrollment for SY21-22: 396
- Facility status: KACPM will move into new building on land over the summer of 2021
- Grade level status: Will serve grades 5-7
- Focus for SY21-22
 - Continue to build out staff with adding 7th grade
 - Address learning loss seen in SY20-21
 - Focus on staff culture and retention for the long-term as they shift from start-up to sustainability



NASHVILLE COLLEGIATE PREP

- Current projected enrollment for SY21-22: 240
- Facility status: Acquired facility in South Nashville that is fully built out; will require renovations
- Grade level status: Approved to serve K-5
- Focus for SY21-22
 - Recruit students to attend school
 - Recruit staff to serve students and ensure proper licensure
 - Start academic program strong in Year 1



ESSER ALLOCATIONS

- The State Board of Education has received the following in ESSER allocations which have been distributed to its authorized charter schools.
 - ESSER 1.0: \$152,823
 - ESSER 2.0: \$1,711,662
 - ESSER 3.0: \$3,844,150
- Generally, the schools are using the funding to:
 - Mitigate learning loss through intervention, tutoring, and summer programming
 - Accelerate learning through purchasing technology, software and instructional materials
 - Address mental health needs and needs of special populations through hiring additional staff
 - Address facility needs to improve airflow and accommodate social distancing to mitigate spread of COVID-19



QUESTIONS?



NEW START APPEALS

- The following districts are reviewing charter school applications with a deadline of May 1, 2021 to vote:
 - Fayette County: 1 Application
 - Williamson County: 1 Application
 - Rutherford County: 1 Application
 - Metro Nashville Public Schools: 2 Applications
 - Hamilton County: 2 Applications
- Any initial application denied by a local district can amend and re-submit to the district within 30 days.
- The local districts then have 60 days to vote on the amended application.



NEW START APPEALS

- The Charter Commission can expect to receive any new start appeals in early August.
- The Charter Commission will have 75 days to review and vote on any appeal. The new start appeals will be considered at the October 2021 meeting.
- The Commission staff will:
 - Assemble a review committee
 - Conduct a de novo review of the application
 - Host a public hearing and collect public comment
 - Produce a recommendation for the Commission



NEW START APPEALS

- In July, Commission staff will provide an in-depth overview of the charter school appeal process to prepare Commissioners:
 - How to review the record
 - Key look-fors in a charter application
 - Key considerations when reviewing an appeal
 - Statutory charge of the Commission in new start appeals



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