



TO: Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

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SUBJECT: Executive Director Updates

Achievement School District (ASD) Application Pathway Updates

- The Tennessee Department of Education has shared that accountability data and letter grades will now be released in mid-December.
- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-614, ASD operators who earn priority exit status on the state's accountability system may apply to the Commission for continued operations.
- Given the delay in receipt of accountability data from School Year 2022-2023 and the steps required within the Commission's review process, the Commission staff has extended the review process for any applications received from ASD operators in the coming weeks.
- The Commission will now consider any of these applications at the March 2024 meeting, rather than the January 2024 meeting.

July 2024 Meeting Location

- The Commission has scheduled its third quarter meeting for July 25-26, 2024.
- For the July 2023 meeting, the Commission went to Memphis which allowed the Commission schools based in Memphis to engage with Commissioners and staff throughout the two days.
- When looking toward for our July 2024 meeting, staff recommends that we host the meeting in Memphis again to continue to build relationships with our Memphis-based schools.
- However, since we have not held a meeting in the East Tennessee region yet, I would like feedback from Commissioners on the July 2024 meeting location: Memphis or an East Tennessee location.
- The remaining 2024 meetings (January, March, and October) will be in Nashville.

Enterprise Risk Management Project

- The Financial Integrity Act of 1983 requires an annual assessment of risk by the management of each state agency.
- Previously, the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) completed an annual risk assessment, but smaller agencies administratively under the TDOE (e.g. Tennessee State Board of Education, Energy Efficient Schools, and the Charter Commission) did not complete the assessment.
- The TDOE's Office of Internal Audit this year requested that the smaller agencies complete the enterprise risk management forms which will then be rolled into the larger report submitted by the TDOE. Going forward, we will revisit this process annually.
- Using the Commission's strategic plan and benchmarks, I completed the required process, and we will begin incorporating an evaluation of risk and a discussion of appropriate controls in our strategic planning process.