

Charter School Recommendations

December 2019 Board Meeting



The Board will be asked to vote on two charter school revocations

Process Overview

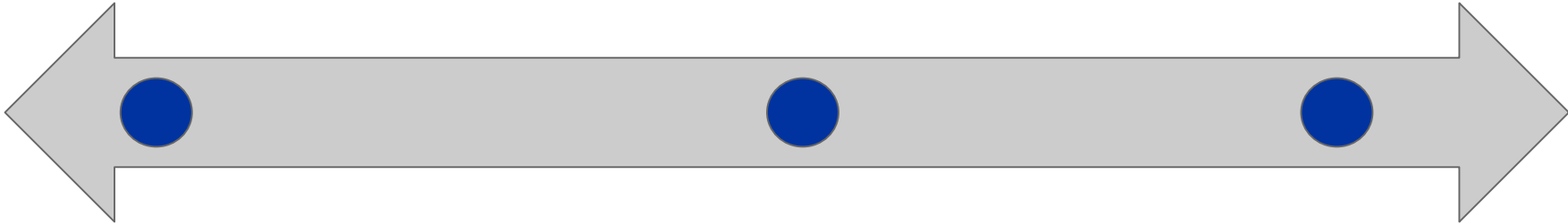
- Annual process to identify and consider closure of low performing charters based on the Charter School Quality Policy
- Schools that are currently identified on the warning list for a second time may be recommended for revocation and closure
- Public hearings held for all schools considered for revocation
- Charter revocations by BOE have an appeal right with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

Expected Outcomes

- Low performing charters have opportunity to improve academic performance
- Highly improved educational programs that meet remediation continue to operate, low performing educational programs who do not meet remediation may close
- Students will have access to higher quality education options



Charter School Quality Policy



Fall 2015

BOE adopts Charter School Quality Policy (CSQP); Four Charter schools (Amandla, Shabazz - Sizemore Bronzeville Lighthouse, CICS - Hawkins)

Fall 2017

BOE closes ACE Tech Charter School

Fall 2018

BOE closes Kwame Nkrumah and Urban Prep West

Charter School Quality Policy Criteria for Revocation

Upon identification on the Academic Warning List:

- CPS must send notice that school is placed on warning list, in revocation status and subject to closure
- Charter school must submit remediation plan including timeline
- CPS monitors implementation

School is Subject to Closure if:

- The school fails to implement the remediation plan, or
- The school is identified on the Academic Warning List for two consecutive years



Recommended School Actions

The following schools are being recommended for revocation according to the Charter School Quality Policy due to the schools being identified on the Academic Warning List for two consecutive years

School	SY17 Perf.	SY18 Perf.	SY19 Perf.	Recommendation
Chicago Virtual Grades K-12 523 students	Level 2 2.2	Level 2 2.3	Level 2 2.1	Revocation
Frazier Preparatory Academy Grades K-8 252 Students	Level 2 2.2	Level 2 2.2	Level 2 2.8	Revocation



Student Transition Supports

- **Family Communications** - Following the Board's decision, CPS will send communications to CVCS and Frazier families regarding the Board vote as well as dates for upcoming informational meetings and contact information for immediate enrollment support.
- **Educational Options for Students** – CPS will provide all families with a customized application process with multiple enrollment options to choose a higher-performing school that best meets their individual educational needs and priorities.
- **Informational Session for Families (Early January 2020)** – In-person meeting to provide families with information regarding the closure, guaranteed enrollment options and FAQ guide, and next steps for student transitions.
- **Ongoing Transition Meetings for Families and Students (January-August)** – One-on-one meetings with families to discuss options at higher performing schools, student academic transitions and specific needs, and safety plans to meet the unique needs of each student

