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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY UPDATE:  
COMMISSION RECEIVES  
TWELVE NOTICES OF INTENT  
FROM TWELVE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

*Commission provides an update on first step in application process*

As of June 20, 2014 The Washington State Charter School Commission (the Commission) has received a total of twelve Notices of intent (NOI) to apply from twelve nonprofit organizations. The organizations represent a broad swath of Washington State communities, and intend to submit applications for schools in the following counties: (Organization Name, School Name)

Clark County:  
Bilingual Charter Academy

Franklin County:  
SOMOS, Educational Institute

Grays Harbor County:  
Pioneer Youth Corps of Oregon Inc., Evergreen Leadership Academy

King County:  
Big Picture Learning, Out of the Box Learning Studio  
Green Dot Public Schools Washington State, Seattle Charter School  
Quantum Leap Educational Foundation, Coral Academy of Science

Pierce County:  
Achievement Peaks Schools, Achievement Peaks Charter School  
Auauna Mo Tupulaga, Tacoma Preparatory Academy  
The Ducere Group, The Village Academy  
Northwest Leadership Academy, Tacoma STEM Academy

Yakima County:  
Academy of Continuing Education, Cesar E Chavez Charter School  
Charter Schools of Sunnyside, Sunnyside Charter Academy

More information about the organizations, including a brief description of the mission and vision of the proposed schools, may be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/education/commission/applicant.aspx> under 'Submitted Notices of Intent.'

Of the twelve, Pioneer Youth Corps of Oregon Inc., Big Picture Learning, Green Dot Public Schools Washington State, Quantum Leap Educational Foundation, The Ducere Group, and Charter Schools of Sunnyside all submitted applications in the Commission's inaugural Request for Proposals (RFP) in 2013.

The Commission welcomes the new and returning applicants in their efforts to demonstrate how they intend to improve educational outcomes for at risk students. The applicants can now look forward to completing comprehensive application that is due July 15, 2014, as well as engage in in-person interviews in late August, and attend a public forum in the first half of September. The Commission will vote on which applications to approve during its October 9, 2014 meeting at the Yakima Valley Community College in Yakima, WA.

**About Washington State's Charter School Commission**

Washington State's Charter School Commission was formed with the mission of creating a rigorous and comprehensive proposal process and to hold charters accountable to high standards of quality. The Commission is an independent state agency that exists to authorize and oversee high quality public charter schools throughout Washington with an emphasis on schools designed to expand opportunities for at-risk students, providing leadership and oversight that is consistent with national principles and standards of charter school authorizers and the provisions of Washington's charter school law. For more information, visit: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/education/commission/>.