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

Commission provides an update on first step in application process

The Washington State Charter School Commission (the Commission) has received a total of eight (8) Notices of Intent (NOI) to apply from eight (8) nonprofit organizations. The organizations represent a broad swath of Washington State communities, and intend to submit applications for schools in the following communities: (Proposed School Name, Grades to be served, and community served)

- Academy of Empowerment, Kindergarten through 8th, Federal Way
 - Bilingual Charter Academy, Kindergarten through 8th, Clark County
 - Kenneth G. McLendon Sr. Creative Academy, 6th through 12th, Lynden
 - mStar Academy, Kindergarten through 12th, Tacoma
 - PHASE 4 America Charter School, Kindergarten through 12th, Seattle/Tacoma
 - Summit Public School: Seattle #2, 6th through 12th, Seattle
 - Tacoma Preparatory Academy, 9th through 12th, Tacoma
 - Willow Public School, 6th through 8th, Walla Walla
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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://charterschool.wa.gov/applying/application-process/> under 'Notice of Intent.'

Of the eight, two have submitted applications previously, Summit Public Schools and Bilingual Charter Academy.

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 May 15, 2015, as well as engaging in in-person interviews in late June, and attending a public forum in late July. The Commission will vote on which applications to approve during its August 13, 2015 meeting at the South Seattle Community College, Georgetown Campus in Seattle, 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://charterschool.wa.gov/>.

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