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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY UPDATE: COMMISSION RECEIVES FOUR NOTICES OF INTENT FOR NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS

Commission provides an update on first step in application process

The Washington State Charter School Commission (the Commission) has received a total of four (4) Notices of Intent (NOI) to apply from four (4) 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
- Ashe Preparatory Academy, Kindergarten through 8th, Skyway/Seattle
- Fursan School, K through 12th, Bellevue
- Intergenerational High School, 9th through 12th, Bellingham/Ferndale

Charter School Commission Executive Director Joshua Halsey is excited about what these notices mean for the charter school sector. “This round of NOI is impressive for a number of reasons. Collectively, they represent the opportunity to serve kids in three new communities, and at each point along the K-12 spectrum. That’s great news for kids.”

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 four, one has submitted a previous notice of intent: Academy of Empowerment in Federal Way.

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.

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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