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CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION RELEASES NEW SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

The Washington State Charter School Commission's Executive Director in consultation with an evaluation team has completed evaluation Recommendation Reports for organizations who submitted new charter school applications to launch high-quality charter public schools to open in the 2019-2020 school year. The Commission will vote whether to approve applications to launch charter public schools at the June 21, 2018 meeting.

Two organizations submitted applications this year: Whatcom Intergenerational High School (WIHS) and Ashe' Preparatory Academy. As of last week, WIHS withdrew their application with plans to resubmit a new application in the spring of 2019.

The Recommendation Report summarizes the materials that organizations submit articulating several key elements of the proposed new school, including (but not limited to):

- Educational program design and capacity,
- Operations plan and capacity, and
- Financial plan and capacity.

The evaluation team consists of five evaluators with backgrounds in education or charter schools; their biographies are also included in the evaluation. [Click here](#) to view this year's Recommendation Report and summary.

"This year's recommendation report is another indication of the rigor required to open a charter public school in Washington," said Joshua Halsey, Executive Director for the Charter School Commission. "It also gives the Commissioners important data to consider when they make their decision on which schools to authorize at the Commission meeting later this month."

The public is welcome to attend the Commission meeting to witness discussion and the final authorization vote by the Commissioners.

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.

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