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SUPREME COURT WILL RETAIN JURISDICTION ON CHARTER SCHOOL CASE

Oral arguments to be held as early as March

The Washington State Supreme Court will retain jurisdiction to decide the case on charter schools on direct review. In the announcement, Chief Justice Fairhurst further clarified that the court will hear oral arguments as early as March 2018.

“This decision is consistent with the previous lawsuit regarding charter schools,” said Joshua Halsey, Executive Director for the Charter School Commission. “We believe this action will bring about a speedier resolution for children and families in Washington, and they deserve it.”

While oral arguments may come as early as March 2018, the Charter School Commission remains committed to continue operating and providing high quality authorization and oversight of charter public schools in Washington state.

As of December 1, four new organizations filed a notice of intent with the Commission to open and operate charter schools throughout the state of Washington.

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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