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## CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION RELEASES

### RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

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The Washington State Charter School Commission’s evaluation team has completed evaluation recommendation reports for organizations who submitted applications to launch high-quality charter public schools to open in the 2020-2021 school year. The Commission will vote whether to approve applications to launch charter public schools at the May 30, 2019 meeting at TAF Bethaday Community Learning Center in White Center.

Four organizations submitted applications this year: Catalyst: Bremerton (K-8 in Bremerton), Cascade: Midway (9-12 in Kent/Federal Way), Whatcom Intergenerational High School (9-12 in Bellingham/Ferndale) and Impact | Salish Sea Elementary (K-5 in Seattle).

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 we received four applications, an indication that communities throughout Washington are interested in having additional high-quality public-school options for their students to attend,” said Joshua Halsey, Executive Director for the Charter School Commission. “The recommendation reports provide Commissioners and the public with important information about each application and indicate the extent to which each application met our rigorous and thorough criteria.”

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

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## 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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