

At the heart of the policy, CPS will codify a rigorous charter Academic Warning List intended to put low performing charters on notice that they will be closed if they do not significantly improve. Charter schools will be placed on the Academic Warning List for the following reasons:

“ A Level 3 SQRP rating
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New Policies for Low-Performing Charters

Charters on the Academic Warning List also face the possibility of not being renewed at the end of their contract. A charter school will be recommended for non-renewal for the following reasons:

- “ It is both on the Academic Warning List when its contract is up for renewal and it has a two year SQRP rating below 2.5.
- “ It was on the Academic Warning List for two years during its contract, and it is not at least a Level 2+ school in the final year of its charter agreement.



Schools Immediately Impacted

If the Board should adopt the new charter accountability policy, the following ten (10) charters will immediately be placed on the Academic Warning List:

- “ Amandla Charter High School**
- “ ASPIRA – Early College High School
- “ Betty Shabazz – Barbara A. Sizemore Academy Elementary School**
- “ Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter Elementary School**
- “ CICS – ChicagoQuest High School
- “ CICS – Larry Hawkins High School**
- “ Galapagos Elementary Charter School
- “ Instituto – Justice Lozano High School
- “ Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School
- “ Prologue – Joshua Johnston Charter High School



Implications for Charter Expansion & Replication

In addition to holding low-performing charters accountable, this policy aims to ensure that only high-performing charter operators are allowed to expand and replicate.

- “ Charter operators that operate a single-site charter school will have their applications for expansion recommended to the Board only if their existing school has a current two-year SQRP point value average of 3.2
- “ Charter operators that operate two or more charter schools or campuses will have their applications for expansion recommended to the Board only if all of the operator's schools or campuses have a combined, current two-year SQRP point value average of 3.2 if the school or campus the operator is seeking to expand is not on the Academic Warning List.



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The policy also sets clear standards for replicating charters that propose new campuses in Chicago. These high standards will ensure that only the best charters are allowed to replicate and meet unmet demand throughout the city.

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Quality school options – regardless of type – are essential for both social justice and ensuring continued academic improvement.

A high-quality charter sector is a crucial part of





In April 2015, CPS received 10 new school proposals to open a total of 19 new charter schools and/or campuses and expand 1 existing campus

Over the course of the proposal evaluation process, applicants withdrew requests for 8 schools or campuses.

Of the remaining seven new school proposals to open 11 charter schools/campuses and expand one existing campus,

The CEO recommends:

- “ The denial of five proposals for nine campuses
- “ The approval of two proposals for two campuses and one expansion of an existing campus





School	CEO Rec	#
Connected Futures Academy #1*	Deny	Campus #1
Connected Futures Academy #2*	Deny	Campus #2
Connected Futures Academy #3*	Deny	Campus #3
Connected Futures Academy #4*	Deny	Campus #4
Connected Futures Academy #5*	Deny	Campus #5

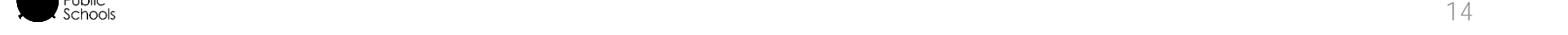
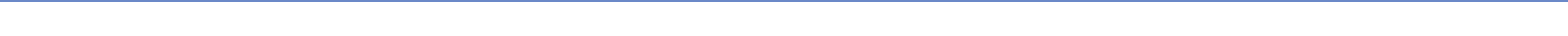


School	CEO Rec	#
KIPP Chicago	Approve	1 new campus, expand grade levels at 1 existing campus
Noble Street	Approve	Add 1 campus to existing agreement



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There are _____ for 11 individual schools and 1 existing school expansion that the Board must vote to approve or deny:



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