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Charter Schools Review Board

Director's Updates

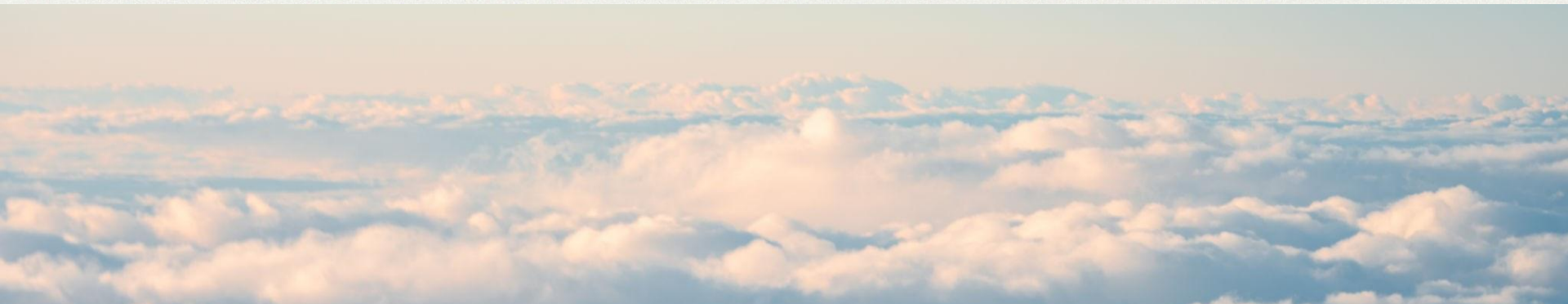
2025 Application Cycle

Application closed

17 applications (pending completeness check/corrections)

8 accelerated including 2 fast-track replication

Wake with most (5) followed by Mecklenburg (3) Gaston (2) and one each: Durham, Moore, Forsyth, Edgecomb, Franklin, Pender, and Union.



2026 Renewals Underway

40 renewal visits. Visits consist of a pre-site visit review that includes the schools submitted self-study and compliance items, during the visits consultants tour the school, observe classrooms, and meet with 4 groups of stakeholders per school (families, staff, administrators, and board). Next steps - each school received feedback from the OCS renewals team. OCS renewals consultants will check in with schools in June to review progress on any required action items from the feedback. Following confirm of 2024-2025 academic data OCS will begin placing schools into renewal placements according to renewal guidelines before they begin coming before the CSRB in November.



2026 Discovering your new school

Identified need/purpose: Following CSRB approval, applicants have several months before the RTO process formally begins. The Discover Your New School (DYNS) initiative was created to support approved applicants in the gap period between approval and RTO.

Discover Your New School (DYNS) is an initiative of the Office of Charter Schools:

1. To prepare newly-approved applicants to meet the requirements of their upcoming planning year.
2. To provide governance strengthening resources for founding boards.
3. To orient board chairs to their active role as the leading officer of the educational non-profit organization.
4. To provide space for newly-approved boards to meet, share and create community with their cohort.
5. To gather input from newly-approved applicants specific to their needed areas of support.



OCS Shout Outs

Thank you for your comments, encouragement, and support. I have reviewed the previously sent documents and appreciate the feedback.

You and the OCS staff have been truly invaluable during this process. I know it's your "job" but it's more about HOW you do your "job"; and the "HOW" factor has been over the top, so a very gracious "Thank You" to each one of you.

You and your team at the NC Office of Charter Schools is one of the main reasons our charter school movement in our state is so exceptional. It takes leadership and guidance like you all demonstrate to better serve and educate our families in our state.

I sincerely appreciate you making a space for the charter schools to gather and to learn more about healthy financial best practices specific to the charter school setting. Coming from someone who is a life-long educator but new to the business operations side of things, I just wanted to commend you for your efforts.

I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable assistance and support throughout the Charter Renewal Process. Witnessing CSD secure its ten-year renewal was truly a moment of pride and accomplishment for us all.

Your dedication and guidance have been instrumental in navigating this process, and I am deeply grateful for your efforts. With this renewal, we eagerly anticipate the next decade and beyond, filled with opportunities for continued growth and service to our students and community.

The assurance of support from the Office of Charter Schools reinforces our commitment to excellence and empowers us to strive for even greater achievements in the years ahead. Together, we are poised to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

UPCOMING

June 9th - last meeting of the 24-25 CSRB Calendar

June 10-11th - RTO Institute

July - NCAPCS Conference in Wilmington

July/August - Application evaluations

September 8-9 - Begin our 25-26 CSRB meetings with our first 2025 application interviews