



Revision and Resubmission of Denied Cyber Charter School Applications

Pursuant to the Charter School Law, PDE has the responsibility to review cyber charter school applications and decide whether to grant or deny a charter to the applicants. The Charter School Law provides that if PDE denies a cyber charter school application, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Charter School Appeal Board (CAB) or revise and resubmit the denied application to PDE. PDE must grant or deny the revised application within 60 days after its receipt.

The first cyber charter school applications were submitted to PDE by October 1, 2002. All 5 applications were denied and a number of the applicants revised and resubmitted their denied applications. PDE initially permitted applicants to revise and resubmit their denied applications more than once. However, after a more thorough analysis, PDE interpreted the Charter School Law as allowing an applicant to revise and resubmit its application to PDE one time. In the event the revised and resubmitted application is denied and the applicant still wants to pursue a charter, the applicant must appeal PDE's decision to CAB.