

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Notice of Hearing Regarding Cyber Charter School Application

Notice is hereby given that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has scheduled one date for a public hearing regarding a cyber charter school application that was received on or before October 2, 2017. The hearing will be held on:

- November 20, 2017

In Heritage Room A on the lobby level of 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The hearing pertains to the applicant seeking to operate a cyber charter school beginning in the 2018-19 school year. The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from the applicant about the proposed cyber charter school as well as receive comments from interested individuals regarding the application. The name of the applicant, copies of the application and a listing of the date and time scheduled for the hearing on the application can be viewed on PDE's website after October 13, 2017, at www.education.pa.gov.

Individuals who wish to provide comments on an application during the hearing must provide a copy of their written comments to PDE and the applicant on or before November 6, 2017. Comments provided by this deadline and presented at the hearing will become part of the certified record. Failure to comply with this deadline will preclude the individual from providing comments at the hearing. Verbal comments may be limited based on the number of individuals requesting time to provide comments and may be limited if the comments are duplicative or repetitive of another individual's comments. Persons who are unable to attend the hearing may also provide PDE and the applicant with written comments on or before November 6, 2017. Any written comments provided to PDE by this deadline will also become part of the certified record.

During the public hearing on an application, the cyber charter applicant will have 30 minutes to present information about the proposed cyber charter school. Each hearing will be conducted by the panel of individuals who have completed an initial review of the application. The panel members may question the applicant on issues identified during their review, as well as issues raised in the written comments filed by the deadline. Panel members may also question individuals who offer verbal comments. Commentators will not be permitted to question either the applicant or the panel members.

Comments sent to PDE should be addressed to the Division of Charter Schools, 333 Market Street, 5th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. The hearing agenda will be prepared after November 13, 2017, when PDE is aware of the number of individuals who wish to provide verbal comments at each hearing. The hearing agenda will provide the order of presentation, as well as specify the amount of time allotted to each commentator. The hearing agenda will be posted under Charter School Applications on PDE's website at the following link: <http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Charter%20Schools/Pages/Charter-Applications.aspx>

For questions regarding this hearing, please contact the Division of Charter Schools at 717.787.9744 or charterschools@pa.gov.

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