

# State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

## Staff Recommendation for the 2018 Cycle February 28, 2018

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<b>School:</b>	<b>Ivy Preparatory Academy at Kirkwood</b>
<b>Attendance Zone:</b>	<b>DeKalb County School District and Atlanta Public Schools</b>
<b>Grade Levels:</b>	<b>K-8</b>
<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>	SCSC staff recommends that the renewal petition for Ivy Preparatory Academy at Kirkwood be <b>approved</b> by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a 3-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

### Rationale:

Ivy Preparatory Academy substantively met the expectations established by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) during the current charter term. Given the improvement Ivy Kirkwood demonstrated during its charter term in meeting academic, financial and operational expectations, the school's performance evidences that the school will likely demonstrate its ability to consistently meet SCSC expectations during a renewed 3-year charter term.

#### 1. Academic Performance

Ivy Kirkwood met SCSC academic expectations as measured by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) in the fourth year of its current charter term. In the fourth year of its charter term, Ivy Kirkwood outperformed its comparison district (DeKalb County School District and Atlanta Public Schools) in all grade bands served on all academic measures in the SCSC CPF- CCRPI Achievement, Progress, Single Score, Value-Added Impact Scores and was designated Beating the Odds. Additionally, Ivy Kirkwood's CCRPI and value-added impact scores, display improvement over the course of the current charter term.

#### 2. Financial Performance

Ivy Kirkwood met standards in only one year of the current charter term for which data is available on the Financial portion of the Performance Framework. On-site monitoring revealed significant deficiencies relating to the school's financial manual and its consistency with the Georgia Department of Education's Financial Management for Georgia Local Units of Administration Manual (LUA). Although audits were not submitted in a timely manner before the deadline in at least two of four years of the charter term, the school appears to demonstrate the ability to adequately manage cash and debt. Despite these deficiencies, Ivy Kirkwood demonstrated marked improvement in the school's financial systems over the course of the current charter term.

#### 3. Operational Compliance

Ivy Kirkwood failed to meet standards in any year of the current charter term for which data is available on the Operational portion of the CPF. Although annual on-site monitoring revealed deficiencies, the school has a history of quickly remedying any identified deficiencies. Additionally, Ivy Kirkwood demonstrated marked improvement in the school's operational systems over the course of the current charter term.

### Link to Petition and Related Materials:

[View the petition for Ivy Preparatory Academy at Kirkwood here.](#)

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