



*State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia*

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Dear Prospective Charter School Applicants:

The mission of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) is to improve public education throughout the state by authorizing high quality charter schools that provide students with better educational opportunities than they would otherwise receive in traditional district schools. To achieve this mission, the SCSC depends on dedicated petitioners with knowledge and expertise to open schools in communities all across Georgia—especially those communities served by chronically underperforming schools.

As a result, the SCSC encourages the submission of applications from petitioners proposing to serve chronically underperforming areas of the state (i.e. those school districts represented on the most recently published OSD eligibility list). That list is linked [here](#). Note: A school is OSD eligible if it earns a CCRPI of less than 60 for three consecutive years. Although these applications will not receive preferential treatment or scoring, the SCSC promises a fair and thorough review process and is committed to promoting quality educational options for the students who need them most.

Thank you for your interest in the SCSC application process and your willingness to explore innovative educational alternatives. While establishing a high quality charter school is certainly a challenging endeavor, the work is both rewarding and worthwhile because it benefits students, revitalizes communities, and strengthens the overall public education system of our state.

Sincerely,

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