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Call for New Quality Schools Overview

April 25, 2018

Today's Agenda

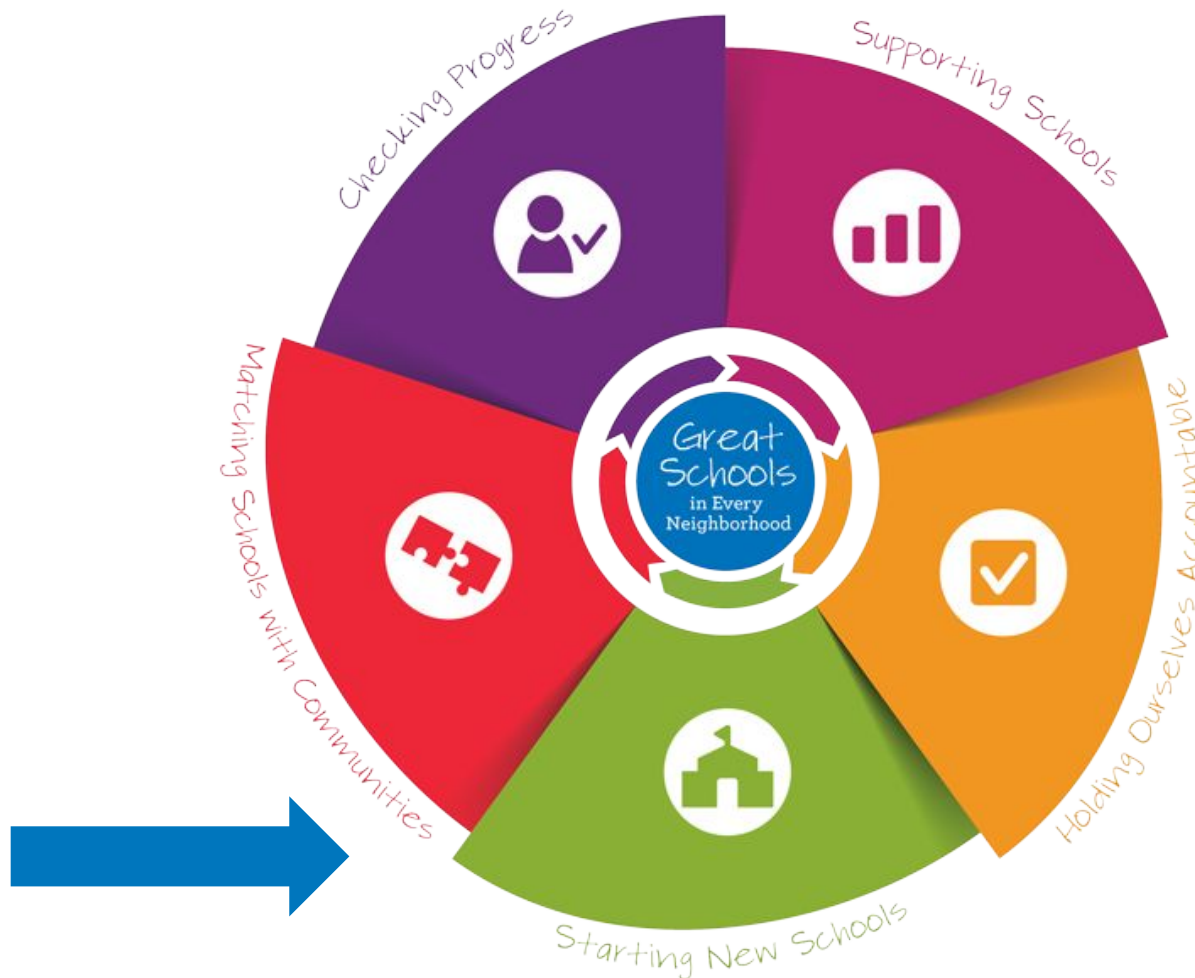
- The Call for New Quality Schools
- Quality Authorizing Process Overview
- Family and Community Involvement
- Application Evaluation
- DAC Charge



Welcome Everyone!



Denver Plan 2020: Great Schools in Every Neighborhood



GOAL #1 Great Schools in Every Neighborhood

Call for New Quality Schools Policy Context

DPS Board Policy AF: Charter Quality Authorizing

This policy establishes principles and standards for DPS's authorizing work, including "creating Equitable Opportunity, Equitable Responsibility and Access, and Equitable Accountability" among all DPS schools. In this spirit, the Call is open to district-run and charter applicants.

DPS Board Policy FAP: Facility Allocation Policy

This policy establishes principles the District must use to "advance recommendations to the Board concerning the allocation of District facilities and other support that may be provided to meet facility needs for both new and existing schools regardless of governance type."

State and National Best Practice

DPS embraces best practices established by the Colorado State Board of Education and the National Association of Charter School Authorizers. Quality standards include the issuance of a document clearly identifying district needs and priorities.

Colorado Charter Schools Act

State law requires districts to accept applications for new charter schools annually and identifies specific content requirements and process elements for the review of charter school applications.


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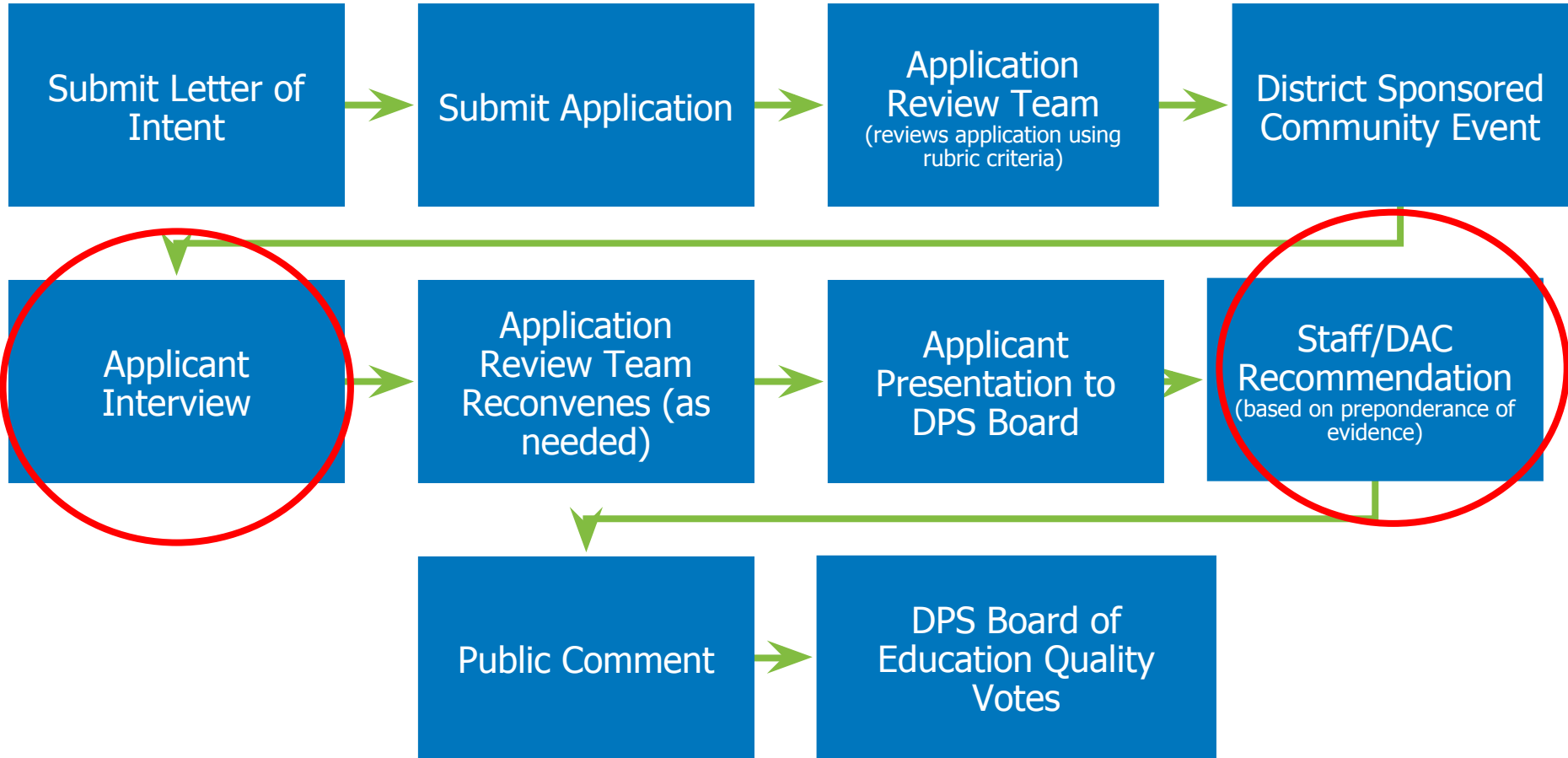
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The DPS Quality Authorizing Process



Application Contents

Executive Summary

1. School Culture

2. Educational Program

3. Teaching

4. Leadership

5. Governance, Operations, and Budget

Optional Sections and Appendices

Family and Community Involvement in the Process

- Work with a founding team to propose a new school
- Write a letter to the BOE supporting a specific new school application
- Volunteer to serve on an ART
- Attend a District Sponsored Community Event April 16 and 19, 2018
- Speak at public comment on May 17



DAC Charge: Developing an Independent Recommendation to the BOE

DAC Working Meeting

Members of the DAC Great Schools Subcommittee will facilitate and collect feedback from the larger group on strengths and weaknesses of the three new school applications.

Additionally, subcommittee chairs will provide an update on what they heard in the applicant interview.

Finalize Recommendation

Members of the DAC Great Schools Subcommittee will finalize an independent recommendation to the DPS board of Education regarding the quality of each new school application

Board of Education Meeting

Members of the DAC Great Schools Subcommittee will present the recommendations to the DPS Board of Education on Thursday, May 10th.

What new schools want to serve Denver students?

American Indian Academy of Denver

Beacon Network Middle School

Denver Early College High School



Questions?