




**TO:** P-12 Education Committee

**FROM:** Ken Slentz 

**SUBJECT:** Response from COMMUNITY Charter School to the Department's Recommendation Concerning the Renewal of the Charter for COMMUNITY Charter School

**DATE:** April 16, 2013

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### SUMMARY

At the April 22-23, 2013, meeting of the Board of Regents, the Regents will be considering a Charter Renewal Recommendation for COMMUNITY Charter School ("the School"), a Charter School authorized by the Board of Regents. On March 15, 2013, the Department sent a letter to the School informing them that the Department would be recommending that the Regents deny the application to renew the charter for the School, and outlining the reasons for that recommendation (Attachment A.) That letter also informed the School that it could submit a written response to the Department's recommendation by noon on April 15, 2013, and that any such response received by the Department would be provided to the Regents for their consideration.

On April 15, 2013, COMMUNITY Charter School submitted a written response, via email, that included a cover letter, several affidavits from consultants and school staff, two letters from elected officials and legal argument (Attachment B.) Later that day, the School sent a corrected version of one of the affidavits and accompanying exhibits (Attachment C). Copies of the School's responses were sent via email by the School to all members of the Board of Regents and the same material is attached to this item for your information and consideration.

The material that COMMUNITY Charter School submitted to the Department does not impact or change the staff recommendation that the Regents deny the School's request for charter renewal, and that the Regents do not renew the charter for COMMUNITY Charter School.

Attachments