Charter School Application
Review and Recommendation for

Computing Workshop Charter School
Hill House Passport Academy Charter School
Mount Washington Community Academy
Charter School
Proposed Grade Levels: 5-12+

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Proposed Location
Squirrel Hill area of Pittsburgh

Focus
Students on the Autistic Spectrum or with other cognitive or physical differences

Computing Workshop Charter School
Computing Workshop Criteria Review

• The charter school does not provide the School District of Pittsburgh with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities currently being offered.

• The application does not consider all the information requested in section 1719-A and conform to the legislative intent outlined in section 1702-A.
  • No specific curricula are indicated in the application.
  • Various technical/computerized resources indicated in the application are not PA State standards aligned.
  • The management plan provided in the application is incomplete.

• The proposed school is not financially viable.
  • Required financial documents were omitted from the application.

• The charter school is not able to serve as a model for other schools in the District.
Recommendation for Computing Workshop Charter School

Based on a thorough analysis of the Computing Workshop Charter School application, the Pittsburgh Public Schools Review Team recommends that the Board *deny* this charter application.

Next Step:

PPS Board to vote at the February 27, 2013 Legislative Session

Computing Workshop Charter School
Hill House Passport Academy Charter School

Proposed Grade Levels: 9-12

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Proposed Location

• The Hill area of Pittsburgh

Focus

• Drop-out Recovery
Hill House Passport Academy Criteria Review

- The governance structure of the charter school is not in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations and the PA school code.
  - No separate public, nonprofit corporation to hold the charter and operate the charter school has been established.
  - Although Hill House Association can be the applicant, the charter school must be operated by an independent, public, nonprofit corporation.
  - The finalized management agreement between the charter school and k12, Inc. is not included in the application.

- The charter school only to some extent provides the School District of Pittsburgh with expanded choices and is able to serve as a model to other schools in the District.
  - Blended learning model offered at Student Achievement Center.
  - Job placement is mentioned but lacks details about how program will work.
Recommendation for Hill House Passport Academy Charter School

Based on a thorough analysis of the Hill House Passport Academy Charter School application, the Pittsburgh Public Schools Review Team recommends that the Board *deny* this charter application.

Next Step:

PPS Board to vote at the February 27, 2013 Legislative Session
Mount Washington Community Academy Charter School

Proposed Grade Levels: K-8

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Proposed Location

- The Mount Washington area of Pittsburgh – former Saint Mary of the Mount Catholic School

Focus

- Microsociety

Mount Washington Community Academy Charter School
Mount Washington Community Academy Criteria Review

• The charter school, to some extent, provides the School District of Pittsburgh with expanded choices and is able to serve as a model for other schools in the District.
  • Integration of the Microsociety and the curriculum is not coherent.
  • Amount of time spent in the Microsociety is insufficient.

• The governance structure is not in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations and the PA school code.
  • The Articles of Incorporation or proof that the Articles have been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State were excluded from the application.
  • The Bylaws are not consistent with either the Sunshine Act or the Public Officials and Employee Ethics Act.

• The application does not consider all the information requested in section 1719-A and conform to the legislative intent outlined in section 1702-A.

• The charter school is financially viable, with exceptions.
  • The charter school has underestimated some of their initial expenses.
Recommendation for Mount Washington Community Academy Charter School

Based on a thorough analysis of the Mount Washington Community Academy Charter School application, the Pittsburgh Public Schools Review Team recommends that the Board *deny* this charter application.

Next Step:

PPS Board to vote at the February 27, 2013 Legislative Session