

# Charter School Renewal Review and Recommendation for **The Environmental Charter School**



# Background Information

- As of the 2012-2013 school year, school is now housed in two buildings consistent with the terms of their original charter.
  - PPS conducted both a plan review and several site inspections prior to the opening of the second location at 309 South Braddock Avenue.
- As of the 2012-2013 school year, school has ceased to be affiliated with Imagine Schools.
  - PPS was kept informed as they were going through the separation.

# Renewal Criteria

1. The school **does** continue to meet all conditions, standards and procedures contained in the charter agreement.
2. The school **does, with exceptions**, continue to meet requirements for student performance.
3. The school **does** meet generally accepted standards for fiscal management or audit requirements.
4. The school **does** continue to follow the provisions of the Charter School Law.
5. The school **does** continue to follow the provisions of law from which the charter school has not been exempted, including Federal laws and regulations governing children with disabilities.
6. The school **has not** been convicted of fraud.

# Charter School Criteria

1. The school **does** provide Pittsburgh Public Schools with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities currently being offered by the school system.
2. The school **does** serve as a model to other schools in the district.
3. The school **does** continue to provide comprehensive learning experiences to all students.
4. The school **does** continue to have sustained support.

# Recommendation

Based on a thorough analysis of the Environmental Charter School, the Pittsburgh Public Schools Review Team recommends that the Board ***approve*** this charter renewal for five (5) years through 2017-2018.

Next Step:

PPS Board to vote at the April 24, 2013 Legislative Session