



NEW SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT FOR SPONSORSHIP WITH ST. ALOYSIUS

St. Aloysius is pleased to invite applicants seeking to open new quality community schools starting as early as 2021-2022 to complete a new school application. Applicants who do not currently operate any charter schools should complete the new school application. St. Aloysius, partnering with Charter School Specialists since 2005, is one of the most respected and top-rated sponsors in Ohio receiving an Exemplary rating from the Ohio Department of Education. St. Aloysius enables and supports quality community school success and a commitment to strong partnerships between the sponsor, governing authorities and school leadership teams.

St. Aloysius and Charter School Specialists seek applicants that align with their sponsoring priorities of expanding educational opportunities, improving school performance, and ultimately lifting student achievement. Community School contracts are granted only to those applicants that have a sound plan for, and demonstrate the capacity to open a quality, high performing community school. Each application is reviewed, and additional data is collected to provide the St. Aloysius board with evidence-based recommendations on all application decisions.

Prior to beginning the application process, please review the following documents to familiarize yourself with the complete Application/Contract process:

- Call for New Schools
- New School Application Timeline
- Challenged School District List
- List of Attachment requirements

The application must be completed in its entirety to be considered for sponsorship. If an application is incomplete, it will NOT be reviewed or scored. If a question/section does not apply to the school, please enter N/A and provide a detailed explanation stating why it does not apply. Please review all documentation accompanying the application prior to submitting. The application has a Save and Continue Later option for the convenience of the applicant, however applications will only be saved for thirty (30) days.

Applicants who score at least 50% of eligible points will automatically be granted an interview. Applicants who score at least 40% of eligible points and convincingly make a case that their school will be located in a high need challenged school district will automatically be granted an interview. Only applicants that score 75% of eligible points qualify for approval. Approvals are granted based on a review of points received, high need/challenged district, consistency with the St. Aloysius and Charter School Specialists mission, vision, strategic plan and sponsorship priorities. Applicants seeking to locate a school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District will be required to complete a supplemental application showing knowledge of the Cleveland Transformation Alliance's plan for transforming schools.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please feel free to contact me through phone or email. We look forward to working with you and welcome the opportunity to answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

David L. Cash

President, Charter School Specialists
On behalf of St. Aloysius