

# **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE 2.1**

# PROCEDURE TITLE: New Community School Contract Process Department: Legal Department Proposed by: VP Sponsorship Operations Effective Date: 09/01/2013

## PURPOSE

The NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACT PROCESS ensures all community schools submitting new contracts to St. Aloysius comply with the deadlines established by the sponsor, rule and law, and the Ohio Department of Education. The process is used to guide all applicants for new charters with St. Aloysius from either (a) the approved preliminary agreement or (b) the expiring St. Aloysius Contract to a finalized and executed new community school contract.

#### **SCOPE**

The NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACT PROCESS applies to all CSS staff involved on the contract review team and other legal department members involved in the compilation of final contracts.

#### PROCEDURE

Prior to beginning this process, the applicant must complete one of the three tracks of the COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESSES as follows:

• Track 1 applications (also known as "full applications") are for New School Applicants who do not have a community school currently in operation. These applicants complete the NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS or REPLICATOR APPLICATION PROCESS prior to beginning this process.

 $\cdot$  Track 2 applications are for New Applicants who have a community school currently operating under different sponsorship. These applicants will complete



the EXISTING COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS or the TRANSFER COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS prior to beginning this process.

• Track 3 applications are for Renewal Applicants who have a current charter with St. Aloysius that is expiring. These applicants complete the RENEWAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPLICATION AND REVIEWER PROTOCOL PROCESS prior to beginning this process.

The NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACT PROCESS is as follows:

- 1. The Legal Department and Management Team shall review the current charter contract template for changes in rule or law. General Counsel shall review all suggested changes with the President and finalize the charter contract template.
- 2. Upon completion of the above, attorneys for applicants will be provided with the contract template and attachment requirements and expectations of the NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACT PROCESS.
- 3. The Legal Department will communicate with the applicants to ensure they have received documentation and are aware of deadlines and the need to submit all items as stated in the established timeline.
- 4. The Legal Department shall conduct a training for all applicants explaining changes to contract template and general contract requirements.
- 5. Upon receipt of applicant contract materials, the Contract Review Teams will review and evaluate the contract materials per the rubric review process.
- 6. The completed contract and attachments must include all required information.
- 7. Upon completion of the contract signature page, the Legal Department or designee will send the contract to St. Aloysius for electronic signature.
- 8. Once the Contracts are executed, the Legal Department or designee will upload a copy of the fully executed contract into each school's Google folder.
- 9. The Legal Department will prepare copies of full Contracts and Attachments to submit to the Ohio Department of Education via Epicenter.
- 10. Distribution of these copies must be completed and submitted prior to the required ODE and/or statutory deadlines.

# **DOCUMENTATION / VERIFICATION**

Legal Department will save all NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACT PROCESS documents with a naming convention and the date in the shared drive as follows:

Location of documentation:



S/"Current School Year" Contracts & Attachments

Supporting documentation included with this process:

- 1. Community School Contract Template, Timeline, and Guidance Document
- 2. Email communications linking to the template and instruction documents
- 3. Internal communications to review teams including training materials
- 4. Internal communications relating to reviews/revisions
- 5. External communications relating to reviews/revisions
- 6. Contract review webinar

## **DOCUMENT HISTORY**

Orig. Date May 2012 Rev. May 2013 Rev. Sept. 2013 Rev. March 2017 Rev. April 2020 Rev. June 2022 Rev. June 2023

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Reviewer of the NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACT PROCESS is as follows:

Reviewed By: Management Team

Date: <u>06/30/2023</u>

Approved By: President: David L. Cash, Jr.

Date: 06/30/2023

The effective date is as of the date signed above. Processes are consistently reviewed and revised as necessary throughout the term. The NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACT PROCESS may be implemented as currently written and will be formally evaluated and revised as necessary going forward.