

Renewal Application Self-Managed Schools

Each Community School exists, operates and is successful or otherwise based upon the partnership of the Sponsor, Governing Authority, and the Staff. The Sponsor evaluates, monitors, provides technical assistance, and ultimately decides whether the school continues or closes. The Governing Authority acts as stewards of State funds and ensures to the Sponsor that the charter is being faithfully implemented. The superintendent, teachers, and staff operate the school according to the charter and the direction of the governing authority.

While success or failure of a school is based upon the quality of this partnership, the governing authority's unique contribution is to ensure the staff that it has hired implement all aspects of the agreed upon charter with fidelity. An exemplary sponsor will provide monitoring, evaluation, and technical assistance, but the governing authority has the responsibility to ensure the implementation of the charter and the stewardship of state funds. The questions below should assist the governing authority in assessing their performance in this role as evidenced by the responses and state assessment of academic achievement.

When you read the questions make sure to consider all the resources, assessments, evaluations, and reports that you have received over the course of the term of the charter, such as: reports from superintendents, on-site assistance reviews, compliance reports and special education reviews from your sponsor, audits from outside agencies, and annual management company evaluations. Then describe how you used this information to ensure that your school was successful. Again, these questions are not about how the staff of your school performed, but rather how you perform your responsibilities, and how you will continue to perform your responsibilities if given a new term.

These questions will comprise up to 30% of the school's score in the overall community school contract renewal process. These questions should be answered by the governing authority.

1. <Name of School>
2. <Person submitting Application>
3. Is this school an academic success and by what measures?
 - a. If the school is an academic success, how will it continue to be in the future?
4. Has the governing authority discussed ways they can support the growth and success of the school?
 - a. If yes, provide examples of how the governing authority does or will support the growth and success of the school.
5. Provide examples of how the Governing Authority of this school has faithfully discharged its duties as stewards of State funds and worked in partnership with the Sponsor and the Staff to create a successful school?
6. Provide any additional information you would like St. Aloysius to consider during this renewal process.