

## STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

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## **BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

TO: SPCSA Board FROM: Patrick Gavin

**SUBJECT:** Fall Expansion and Relocation Amendment Cycle

**DATE:** August 26, 2016

Staff makes the following recommendations regarding the upcoming fall charter school expansion and relocation amendment cycle:

- 1. Utilize the same templates with minimal changes based on staff and applicant feedback.
- 2. Amendment request goes live on SPCSA website on/about September 1 (may vary slightly depending on timing of bullet 4a).
- 3. Amendment deadline of October 15.
  - a. The Agency intends to continue to manage the submission process using the Epicenter platform to allow for more streamlined submission and review.
  - b. The submission platform may be modified to provide for schools to upload specific documents in specific locations to permit more streamlined completeness review and to facilitate greater public transparency.
  - c. Agency staff will continue to encourage schools to upload converted PDF documents instead of scanned materials to provide for transparency and accessibility.
- 4. Likely applicant hearings/charter award decisions in January/February 2017 depending on any related purchasing/contracting timelines for external reviewers, including approval of work programs necessary to fund external reviewers.