

# STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY



## 2017 Application for the Renewal of a Written Charter *For Schools Not Determined to be Eligible for Expedited Renewal*

### *MS Word Application Template*

*Released November 1, 2016*

*Due February 1, 2017*

## **CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL GUIDELINES**

- The renewal application must be submitted as a Word document and a signed PDF into the Charter Renewal Application section in Epicenter by 5 pm PT on the due date.
- This application may be completed by filling out each of the requested dropdown menus and text boxes. Failure to utilize the requested drop down menus and text boxes will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.
- Renewal decisions for schools operating under written charters are based on historic performance data as evidenced by the SPCSA Performance Framework, which serves as the Authority's performance and programmatic audit mechanism for all schools operating under written charters. Historical anecdotes or unsolicited data, e.g. teacher turnover, leadership changes, or past programmatic adjustments, will not be considered by the Authority in making renewal decisions. The Board will not give weight to materials or testimony related to such topics during the renewal process. The inclusion of unsolicited data, supplementary narratives, letters of support, or other unsolicited materials will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.
- Schools which are contemplating material amendments, e.g. changes to the mission statement, grade levels served, enrollment, facilities expansion, academic program, instructional delivery, management agreement, etc. will be permitted to submit such amendment requests in the event that the school is renewed based on past performance. Schools are permitted to draft such amendment requests during the renewal process for filing immediately following the renewal decision but the SPCSA Board will not give weight to such materials or testimony related to any contemplated changes during the renewal process. The inclusion of amendment materials will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.
- It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that the content is accurate and reflects information provided by NDE and the SPCSA. Any discrepancies between the data submitted and data previously provided by NDE or the SPCSA will result in a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.
- Schools are required to submit the agenda and draft minutes for the meeting where the governing body voted to approve the submission of the renewal application into the appropriate areas in Epicenter prior to filing the renewal application. Failure to submit the agenda and draft minutes into the appropriate areas in Epicenter prior to filing the renewal application will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff. The inclusion of the agenda and draft minutes with the renewal application will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.

**School Name: Discovery Charter School**

**Name of President/Chair of Governing Body: Heidi Ongbongan**

**Name of Head of School: Amanda Kettleson/Clark Price**

### Academic Performance

2016 Rising Star Status	Identified as Rising Star by NDE					
2016 Elementary School Percentage in State	Identified as Lowest 5 Percent by NDE					
2016 Middle School Percentage in State	Identified as Lowest 5 Percent by NDE					
2014 SPCSA Authority Academic Programmatic Audit Findings (SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Rating)	Approaches					
2013 Academic Intervention Ladder Status	Good Standing					
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2013 Academic Intervention Ladder Status	Good Standing					
2015 NSPF Rating (Frozen from 2014)	Elementary: 2 Star Middle: 3 Star High School: N/A					
2014 NSPF Rating	Elementary: 2 Star Middle: 3 Star High School: N/A					
2013 NSPF Rating	Elementary: 2 Star Middle: 3 Star High School: N/A					
2012 NSPF Rating	Elementary: N/A Middle: N/A High School: N/A					
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
NDE-Validated Graduation Rate	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

### Financial Performance

2016 SPCSA Authority Financial Programmatic Audit Findings (SPCSA Financial Performance Framework Rating—Notice of Breach or Notice of Concern)	: Good Standing
2015 SPCSA Authority Financial Programmatic Audit Findings (SPCSA Financial Performance Framework Rating—Notice of Breach or Notice of Concern)	: Good Standing



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### Organizational Performance

2016 SPCSA Authority Organizational Programmatic Audit Findings (SPCSA Organizational Framework—Notice of Breach or Notice of Concern)	Good Standing
2015 SPCSA Authority Organizational Programmatic Audit Findings (SPCSA Organizational Framework—Notice of Breach or Notice of Concern)	Good Standing
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### Plans for the Next Charter Term:

#### (1) Number of Students Served (Pending Any Subsequent Expansion Amendment)

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Students	440	440	440	440	440	440

#### (2) Does the school intend to file any amendment request following renewal and prior to the execution of the charter contract? No

*I certify that the governing body of this charter school has voted that the school and its staff will adhere to the renewal process expectations outlined in the Renewal Guidelines. The information provided in this charter renewal application is true and correct. I also certify that the governing body of this charter school understands that any academic, financial, or organizational performance data collected during the period of the current charter term which is analyzed and reported following a renewal vote may be considered by the Authority in making performance and accountability decisions in the subsequent charter term.*

Date when Governing Body Voted to Approve Application for Renewal 1-10-17

Signature of Head of School: [Signature] Date: 1-10-17

Signature of President/Chair of Governing Body: [Signature] Date: 1/10/17