MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: June 2020

CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER SPONSOR EVALUATION: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI- COLUMBIA

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 160.400, RSMo

☐ Consent Item  ☑ Action Item  ☐ Report Item

PRIORITY AREAS

Success-Ready Students & Workforce Development

SUMMARY

Section 160.400, RSMo, requires the Department to evaluate charter sponsors at least every three years. Charter sponsors are evaluated against six standards found in 5 CSR 20-100.260. The current evaluation system was last reported to the State Board of Education in September 2019. The Department will briefly revisit the evaluation process and timeline.

The University of Missouri-Columbia, is one of nine charter school sponsors in Missouri. It has a portfolio of seven schools;

- Confluence Academies
- Eagle College Preparatory Endeavor
- Frontier School of Innovation
- Genesis School
- KIPP Endeavor
- Lee A. Tolbert Academy
- La Salle Charter School

The University of Missouri-Columbia’s 2019-2020 evaluation will be shared. The sponsor evaluation covered the period from July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2020.

PRESENTER

Dr. Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Schools will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve the notice of material noncompliance and subsequent Departmental review of remediation actions.
Charter Sponsor Evaluation

University of Missouri-Columbia

June 2020
Background

• Sponsor
  • University of Missouri-Columbia

• Current Staff
  • Gerard Kettenbach, Director
  • Shanika Harris, Charter School Liaison
  • Ann Sanders, Charter School Specialist

• Current Portfolio
  • Confluence Academies
  • Eagle College Preparatory Endeavor
  • Frontier School of Innovation
  • Genesis School
  • KIPP Endeavor
  • Lee A. Tolbert Academy
  • La Salle Charter School

• Evaluation Period
  • July 1, 2016 – March 31, 2020

Slide updated 6/2/20 to reflect staff change
## Portfolio During Evaluation

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Evidence Examined

• Assurances
• Website
• Résumés
• Application Guidance
• Application Evaluations
• Performance Contracts
• School APRs

• Correspondence
• Renewal Recommendations
• Operations Guide
## Findings

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The department finds that the University of Missouri-Columbia Charter Office is not in material compliance with its sponsorship duties per §160.400.17, RSMo.
Deficiencies

• The MU Charter Office lacks written procedures, protocols, and criteria in the following areas:
  - School site visits,
  - Annual evaluation,
  - Interventions, and
  - Renewal decisions, including meeting performance contract requirements.

• The MU Charter Office has not consistently made intervention and renewal decisions consistent with statute and sponsorship standards.
Corrective Action Process

Notice of Material Noncompliance → Corrective Action Plan → Period of Remediation

Re-evaluation → Public Hearing (if needed) → Sanctions (if needed)
The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve the notice of material noncompliance and subsequent Departmental review of remediation actions.
Questions/Contact

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