

Charter Authorizer Approval Status Update

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Initial timeline for authorizer approvals WAC 180-19-020-040

Action	Authorizer Approvals in 2013 Only
District notice of intent to submit authorizer application	April 1, 2013
SBE posts authorizer application	April 1, 2013
Closing date for authorizer applications to SBE	July 1, 2013
Closing date for SBE decisions on authorizer applications	September 12, 2013

School District Notices of Intent

Thirteen districts submitted notices of intent to apply for approval as charter school authorizers in 2013:

Battle Ground	Port Townsend
Bellevue	Sequim
Eastmont	Spokane
Kent	Sunnyside
Highline	Tacoma
Naselle	Yakima
Peninsula	

July 1 Application Submission

- One district, Spokane, has submitted an authorizer application for the one-year-only, July-September approval cycle.
- Application posted on SBE web site per rule.

Spokane Authorizer Application

“The promise of charter schools for Spokane . . . is to help serve as a catalyst for school improvement, to provide new techniques and strategies to reach at-risk students, and to add to the portfolio of options available in Spokane Public Schools. . . . Spokane Public Schools is applying to be a charter school authorizer as it aligns with our mission and vision.”

-- Part 1, Spokane Public Schools Strategic Vision for Chartering (p. 4).

Next Steps

- Select external reviewers of application.
- Schedule interview with Spokane charter leads.
- Recommendation to Board prior to September meeting on decision to approve or deny.
- If approved, execute authorizing contract within 30 days of Board decision.

Second timeline for authorizer approvals

Action	Applications in 2014 (and Ongoing)
District notice of intent to submit authorizer application	October 1, 2013
SBE posts authorizer application	October 1, 2013
Closing date for authorizer applications to SBE	December 31, 2013
Closing date for SBE decisions on authorizer applications	April 1, 2014

Questions?