



**IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024

Start Time: 1:00 P.M., MST

Physical Location: IPCSC Office, 514 W. Jefferson St, Suite 324, Boise, ID 83720

- I. COMMISSION WORK (Action Item)**
 - A. Agenda Review / Approval

- II. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL WITH CONDITIONS (Action Item)**

- III. ADJOURN MEETING (Action Item)**

II. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL WITH CONDITIONS

SUBJECT

Renewal application for Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center (BCCLC).

BACKGROUND

Idaho statute requires that authorized chartering entities periodically evaluate schools for charter renewal. BCCLC's current performance certificate will expire on June 30, 2024. The IPCSC must renew, conditionally renew, or non-renew this charter.

DISCUSSION

At the February 8, 2024 IPCSC Meeting, Commissioners directed the IPCSC Director and BCCLC to collaborate on developing renewal conditions that will measure the school's academic growth annually. As of the end of the 2022-2023 school year, BCCLC academic indicators were within the range of 3%-10% to meeting standard on the IPCSC performance framework. The recommendation to renew BCCLC's performance certificate can include a condition that the school must achieve a minimum increase year-over-year in each category in Math, English Language Arts, and Literacy. The school would be considered to have "met the standard" when each academic indicator maintains parity with its comparison group, the Blackfoot School District.

The renewal data sheet for BCCLC follows this cover sheet.

IMPACT

Should the Commission approve BCCLC for charter renewal with conditions as presented, the school and IPCSC staff will proceed with finalizing the terms of a performance certificate to begin July 1, 2024 and end on **June 30, 2030**. Performance certificates will be considered for final execution by the Commission in April.

If the school is unable to evidence that it has met the terms of any condition by the due date stated in the condition, IPCSC may consider a revocation hearing to be scheduled.

COMMISSION ACTION

A motion to approve the renewal certificate for Blackfoot Charter for the 2024-**2030** term with the following conditions:

- The school must achieve a minimum 2% year-over-year increase for each indicator in all academic outcomes including Math Proficiency, Math Growth, English Language Arts Proficiency, English Language Arts Growth, and Literacy Proficiency; AND
- Once the school achieves a Meets Standard in any academic outcome for two consecutive years, the condition for that particular academic outcome will be considered "met" for the purposes of this performance certificate term.

Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center Performance Summary – 2020 to 2023

Summary Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center *has met performance expectations in many of the categories in the current school year. However, the school did not meet expectations in academic indicators.*

The school is being recommended for renewal based on five conditions for improvement of all academic indicators (see attached consent agreement).

Mission Statement

To know each student well enough to challenge and meet their individual academic and developmental needs. This is accomplished through a goal-driven environment that includes multi-grade classrooms, small groups, interactive technology, and brain-based learning. These are supported by a high level of teacher collaboration and professional development.

Board Chair: Paul Hutchings

School Leader: Craig Gerard

Demographics

Grades Served: **K-8**; Enrollment Capacity: **810**; Current Enrollment: **588**

Student Population %	2023	2022	2021	2020
Non-White Blackfoot CS	29%	30%	28%	22.4%
Non-White Comparison District	39%	40%	NA	NA
Hispanic Blackfoot CS	16%	19%	23%	17.2%
Hispanic Comparison District	25%	25%	NA	NA
Students w/Disabilities Blackfoot CS	19%	19%	13%	8.7%
Students w/Disabilities Comparison District	14%	13%	NA	NA
Economically Disadvantaged Blackfoot CS	55%	57%	33%	53.2%
Economically Disadvantaged Comparison District	54%	45%	NA	NA

Application

The Application for Charter Renewal is available upon request from the IPCSC.

Performance Outcomes

The performance outcomes, by which IPCSC charter schools are evaluated for renewal, are defined in the Commission’s [Performance Framework Guidance](#). Blackfoot Charter School’s detailed Annual Performance Reports are available at this link: <https://chartercommission.idaho.gov/schools/blackfoot-charter-community-learning-center/>.

The key to the summary of performance ratings in the following tables is as follows:

Exceeds Standard (E)	Meets Standard (M)	Approaches Standard (A)	Does Not Meet Standard (D)	Not Rated Due to Pandemic (NR)	Data Not Available (NA)
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Academic				
Indicator	2023	2022	2021	2020
Math Proficiency	21%	22%	24%	NA
Math Growth	25%	NA	NA	NA
ELA Proficiency	27%	32%	43%	NA
ELA Growth	35%	NA	NA	NA
Literacy Proficiency	Fall IRI: 34%	Fall IRI: 31%	Fall IRI: 25%	NA
	Spring IRI: 43%	Spring IRI: 47%	Spring IRI: 43%	

Operations				
Board Stewardship				
Indicator	2023	2022	2021	2020
Governance Structure	E	E	E	M
Governance Oversight	E	E	E	M
Governance Compliance	E	E	E	M
Management				
Student Services	E	E	E	E
Data Security/Transparency	E	E	M	M
Facility & Services	E	E	E	E
Operational Compliance	E	E	E	M

Financial				
Near Term Measures				
Indicator	2023	2022	2021	2020
Current Ratio	3.74	8.58	1.69	E
Unrestricted Days Cash	197	1,022	76	E
Default	None	None	None	E
Enrollment Variance	91.1%	91.2%	98.42%	A
Sustainability Measures				
Total Margin	-8.9%	-9.79%	5.05%	E
Multi-Year Cash Flow	\$1,530,862	\$9,546,668	\$493,974	E
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.25	0.22	1.10	M
Debt Asset Ratio	0.95	0.92	0.51	E
Financial Compliance	Yes	Yes	NA	M