

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education, Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

From: Dr. Ethel Lett, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and
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Subject: Policies IBB - Charter Schools **(First Reading)**

Summary

The District is presenting Policies IBB - Charter Schools for First Reading.

Background

A minor revision to Policy IBB was made to clarify that requirements for charter schools are specified not only in the charter contract but in state law as well. Regulation IBB-R(1) however, required extensive revisions to address legal compliance issues and incorporate requirements of newly enacted SB 82 (Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025).

Specifically Regulation IBB-R(1) was revised to clarify procedures, update oversight measures, and modify the charter school authorization process. The updated regulation specifies timeline and process requirements, such as mandatory publication of petition timelines on the District website and a requirement for charter petitioners to submit petitions to the Office of Charter School Compliance (OCSC). It also introduces automatic denial for late petitions without review and establishes a six-month advance letter of intent requirement for both OCSC and the District.

The review process now includes the charter review committee's responsibilities, detailed evaluation criteria, and the four-tier petition classification system: Rejection, Revision, Clarification, and Approval Groups. The policy sets 30-day revision deadlines for petitioners and specifies consequences for non-compliance.

Operational processes now include pre-opening monitoring requirements connected to readiness benchmarks and a two-month advance notice for major operational changes. The policy specifies provisions that indemnify the District regarding special education services and related litigation, establishes procedures for District notification and budget



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approval in connection with long-term debt agreements, and mandates the publication of charter school earnings calculations on the District's website.

The policy retains the 3% withhold fee structure and introduces detailed guidelines for asset return in cases of termination or non-renewal, as well as procedures for collaborative winding-down. Legal and compliance revisions include enforcement mechanisms for charter contract compliance, and notification requirements for students and parents who are affected.

Next Step

The District will post revised Policy IBB - Charter Schools for First Reading, on Simbli to receive input from the Board members and stakeholders for 30 days. The policy will be brought to the next board meeting for second reading and final Board adoption and approval.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

Superintendent's Signature	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved