

Charles River Charter School
Renewal Case Study Directions and Guiding Questions

Directions:

- You will work in groups to prepare a renewal recommendation (supported by evidence) to present to the Board of Education.
- There are 4 stakeholder groups:
 - ◆ Staff from district authorizer
 - ♥ Parents, families, and students from the school
 - ♣ School board members and school leadership
 - ♠ State Charter School Association
- Find your group location and sit with them.
- As a stakeholder group, you will apply the information you have learned from reading the case to form a renewal recommendation.
- Your renewal recommendation must be backed up by at least two to three brief statements/claims, grounded in evidence from the case.
- Consider the guiding questions (below) and your stakeholder's perspective when formulating your renewal recommendation.
- Use the chart paper and markers to document your recommendation and supporting statements.
- You will present your renewal recommendations and supporting reasoning to the entire group.

Guiding Questions:

- Is charter renewal about past performance or promises for the future?
- Who should define what charter school performance is?
 - The authorizer?
 - The school community?
 - The school board and leadership?
- What data and evidence should be considered when making a charter renewal decision?
- How good does a school have to be to earn charter renewal?