

**Response to
Charter School Accountability Committee Renewal Application Initial Report
November 14, 2017**

The following information was recommended or requested:

1. Written Board policies, procedures
2. Bylaws
3. Curriculum: Provide a current Social Studies Coalition MOU as well as the school's method for tracking and reporting the school's participation in the coalition meetings.

1. The Board of Directors will continue to pursue training and implement best practices regarding governance. The board has taken the mandatory governance training in September and we are currently reviewing and strengthening our board policies to ensure consistency. All recommendations will be reviewed by the board in upcoming board meetings. Also, we are pursuing strong candidates, with local ties to the community, to fill recently created board vacancies. Finally, the Board Leadership is working with school administration to improve communication.

2. Please see the attached Board of Directors Manual.

3. The leadership and staff of Thomas Edison Charter School are committed to being members of the Delaware Literacy Cadre and Delaware Social Studies Coalition. We have attached our signed Social Studies Coalition MOU and will be attending coalition meetings in the future. We will collect agendas and sign-in sheets from those staff that attend the meetings and will have staff prepare a brief report to present at our leadership meetings. We also commit to appointing a Next Generation Teacher Leader to build capacity in implementing the Next Generation Science Standards. We will also ensure that teachers use the models included in Engage NY and have students draw and explain their answers. We focus on and support critical thinking and problem solving skills with our students.