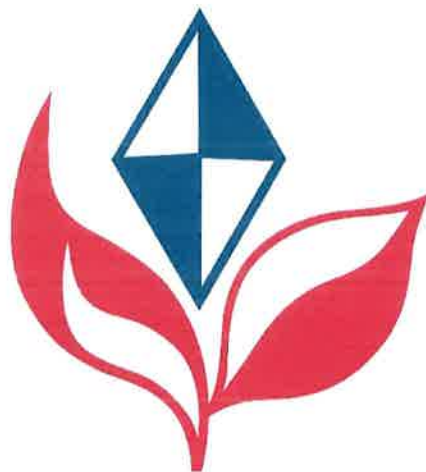


DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL

Annual Report

September 30, 2018



**NEWARK
CHARTER
SCHOOL**

200 McIntire Drive

I. Charter School Program

Narrative:

Provide a Synopsis of the School's Mission and Educational Program, Including Key Components of the Education Model and Any Unique or Innovative Features of the School

The Mission of the Newark Charter School is to promote high levels of student effort, achievement and decorum for children in grades K-12 in the Greater Newark community by providing continuous, engaging and rigorous academic challenges grounded in a sequential core of common knowledge, delivered in a community of students, educators and involved parents who value scholarship and appropriate behavior. This is best summed up by our school's motto: Excellence in Academics and Decorum. The guiding vision of the Newark Charter School is that all students can learn when they are challenged, supported, respected and motivated. Instruction at Newark Charter School is multi-faceted to accommodate different learning styles, different levels of social and intellectual maturity, and different degrees of academic interest and achievement. Newark Charter School was created by parents. Strong parental involvement encourages families to share their expertise and time with the student body. It models for students an appreciation of the importance of education in one's life and the mutual benefits of community participation, personal responsibility and service to others. Newark Charter School parents ensure that their children come to school ready to learn, to abide by the Student Code of Conduct, and to communicate with school staff regarding their children's progress and needs. In addition to reaching a high level of academic accomplishment, students should develop life skills vital to their future success. Our students learn to manage time well, think independently and critically, cultivate their own creativity, value diversity, evaluate information, develop a personal opinion, and defend it respectfully. There are many opportunities for students to explore their interests through a variety of clubs, teams and service projects. Our student activities build school spirit, expand student interests and instill civic values. Students learn to apply "textbook" education to

their own lives. As a charter School, Newark Charter School provides autonomy at the school level in exchange for clear accountability, which results in outstanding student performance and a well-managed organization. School choice is vital to provide a focused learning community where administrators, teachers, parents and students share common values and expectations.

Please refer to the Newark Charter School renewal application submitted September 2018 for a description of many of the key Components of the education model and the unique or innovative features of the school.

Discuss Key Accomplishments of the Charter School Program Over the 2017-18 School Year

A few highlights of the 2017-18 school year include:

- An enrollment of 2,354 students and a waiting list of more than 3,000 students
- Ranked first, second or third in the state in all Smarter-Balanced tested grades and subjects
- Second highest SAT scores in math and reading/writing among all Delaware public high schools
- 100% of our graduation-eligible seniors gained acceptance to colleges and universities.
- MAP testing used as a valid measure of student growth in reading and math from fall to spring shows that in all grades Newark Charter School students' spring mean scores were higher than the national averages, and fall to spring growth exceeded the national average for growth.
- Student attendance and student behavior data are significantly better than state averages.
- Our school's financials are stable and strong. Standard & Poor's upgraded Newark Charter School's bond rating to BBB+ -- only five other charter schools in the country with a rating this high.

Please refer to the Newark Charter School renewal application submitted September 2018 for additional information and discussion about the school's accomplishments during the renewal period.

II. Performance Reflection

Please Complete the Questions that Match the Charter School’s Performance Tier.

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<p>“Meets Standard” overall ratings on all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2016-17 and 2017-18 Org Frameworks - 2016-17 and 2017-18 Financial Frameworks - 2017-18 Academic Frameworks 	<p>“Meets Standard” overall Ratings on one or more Performance Framework reports during 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Opened in 2017-18 School Year, Never on Formal Review</p>	<p>At any point during 2017-18 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renewed with Conditions - Placed on Formal Review - Earned “Falls Far Below Standard” on any Framework Report

Tier 1 Narrative:

Academic Performance

What Are the Successful Academic Practices At Your Charter School that Other Schools Can Replicate?

Please refer to the Newark Charter School renewal application submitted September 2018 for information and discussion about successful academic practices that other schools can replicate.

Organizational Performance

What Are the Successful Organizational Practices at Your Charter School that Other Schools Can Replicate?

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Financial Performance

What Are the Successful Financial Management & Stewardship Practices At Your Charter School that Other Schools Can Replicate?

Please refer to the Newark Charter School renewal application submitted September 2018 for information and discussion about successful financial practices that other schools can replicate.



September 28, 2018

Gregory R. Meece
School Director

Date



September 28, 2018

Dr. Franklin Newton
Chairman, Board of Directors

Date