Invictus Nashville Reasons for Non-Approval of Amended Application

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| Community Member Concerns:   * The applicant has yet to explain the necessity of a charter school within this cluster, especially considering the satisfactory academic performance of existing schools. * In our vicinity, there are viable choices available for providing quality educational experiences from kindergarten to 8th grade. * Year after year, the four middle schools in the vicinity have demonstrated consistent improvement in academic achievement. |
| Parent Concerns:   * We, as parents, are hesitant about having a charter school in our neighborhood for various reasons. We prefer our established public schools with a track record of success. We are concerned about the potential disruptions to the community or uncertainty about the charter school's curriculum and teaching methods. In this school, not only the principal must be trained, but the faculty and staff in the Montessori and PBL model. We worry about the allocation of resources and whether it could impact the funding and attention given to existing schools in the area. * The proposed facility lacks the required renovations for storm shelters which places our children and community in harm's way. * In the application, there were insufficient funds for transportation costs, tenant improvements, and renovations. * On Fridays during the proposed early dismissal, what am I supposed to do with my child as a working parent? This poses an inconvenience and potential financial strain on me as the parent. |
| Academic Concerns:   * The curriculum is not cohesively aligned to state standards. * The school calendar presents concerns for allowability with dismissing early each Friday. * The screening and progressing monitoring plan for students is not streamlined and will lead to over testing. * The application lacks details of how WIDA standards for English Learners will be integrated with the curriculum. |
| Other:   * The application still has numerous errors in the waivers submitted causing concerns for allowability for approval. * The application has discrepancies between the narrative and the budget related to transportation, renovation, and tenant improvements. |