



Charter School Review Committee

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The Honorable Marvin E. Pratt
President
Milwaukee Common Council
and
Members of the Common Council

Dear President Pratt and Members of the Common Council:

I wish to inform you that, after carefully following the standards and procedures on charter school applications that are set forth in Chapter 330 of the Code of Ordinances, including conducting a public hearing, the Charter School Review Committee recommended on December 3, 2001, that the Common Council approve the charter school application of:

Darrell L. Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence

The Committee carefully reviewed the written application and weighed the additional information we obtained at our public hearing. We concluded—using the evaluation criteria and scoring methodology we have used for several years—that the Darrell L. Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence has submitted an application strong enough to permit us to make the required findings that:

- The school's application complies with the requirements of Sections 330-5 and 330-7;
- The school will operate an educational program that has a reasonable prospect of providing Milwaukee children a good education; and
- The school has an appropriate governance structure, sound system of management, adequate budget and budget process, and a qualified body of administrators, teachers, and staff.

Attached, for your review, is the scoring methodology and results we used in reaching our conclusions.

Based on the strength of this school's application, the additional evidence we obtained at our hearing, our scoring methodology and results, and our positive findings about the school, the Committee recommends that the Darrell L. Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence receive a charter from the Common Council.

Our recommendation is contingent upon (1) the Comptroller's Office inquiry regarding the school's June 30, 2001, financial statements and the receipt of responses satisfactory to the Comptroller's Office, and (2) submission of the school's management letter for the year ended June 30, 2001, and an evaluation thereof that is satisfactory to the Comptroller's Office.

As Howard Fuller, the Committee's Chair, did not participate in the Committee's deliberations or voting on this application, I have acted as Vice Chair to conduct our meeting and communicate the Committee's recommendation to the Council.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information as you consider our recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Diez /als".

Mary Diez

Vice Chair, Charter School Review Committee

cc Howard Fuller, Chair, Charter School Review Committee
Anita Paretti, Accounts Director