

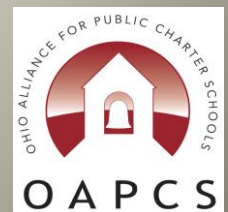
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Community (aka charter) School Accountability

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CHARTER STAKEHOLDER ROLES

Ohio Department of Education (ODE)



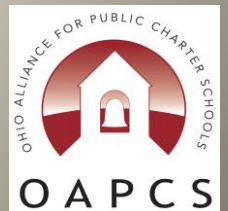
Sponsors (aka Authorizers)



School Governing Boards

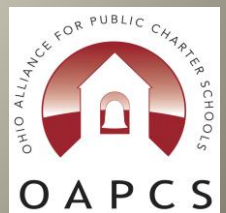


School Operators



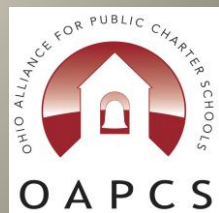
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Contracted sponsorship authority
- Sponsor performance assessments: new Sponsor Performance Review (SPR)
- Ongoing monitoring of sponsors
- Authority to discipline sponsors
- Technical assistance for sponsors
- Annual report to policy makers



SPONSORS/AUTHORIZERS

- Consideration of new school proposals
- Contracts with school boards establish goals & expectations
- On-going oversight and monitoring of schools
- Technical assistance to schools
- Compliance assessments & school site visits
- Financial & enrollment reviews (monthly)



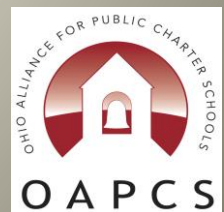
SPONSORS/AUTHORIZERS

- Reporting to ODE
- School corrective action plans
- Taking appropriate action against non-compliant schools:
 - Probation
 - Suspending school operations
 - Closure



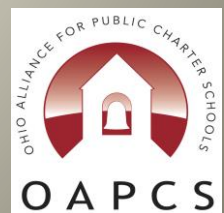
SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARDS

- *All* are not-for-profit
- Minimum of five members
- May serve on up to five school boards
- Modest stipend
- Must be free of conflicts of interest
- Subject to criminal background checks
- Subject to “Sunshine” & public records laws



SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARDS

- Contracting with sponsors to detail required metrics and mutually agreed upon goals & expectations
- Oversight of school operations & finance
- Policies governing various aspects of school operations
- Hiring, monitoring, evaluating school operators



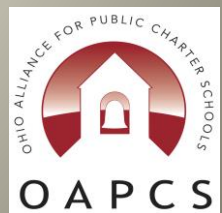
SCHOOL OPERATORS

- Independent school leaders
- Not-for-profit education management organizations
- For-profit education management organizations
- Provide contracted services – from limited to full scale



SCHOOL OPERATORS

- Manage day-to-day school operations
- Assure compliance with state/federal laws and terms of sponsor/board contracts
- Budgeting & fiscal management
- Human resources management
- Curriculum alignment
- Student testing & records; reporting to ODE



SCHOOL OPERATORS

- Student services
- Communications with students, parents/ guardians, board, sponsor, media and the public (including student recruitment)
- *All* are accountable to not-for-profit governing boards

SPONSOR ACCOUNTABILITY

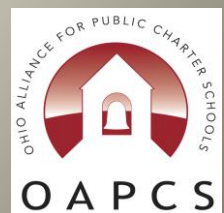
H.B. 153 (2011)

- Ranking of sponsors based on composite school Performance Index (PI) scores
- Bottom 20% prohibited from sponsoring new schools

SPONSOR ACCOUNTABILITY

H.B. 555 (2012)

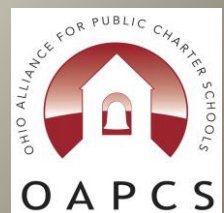
- Expanded assessment criteria and established ODE's Sponsor Performance Review (SPR)
 - School academic performance
 - Sponsor adherence to quality practices
 - Sponsor compliance with applicable laws and administrative rules



SPONSOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Comprehensive Sponsor Performance Review

- Assigns a rating to every sponsor:
 - Exemplary
 - Effective
 - Ineffective
- Ineffective sponsors prohibited from sponsoring additional schools



SPONSOR ACCOUNTABILITY

H.B. 59 (2013)

- Expanded ODE's authority over *all* sponsors
- Probation
- Revocation of sponsor authority
- Limit sponsor ability to sponsor additional schools

CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

QUESTIONS?

OAPCS a resource to legislators, charter stakeholders and media

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