

Form Name: KIPP Southeast Nashville Public Hearing Form- Written
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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary

Please provide your written comments below I am a parent who has had my kid on the waiting list two years in a row. It is stressing wondering if your child many not attend school that year, because most schools are already full. So I am in support of opening a new school that can save us from being on the wait list, and get our kids the education necessary. Thank you!

Form Name: KIPP Southeast Nashville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: August 24, 2022 12:43 pm
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Organization	Citizen
I wish to comment on behalf of	KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary

Please provide your written comments below August 24th, 2022

Dear Members of the Tennessee Charter School Commission:

My name is Jim Flautt and I write to provide my support for KIPP Nashville's charter application.

Since opening in Antioch, KIPP Nashville has become an important part of our community, enhancing school choice for families. With more than seven different languages spoken and nationalities from around the world, KIPP's students and families truly reflect the vibrance and diversity of Southeast Nashville. Knowing that over 1,300 families applied for just 250 open seats at KIPP Antioch schools, I can see the demand and need for more KIPP schools in Antioch.

Throughout KIPP Nashville's eighteen years in our city, they have had a proven track record of producing academic results at or above the district and state, while maintaining a commitment to their original goal of preparing students with the academic and character skills needed for success in college and the competitive world beyond.

Additional KIPP schools in Southeast Nashville will provide more students access to a high-quality seat in a public school and ultimately, make our city a better place.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Flautt
Board Chair, KIPP Nashville

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Submission Time: August 29, 2022 5:27 pm
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I wish to comment on behalf of	KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle
Please provide your written comments below	I have seen Kipp provide a wonderful needed service to nashville. It is time for Kipp to expand in the growing Antioch area.

Form Name: KIPP Southeast Nashville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: August 31, 2022 3:24 pm
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I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle

Please provide your written comments below

I am writing in support of the appeals of KIPP Antioch Elementary School and KIPP Antioch Middle School. I have served on the board of directors of KIPP Nashville for several years and I have been supportive of KIPP since 2007. In my opinion, KIPP has served Nashville very well by offering quality education to our youth.

Antioch has long been one of the fastest growing communities in Davidson County. Antioch needs more school options. KIPP already serves this community. Existing KIPP elementary and middle schools in Antioch are fully enrolled and have long waiting lists. The existing KIPP schools have shown strong academic performance.

Please approve KIPP's appeal. Thank you.

Karl Dean

Form Name: KIPP Southeast Nashville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: August 31, 2022 3:38 pm
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I wish to comment on behalf of	KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

This letter is to support bringing another KIPP Elementary and Middle School for the Antioch area.

I feel we need more schools like KIPP. KIPP is not only leading by example but I feel like they really care about the students and they want them to succeed.

My son's 1st year starting KIPP was through the pandemic, you can only imagine how we were feeling, but he made it through and also made honor roll!

I'm so glad KIPP has also decided to bring a high school to the area. And if it gets approved, I would be excited to see another Elementary and Middle School in this area, too.

Thank you!

Proud parent of a Kippster ?
Bridgette Bunch

Form Name: KIPP Southeast Nashville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: August 31, 2022 3:42 pm
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I wish to comment on behalf of	KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

I am Helena Pierce. My husband and I chose KIPP because we visited Thomas Edison Elementary in Antioch in 2018 and found some concerns.

They were 400+ students over capacity per the Principal . They were adding a Pre-K the next year, which would increase the overage of students.

School ranking dropped to a 2.5 or 2 that year, which is very low. When we moved into the area it was over a 3. Still not great, but the best we could afford to live near at the time.

We requested our daughter be Brigance tested due to her birth date being September 23, though the school agreed that said she was not ready for Kindergarten and offered Pre-K. The same test was done at KIPP Antioch. They admitted her to Kindergarten.

She has been at the top of her class ever since. She is in the third grade and thriving!!! Waiting an additional year would have resulted in a bored and disruptive child. At KIPP she is engaged and working at her full capability, despite being the youngest in her class.

It is because of the above that our second daughter will not wait to go to KIPP Antioch Elementary next year for Kindergarten. I can't imagine another parent facing the fear of overcrowding and low school rating, so we chose KIPP.

Knowledge is truly Power and empowering her confidence in herself, and her grades are outstanding. I tell everyone about KIPP and how much they have helped our family. It would be a disservice to not build another school.

Helena Pierce

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Organization KIPP Nashville Public Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

My name is Jennifer McKenzie. KIPP Antioch was set to open his doors just as my son was preparing to start Kindergarten. We were extremely fortunate to make it off the waitlist, and have been so happy to be a part of the KIPP family for the past four years.

The class size, curriculum, and wonderful staff has been instrumental in our child's success. This was even more so during the 2020-2021 school year, when our child struggled with the virtual learning environment, especially in writing and reading comprehension. His teachers, counselors, and I were able to work together to develop strategies to aid his success.

This year, writing is one of his best subjects, and his academic anxiety is almost non-existent. In general, I am reticent about charter schools, but my experience with KIPP has been nothing but positive. I love KIPP's supportive and inclusive environment, and would support other parents having the option of attending a KIPP school.

Best Regards,

Jennifer McKenzie, Ph.D.

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Submission Time: August 31, 2022 3:53 pm
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I wish to comment on behalf of	KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

My name is Marcea Johnson and we are proud parents of 3 amazing children who attend KIPP schools at the elementary and middle school locations in Antioch. We currently have a 1st grader, 3rd grader, and a 7th grader and are considered "founding families" being a part of the KIPP community since both Antioch locations opened a few years ago.

After our oldest son's experience in elementary school here in Antioch, my husband and I wanted a new experience for our children outside of the school we were zoned for and so we began to explore our options in the area. Through the lottery our middle son was selected to attend the elementary school allowing his siblings to attend from the privilege of "legacy" which has been a blessing for our family.

We love KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary because our school fosters academic excellence and builds the character and confidence of our children while embracing diversity throughout the students, staff, and administration. We love that KIPP is data driven which motivates our children to work hard and to exude excellence, growth, and courage they do while being a team player! We also appreciate the opportunities for community engagement that KIPP provides for families. Some of my fondest memories at KIPP are assisting with building the playground, attending the musicals, attending the fall festival, being able to help other families in need during the holidays through our school gift sponsorship program, and having our children's teachers stop by after work hours to play video games with our son, to attend a birthday party, and to drop off a birthday gift. KIPP has also managed the experience for families in a safe and responsible way during the pandemic which we greatly appreciated.

We definitely support the opening of a second location so that other families can have a quality educational experience without private school costs with amazing staff who care and an administration team that is invested in the future of our little ones. KIPP is not only a school; it is a lifestyle. The "KIPP way" is a culture that is set apart from other schools and we want many families to share in this opportunity as our Antioch community continues to grow. It is amazing!

Respectfully Yours,

Marcea Johnson

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Organization KIPP Nashville Public Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

Hi, my name is Maria Estrada. I'm a mom of 3 kiddos. And two of them go to KIPP Antioch middle school.

When KIPP Antioch Middle school first opened 3 years ago, my son was one of the lucky ones to be able to go there. It was something different. But me and my family are happy that we chose KIPP Antioch Middle.

And now we also have my daughter going to KIPP Antioch. Her 1st year was different due to COVID-19. We wish it was different, but glad she was able to go in-person last year to KIPP Antioch.

So now I have a 8th grader and a 7th grader at KIPP Antioch. I wish KIPP Antioch had a High School right now so my older son could be going there, too. Hopefully other kids can have the opportunity to join KIPP Antioch. The new generation will be lucky to have new schools and new buildings for kids, the future kids.

Thanks for your time in reading my letter.

Maria

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Organization KIPP Nashville Public Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

I am a single mother of a 6th grade boy that has attended Public Schools from Kindergarten until the end of 4th grade from Clayton County, GA to Nashville, TN. We have had our challenges with learning and structure in the public school system.

Since transitioning to KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle School for his 5th grade year, it has been a great decision on both of our parts. He is thriving and becoming a better student every day. He enjoys his teachers, and he comes home with stories and things they are learning in class that he enjoys.

Many students in our state are falling between the cracks of the public education system. Our classrooms are bursting to the seams, and our teachers are doing their best in an overburdened system. I am convinced that more KIPP schools would provide children who are suffering in regular public schools with the opportunity to thrive and learn in a setting that best matches their needs.

Sincerely,

Ms. Bell

Parent of a student at KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle School

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Organization ..

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle

Please provide your written comments below

A charter school is a public school that provides exceptional education in any combination of grades (kindergarten through grade twelve). It requires parents, teachers, and our community members to help the schools to thrive. As an educational advocate, Michael Douglas have been in attendance of both types of public schools. Just as traditional public schools are not all the same, neither are charters schools. Michael has been given the opportunity to thrive further at a Charter school.

The academic choices, close knit community, parental involvement, autononimity and flexibility, high-quality certified teachers should be an experience for any family. That opportunity should not be interrupted by the lack of expansion. Or push back from government funding. Our children need us to always invest in their future. Education is top priority and should never be questioned on expanding to allow more children to thrive.

Why would expanding KIPP to grow and be of a service to our community for our families, and providing our children top educational resources ever be an issue!?

Because of funding? That is just completely unacceptable. Our community needs KIPP, there is no hesitate about that. We need you to see and understand what KIPP is doing for our children.

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I wish to comment on behalf of	KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

My name is Vanessa Ajujalip Hernandez and I am a current sophomore at Columbia University. I am also a proud alumni that graduated from KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School's Class of 2021.

I first joined the KIPP family when I was in fifth grade, as a member of the founding class at KIPP Nashville College Prep. Although it was challenging, my KIPP journey is something I would not change for anything on earth. KIPP provided me with access to a network that helped me flourish. Some of the closest mentors I have had the pleasure of working with have come not only from the staff KIPP has hired in the past years, but also the connections they establish with local organizations. As a student, I had the opportunity to participate in the KIPP STEP program which exposed me to a new academic program that further fostered my love of education. Through KIPP, I learned of and participated in the LEDA program- an organization that helps first-generation, low income students with college and career prep. Last year, I was accepted into the Amplify Scholars Program, a scholarship that relieves some of my financial burden in college; these are opportunities I would not have been able to access as easily without the help of my KIPP teachers.

During my time at KIPP, I have held many different roles, especially as representative of my schools. I have had the pleasure of speaking to our donors, meeting with our board, and facilitating student recruitment. I have volunteered to speak to the communities our schools have served to answer families' questions, address their concerns, and provide overall guidance. As someone who has direct contact with all types of members of the KIPP community, I can undoubtedly say that KIPP plays an important role in the Nashville community, and it is in the best interest of our community and students to open another KIPP elementary school in South Nashville.

I support KIPP's commitment to adding a new elementary and middle school in Antioch because I know there is a need for an academically excellent school in this area. Antioch, like many of the communities KIPP serves, is under-resourced, meaning there are students in this area that do not have access to a great education. I know it, and so does the community. Adding these schools means the 1,000 and counting students on our current waitlists would be able to get access to education they are seeking.

I acknowledge that KIPP is not a perfect charter school system, but I can guarantee that it is also a system that constantly works to be better. I have witnessed it first hand when they worked on the inclusivity of the language they represented themselves with. I also know that KIPP will continue to evolve because of their students and alumni; I, like many of my peers, are driving the change we want to see in the world, which includes our schools and education system.

I hope you reflect on my testimony and see that KIPP has and will continue to provide students like myself with the necessary resources to become the best version of themselves. So, I hope you will vote to approve these new KIPP schools so more families can have access to this educational opportunity.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Ajualip Hernandez

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Submission Time: September 1, 2022 6:28 pm
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Organization Self

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle

Please provide your written comments below Dear members of the Tennessee charter school Commision :

My name is Beth Harwell and I write to provide my support for KIPP Nashville's charter application.

Since opening in Antioch, KIPP Nashville has become an important part of our community, enhancing school choice for families. With more than seven different languages spoken and nationalities from around the world, KIPP's students and families truly reflect the vibrance and diversity of Southeast Nashville. Knowing that over 1,300 families applied for just 250 open seats at KIPP Antioch schools , I can see the demand and need for more KIPP schools in Antioch.

Throughout KIPP eighteen years in our city, they have a proven track record of producing academic results at or above the district and state , while maintaining a commitment to their original goal of preparing students with the academic and character skills needed for success in college and the competitive world beyond.

Approving this request I believe will make Tennessee a better place. Thank you for your consideration

Beth Harwell

Form Name: KIPP Southeast Nashville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 4, 2022 9:11 pm
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I wish to comment on behalf of	KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Elementary
Please provide your written comments below	support KIPP adding a new elementary school and middle school in Antioch, because is a great school and my kids love KIPP.

Form Name: KIPP Southeast Nashville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 6, 2022 3:32 pm
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Organization KIPP Nashville Public Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle

Please provide your written comments below

Dear TN Public Charter School Commission,

My name is Kiara Molina, and I am a proud member of the founding class of KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School and Class of 2022 Vanderbilt University alumna. My experience with KIPP started when I was 14 years old and 8 years later, I still very much believe in their mission.

During my 9th grade year, I realized that in order to break my family's cycle of poverty, it was imperative to get a quality education. When the opportunity to attend KIPP presented itself, despite its long commute, it was an easy decision for my family. KIPP provides an education that goes far beyond the classroom. They are dedicated in cultivating the next generation of leaders through hard work, patience, and love. KIPP allowed me to see a future without limits and because of that, I was able to become the first in my family to graduate from college.

I support KIPP adding a new elementary school and middle school in Antioch, because I know there are many students like myself in the Antioch community. Students in Antioch are deserving of a quality education. As a member of the Antioch community, I know the demand and need for more KIPP schools

I hope you will vote to approve this new KIPP school so more families can have access to this educational opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle

Please provide your written comments below

I am a proud parent of two children attending KIPP Antioch. College Prep Middle. Ever since my children enrolled at KACPM three years ago, the number of incoming students keeps going up every year because KACPM is a great school that offers top quality education. For those reasons, we the parents, support the expansion of KIPP Southeast Nashville College Prep Middle so that other parents can have a chance to enroll their children in top middle school program.
