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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	None
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	<p>As the mother of Ms. Stephanie Cummings, the founding principal of LEAD Southeast Elementary, I want to express my deep support for this school and its vision. Ms. Cummings is deeply committed to fostering a sense of belonging, ensuring every student experiences achievement, growth, and happiness.</p> <p>Ms. Cummings has a history of impactful service, not just for students, but also for the staff and community. I've witnessed firsthand her dedication to creating schools of inclusion, joy, and excellence. She has always prioritized building a strong sense of community within her schools, where students can truly thrive. Her ability to support and empower faculty allows them to perform their best, ensuring student success.</p> <p>What drives Ms. Cummings is her deep belief that all children deserve to actualize their full potential. She genuinely believes in every child's abilities, and everything she does is rooted in the desire to benefit their achievement and success.</p> <p>I do not doubt that under her leadership, LEAD Southeast Elementary will become a school of excellence in the Southeast Nashville community, and I wholeheartedly support its opening.</p> <p>Sincerely, Denise Cummings</p>

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Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 12:21 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 122.0.0.0 / Android
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Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	I am looking forward to joining the new elementary staff also im excited on bringing a great culture of energy my diverse learning skilss and great leadership qualities. This is the moment I've been waiting for, and it's finally here looking foward to making a difference and taking elementary learning to the next level.

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Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 3:21 pm
Browser:	Chrome 126.0.0.0 / OS X
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Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School

Written Comment

To whom it concerns,

I am writing to advocate for the continued support and expansion of LEAD Public Schools into elementary education within the LEAD Southeast community. The proposal to extend this high-quality educational model to include elementary grades represents a significant and positive development for our community and its educational landscape.

Currently, LEAD Southeast serves students with exceptional middle and high school programs. However, introducing an elementary school into this system would greatly enhance the educational experience for our youngest learners and ensure a cohesive, rigorous, and equitable education continuum from the earliest years through high school.

The importance of this expansion cannot be overstated. By establishing an elementary school within the LEAD Southeast framework, we will create a seamless pipeline for students to access high-quality education throughout all grades. This continuity is essential for fostering academic excellence and supporting students as they transition from one educational stage to the next. The alignment between middle and high school practices is already a hallmark of LEAD Southeast's success. Adding an elementary school will ensure that these aligned practices begin at the very start of a student's educational journey, promoting consistent growth and development.

Working within this community has been an enriching and inspiring experience. The LEAD Southeast community is not just a place of learning but a vibrant, culturally rich environment where diverse perspectives and backgrounds are celebrated. The supportive family dynamic within this community creates a nurturing atmosphere that is both unique and invaluable. It is a place where collaboration and mutual support are cornerstones, and where students and families are deeply connected.

The expansion to include elementary education will further strengthen this supportive network by fostering early educational experiences that mirror the high standards set by the existing middle and high schools. It will ensure that every child in the community has access to a rigorous and equitable education from the very beginning, thus reinforcing the foundation upon which their future academic success will be built.

The establishment of an elementary school within the LEAD Southeast system is a crucial step towards providing a comprehensive and uninterrupted educational journey for our students. It will enhance the existing strengths of the middle and high schools and affirm our commitment to delivering excellence in education across all grade levels. I strongly encourage MNPS to support this expansion and continue investing in the future of our community's children.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Brandon A. McGill

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Submission Time:	August 28, 2024 6:37 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
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Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School

Written Comment

Esteemed Board Members:

I am writing you today in support of approval of LEAD Southeast Elementary. Currently, I serve as the principal of LEAD Southeast Middle School and have been a member of this school community for five years. Since my time at LEAD Southeast, I've learned of the immense desire that the Southeast Nashville community has for an elementary school option offered by LEAD. Since 2013, families and students have been well served by our middle and high schools, with data that consistently outperforms schools in our district. In fact, several categories are currently beating State averages based on 23-24 TNReady data. We saw a 10% proficiency jump in ELA this past school year, along with an 11% increase in math. We know we have middle and high school models that work for students and families, so the opportunity to open an elementary school will only increase the success that students will experience at LEAD Southeast Middle School. Our academic and elementary teams will ensure that students arrive to the middle school near, at, or above grade level in core content areas and we will build upon that success at the middle school to open doors for LEAD graduates down the road. The opportunity to send even more kids to our high school proficient in core content areas will lead to higher ACT scores and hundreds of thousands of more scholarship dollars for our graduates. We are hungry for that opportunity!

At LEAD, we believe in serving the students we have to prepare them for college and life. We also believe that Southeast Middle is the place where every child in Southeast Nashville belongs. Let me end with an anecdote from a recent interaction I had with a community member. During summer professional development, our middle school teachers were gearing up for three hours of lesson practice and feedback. I ran to the gas station at the end of Metroplex Drive (where our school is located) to buy a few snacks. While paying, the cashier saw my LEAD Southeast lanyard, looked me in the eyes, and said, "honey...when are y'all getting an elementary school? Y'all are the best we have out here." The cashier was not a parent or relative of a student, just a community member who cares deeply for the success of the kids in this part of Nashville. Approving LEAD Southeast Elementary is not "taking a chance," it is simply an extension of the LEAD Southeast campus that will continue delivering on its mission and promise to families.

Thank you for your consideration!
Jonathan Brocco, M.Ed.

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Submission Time:	August 29, 2024 1:51 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
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What is your resident district?	Williamson County
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	<p>As the Director of MTSS for LEAD, I am heavily in support of LEAD Southeast (LSE) Elementary School. In the beginning of the year, we spend lots of time placing students into the appropriate intervention levels. Time and time again, our students who are LSE Middle returners are seen moving up through the intervention levels and making significant gains while our new-to-LSE Middle students continue to be the students who need the lowest levels of intervention. These indicate significant gaps in foundational skills potentially as a result of their elementary schools not adequately ensuring they master basic reading and math calculation. Students without IEPs or any previous identifications are continually arriving to LEAD Southeast Middle School requiring addition and subtraction math intervention and decoding and fluency reading interventions. With LEAD Southeast Elementary, LEAD would ensure students receive high quality Tier I instruction along with all necessary tiered interventions, to send students to middle school with strong foundational mastery. Students deserve an elementary education that successfully prepares them for accessing middle school content.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - LEAD SE Elementary/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2024 1:22 pm
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	98.193.184.233
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	<p>As a current employee of the LEAD Public Schools network, we need LEAD SE elementary School in order to offer a complete K-12 network for all students in the Davidson County/Nashville area. As a current Reading Intervention Teacher, I work with students who have a deficiency in the fundamentals of reading such as phonics, comprehension, fluency, and structures. Many of these students did not grasp those concepts in the elementary school setting, therefore are attempting to fill in the gaps now. Opening LEAD SE Elementary allows for students to have the ability to learn in a smaller classroom size. The smaller classroom environment provides students the opportunity to have more one on one help. Offering that help, can close those gaps and ensure student success. The LEAD Public Schools network is committed to creating the future leaders of tomorrow. Opening LEAD SE Elementary School not only furthers that mission but instills that into our students at an early age. LEAD SE Elementary School is necessary to the community, therefore I am in support of LEAD SE Elementary School.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - LEAD SE Elementary/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 5, 2024 7:15 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
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Unique ID:	1262286694
Location:	36.0758, -87.4

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Cheatham is personal residence; employed within Davidson (including MNPS) for 30 years
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	special education partner
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	<p>As a school psychologist and in leadership roles within the field of special education, I have had the opportunity to partner with hundreds of schools, both during my 20+ years with MNPS and in the 5 years I've worked in the private sector and partnered with TN districts and charter schools. I've seen a wide range of charter school compliance and support for students with disabilities. LEAD has consistently prioritized the needs of all students, going above and beyond to ensure their schools remain compliant with federal, state, and district regulations. More importantly, their values are well-aligned with those of the district, supporting families and students with exceptional needs in innovative and inclusive ways, because they wholeheartedly want the best for all students. I have personally observed that LEAD cultivates a highly collaborative relationship with MNPS and view this as an opportunity for MNPS to take credit for the years of hard work and resources invested in charter school oversight and partnership. Students in MNPS charters are MNPS students and this is a network to be proud of supporting!</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - LEAD SE Elementary/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 10:24 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
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Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	LEAD Network Employee
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	Hello!

My name is Savannah Spencer and I am the Network Math Coordinator for LEAD Public Schools and have been working to develop the plans for our math program in our elementary schools. We have already begun observing elementary schools that are implementing curriculums to see best practices and to plan for effective training. We are working to roll out math instruction at our elementary schools in alignment with our vision of effective math instruction at our middle and high schools. Once our schools open, we will continue to support our teachers through instructional coaching, data analysis and instructional planning to ensure achievement for all students.

We can't wait to build out a full educational pathway to see our students be successful in college and in life!

Best,
Savannah Spencer

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September 8, 2024 6:47 pm
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	I'm asking the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to take a close look at LEAD SE Cameron Elementary's application. I genuinely believe this school can make a real difference in our community by providing the quality education our kids deserve. LEAD Cameron Elementary is dedicated to helping students grow academically and personally. Thanks for considering this appeal.

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Submission Time:	September 15, 2024 9:39 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1265860713
Location:	36.3066, -86.6101

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	SEES Principal at Glenclyff Elementary
I wish to comment in support of	MNPS
Written Comment	I, Dr. Julie A. Hopkins, principal at Glenclyff Elementary School support MNPS decision to deny the application for approval of Lead SE Elementary School charter application.

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Submission Time:	September 15, 2024 11:36 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1265874737
Location:	36.3066, -86.6101

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	SEES Principal at Glenclyff Elementary
I wish to comment in support of	MNPS
Written Comment	I, Dr. Julie A. Hopkins, principal at Glenclyff Elementary School support MNPS decision to deny the application for approval of Lead SE Elementary School charter application.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - LEAD SE Elementary/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2024 8:44 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	107.119.65.34
Unique ID:	1265958648
Location:	36.1663, -86.7754

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	SEES Principal at Glenclyff Elementary
I wish to comment in support of	MNPS
Written Comment	I, Dr. Julie A. Hopkins, principal at Glenclyff Elementary School support MNPS decision to deny the application for approval of Lead SE Elementary School charter application.

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Submission Time:	September 16, 2024 6:31 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	69.150.103.1
Unique ID:	1266219881
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	I agree and support the establishment of Led Elementary Schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - LEAD SE Elementary/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 17, 2024 1:19 pm
Browser:	Safari 17.5 / OS X
IP Address:	96.4.9.95
Unique ID:	1266521441
Location:	36.1769, -86.7339

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Executive Principal - Paragon Mills - MNPS
I wish to comment in support of	MNPS
Written Comment	Please see attached statement!
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/16925019175

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Submission Time:	September 17, 2024 1:56 pm
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	73.58.164.186
Unique ID:	1266538492
Location:	36.1093, -86.8653

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School

Written Comment	<p>My name is Paulita Edmondson and I am starting my third school year with Lead Public Schools as a school counselor.</p> <p>We want a LEAD Elementary school to be voted for approval. I am here to advocate for the approval of LEAD elementary school. The LEAD network truly does amazing work with our students in middle and high school, but I believe that being able to close the achievement gap even sooner would allow our students more opportunities. Intervening in elementary school will prepare our learners for middle school and beyond. The relationship teachers build with their students and families are more than just a staff parent interaction. The goal is to holistically serve the child which means meeting families where they are and providing the best educational experience for learners. LEAD provides this and more by the programs they offer and the amount of staff who offer their personal time to bring more sports, clubs and activities to the school. These extra clubs include Step Team, Braiding club, and basketball clinics to name a few. This is good for not just our schools, but the community at large because LEAD pours back into the students and creates opportunities for them to be leaders within their community.</p> <p>LEAD prepares students to advocate for themselves as well as others. I moved here from Memphis in 2022 with my niece who had suffered years of neglect and trauma and I decided to place her in a LEAD School. She immediately began making friends and developed relationships with teachers. She told me it was the first time ever that she felt like she had a relationship with her teachers. This caused my niece to go from having failing grades in Memphis to making all As at LEAD. She ended up being accepted into a magnet high school. This is the groundwork LEAD does for our young learners. It meets them where they are and pushes them to their full potential. Why wouldn't we want to vote yes for elementary school? Let's vote for LEAD Southeast and LEAD Cameron Elementary. Let's create more jobs for the community and a great education option for parents.</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - LEAD SE Elementary/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 18, 2024 9:23 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 128.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	75.145.50.21
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	Good morning everyone.

My name is Mayra Mancilla. I am one of the many mothers with children in LEAD schools. Currently I have 2 children in the school system: a daughter in 5th grade and a son in 9th grade.

Truly I am new to the school system, I have only been here for 1 month, but in that short time I have seen positive changes in my children and that fills me with great peace. For that reason, I urge you to support this great project so that more children, from a younger age, can enjoy the same opportunity to receive a quality education and be a part of the incredible LEAD family.

Please keep in mind the many children who, for different reasons, do not have the opportunity to receive an education in a place where they are made to feel they belong.

Thank you for your time and I hope you have a good day.

Support LEAD elementary!

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September 19, 2024 10:21 am

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Wilson County
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School

Written Comment

Good Morning Members of TPCSC,

My name is Dr. Jamie S. Jenkins. I currently serve as an Assistant Principal with LEAD Public Schools. I am writing in support of creating two new elementary schools in the LEAD network. I offer a unique perspective in this matter, as a student, parent, and employee. I spent 38 years of my life in MNPS (14 as a student, 1 year as a parent, and 24 years as a teacher and administrator). I retired from MNPS in 2022. I had no intention of returning to the education field. After successfully opening and growing a few businesses in the year following retirement, I woke up one morning missing the daily interactions with students.

I researched how I could best serve the families of Nashville. I re-considered MNPS. I looked at Universities. I looked at private schools and charter schools. I considered the mission of each. I asked myself, "who is doing the work to truly impact kids in a positive way?" While all had strengths, I ultimately decided to interview for district positions and with LEAD. I was offered several positions during that time, but ultimately decided on LEAD. Keep in mind, this was one of the lowest paying positions I was offered, and as I expressed in those interviews, it was no longer about the money for me, but who is making the most meaningful impact on kids. For me, MNPS was out of the equation. My experiences there, while enjoyable and rewarding, did not culminate with a strong belief that MNPS was meeting the standard of care that the city needs in an education system.

After sitting down with Dwayne Tucker, it became very clear that, like me, it was not about the money. He spoke about doing what was best for kids, and he gave example after example of how this is played out every day at LEAD. I was not convinced, but was confident enough to find out more. I spoke to other LEAD employees--teachers and leaders--and they seemed to echo Mr. Tucker's statements.

I started with LEAD at the beginning of the 23-24 school year, and have been pleased with that decision. What I have found with LEAD is a deep passion for celebrating kids, fostering a love for learning in kids, and being very intentional about ensuring that high quality instruction happens in the classroom. Because LEAD provides an expanded level of instructional support with Instructional Managers, and divides the management roles of the school leadership at the school level, we are able to focus more on instruction, student support, and facilities operation at a higher level. In MNPS, after 16 years as an administrator, I was solely responsible for each of those very important tasks, which meant that I had to spread my time to each of them. As you know, it is a challenge to be great at one thing when you are spread thin.

The result at LEAD has been just as you saw in the hearing--LEAD is outpacing MNPS in test scores across the board. While not perfect, LEAD is doing the work with the same kids as MNPS. I ask you to imagine, how

much more impact we can have starting with the youngest students in our city. I know this to be true--the elementary team that has been assembled is top tier. Dr. Ricki Gibbs, who is leading the charge, was a proven exceptional elementary principal, with a number of awards. During the 2020 school year, I sent my sons to Warner Elementary, where he transformed the school I attend as an elementary student, into a remarkable school. My sons left Warner Elementary energized and prepared. My youngest son left in the gifted program.

Both of the identified LEAD Elementary Principals are successful, veteran educators and have served as principals of schools for years. I accepted the role of being an Assistant Principal of one of the schools--a role I requested--in lieu of a head principal role. I have over 25 years of experience, with 17+ of those years being an administrator (assistant and head principal). I have 4 successful children of my own. I grew up in a diverse, yet impoverished single parent home in East Nashville. I have spent my career having a positive impact in the lives of kids. That fire still lives in me.

I ask you to consider the current academic data--it's outshines MNPS. I ask you to consider the qualitative data--LEAD discipline marks outshine MNPS. I ask you to consider stakeholder survey data--LEAD is providing an amazing service to the community. I ask you to consider the feeling of joy that permeates within the walls of LEAD schools--It far outweighs what I experienced in MNPS. One would only need to google LEAD Senior Signing Day or attend one of our campus's cultural celebrations. Finally, I ask you to consider, how great the impact we will have when we are afforded the opportunity to care, teach, and develop students from Kindergarten to college, with an amazing team of diverse and experienced leaders who not only know how to educate youth, but who have proven it, and are deeply committed to the care, growth, and learning of our youth. THAT EXCITES ME!

I ask that you approve the application to grant LEAD Public Schools two new elementary schools--LEAD Southeast Elementary and LEAD Cameron Elementary.

Best,
Dr. Jamie S. Jenkins
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Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Executive Principal, MNPS (Margaret Allen MS)
I wish to comment in support of	MNPS
Written Comment	File Attached
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/16935261304

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Healdsburg
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Former LEAD staff member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	Attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/16951816491

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	NA
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School

Written Comment	<p>I would like to express my strong support for LEAD Cameron Elementary School before the TPCSC. LEAD has a proven track record of success, with every LEAD school outperforming its district-operated peers in proficiency across all subjects during the 2023-24 school year.</p> <p>Establishing a K-12 continuum will significantly enhance the academic readiness of our students, especially considering that 70% of our middle school students enter below grade level. Families in our targeted enrollment areas deserve better school options, and we are committed to providing them.</p> <p>We've assembled a highly qualified elementary team ready to make an immediate impact upon approval. Moreover, opening these elementary schools will support the growing population in Southeast Nashville, ensuring that our community has access to quality education. I wholeheartedly believe that LEAD Cameron Elementary will be a valuable addition to our educational landscape.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Williamson County
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School

My name is Mike Honious, and I have the honor of serving as board chairman for LEAD Public Schools' Board of Directors. I am writing to express my support for the opening of LEAD Southeast Elementary.

Expanding to the elementary tier is a part of the board's long-term strategy to accelerate academic improvements across our schools. Seventy percent of our students come to us in 5th and 6th grade below grade level. While all of our schools have achieved impressive gains in academic growth, entering middle school without the adequate foundational elements of learning puts our students at a significant disadvantage. We want to reach our students as early as possible so that we can put them on the right path to a successful future, and families deserve that opportunity with LEAD.

The culture at LEAD Public Schools is about relationships. We want to have a relationship with our students from the day they walk into our kindergarten classrooms through the day they walk across the stage at Senior Signing Day and proudly announce to their friends and families where they are planning to go to college. At LEAD, we pride ourselves on the level of engagement we have with our families, and that engagement plays a critical role in the success of our students. Imagine what we could accomplish when our relationship with families spans the full 12 years of their child's K-12 education.

One of the biggest differentiators for LEAD is our commitment to strong leadership. We believe developing strong leadership is the best way to create a sustainable environment of success in our schools, which is why we've invested in leaders like Dr. Ricki Gibbs to ensure we have the best elementary schools in the city. He's built a team of some of the strongest elementary talent in Nashville, and the board has full confidence in this team to open successful LEAD elementary schools.

We are ready to start this work. I ask that you please approve LEAD Southeast Elementary, so we can expand the great work LEAD is doing to impact more students and families in Nashville.

Mike Honious
President and CEO
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I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School

Written Comment	<p>I'm very pleased to support LEAD Public School's application to the TPCSC for LEAD Southeast Elementary. As a long-time member of the board, I've seen first hand the positive impact our team has on students and families in the communities we serve. We have a clear strategy and the financial resources for our K-12 program and LEAD Southeast is a step in that positive direction.</p> <p>I will point you to LEAD's proven track record of success. Every LEAD school outperformed its district-operated peer school in proficiency for every subject area during the 2023-24 school year. Creating a K-12 continuum will improve the academic readiness of LEAD students. 70% of our students come to middle school below grade level so we fight an uphill battle to get students back on track. It is clear that the families living in the targeted enrollment areas want and deserve better school options. We've hired a proven elementary team (including top leaders from MNPS) to hit the ground running upon approval. The opening of these elementary schools would help support the population growth in Southeast Nashville.</p> <p>Further, as a long-time business leader and tax payer in Nashville, I'm terribly disappointed in the underwhelming leadership and lack of accountability we see with Dr. Battle and her MNPS team. LEAD is 100% focused on the best outcomes for students and their families and we have the data to prove it. Approving this application for LEAD is a "no-brainer" and while it may disappoint Dr. Battle, it is the right thing to do in supporting the students and families that need a positive path forward most.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jonathan Dyke LEAD Public Schools Board Member</p>
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Written Comment	<p>LEAD Southeast has absolutely thrived over the past decade under our charter model. Our students outperform our district-operated peer schools in proficiency for every subject. We do this despite serving students who start from behind their grade level coming from MNPS. We believe we can create a healthier and more rigorous learning environment by creating a K-12 model around LEAD Southeast. We've hired a strong and proven elementary team in advance to hit the ground running upon approval. This is a transformative opportunity for our kids and our community. Please give us a chance to make this wonderful opportunity a near term reality.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Carter Paine LEAD Board Member</p>

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I wish to comment in support of	LEAD SE Elementary School
Written Comment	<p>I'm very pleased to support LEAD Public School's application to the TPCSC for LEAD SE Elementary. I have been a member of LEAD's board for 8 years and can speak first hand of the transformation that is happening inside our schools.</p> <p>Every single LEAD school outperformed its district-operated peer school in proficiency for every subject area during the 2023-24 school year. If LEAD was able to bring in an elementary school, it would significantly enhance our ability to develop kids that can start over-performing from a younger age. 70% of our students come to middle school below grade level, so it is very difficult to get children back to grade level in the early years of middle school. LEAD has a wonderful executive team in place that has been hired in advance of this potential elementary school expansion, and a board that is vey committed to the success of LEAD's elementary school effort.</p> <p>Please help us push this expansion over the goal line and transform the lives of so many Nashville families.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Carlos A. Ryerson LEAD Board Member</p>

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Written Comment	<p>I'm honored to recommend LEAD Public Schools to expand their great work to the elementary level and honored to support their application for LEAD Southeast Elementary. This expansion will provide a LEAD exemplary education for children starting in their formative years and help the child be prepared for their middle school education. LEAD has a proven record of outperforming MNPS continually. A team has been focused on building elementary curriculum and is ready to step forward and lead/teach these deserving students.</p> <p>Linda Pannock LEAD Board Member Academic Chair</p>