

Form Name:New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS

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Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	As a parent and educator, I am in 100% support of NOVUS Smart Academy.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	As a Pastor, I support this school and believe it will respond to many of the existing challenges in a positive way. Students deserve the best education and I believe this school will do just that.

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I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	As a Pastor, I support this school and believe it will respond to many of the existing challenges in a positive way. Students deserve the best education and I believe this school will do just that.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	As a real estate professional and resident of Murfreesboro, I have witnessed the rapid growth of my community before my very eyes. As the community continues to grow, the needs of the community become more diverse. This growth impacts families in so many ways and having a quality school option or rezoning should be the least of their worries. I support Dr. Sager and Novus because I believe that it will give parents the balance they are looking for in schools, where children are fully supported and not just a number. Our schools are getting larger and larger, and still overcrowded. Hopefully this school will help to reduce some of our challenges and keep quality education as the #1 priority.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	As a resident of Rutherford County, I chose KIPP schools in Nashville for my children because they were better school options and were better prepared to go to college. I believe Dr. Sager has a great vision and will bring the type of school our families need in this community.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	As an advocate for Black and Brown children, I look at ways to bridge the gap between low performing students and their classmates. This school will level the playing field and give all students a chance.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	As an educator who has worked in both traditional public and public charter schools, I feel that families should be able to choose where they want to send their children to school when private school is not an affordable option. I support this school and its leader because I have seen his work as a principal and he will definitely make difference in our community.

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	Dr. Jeremy is a faithful member of my church and serves with his whole heart. I am excited to see him serve in the community by bringing another school to help with some of our issues. As a member of this community, I think this will be a blessing to families and I cannot wait to see this school open.



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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Dr. Sager and I worked in Nashville schools and I am rooting for him and the work he wishes to bring to our community. Growing up in Murfreesboro, I see the value this school will add to our community. Because I was positively affected by attending an elementary school outside of my zoned area, I love the idea of more children having the option to expand their horizons in Rutherford County.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Dr. Sager has always had a vision for opening a school. As a successful businessman, he often comes to me and asks questions related to making the right business moves. I am excited that he is pursuing this venture in our community and he is pushing to the very end. Our students need more options and families deserve to choose.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Dr. Sager is one of my clients and he loves children and making sure they succeed. He has a good heart and has been working to open this school for a long time. We are ready to see it open and to support him like he supports our businesses in our community.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Dr. Sager shared why he wants to bring a new school to our community and I support his vision. I think it's important for families to choose where they want their children to go to school without overcrowded classrooms and rezoning inconveniences.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Dr. Sager was my Assistant Principal in middle school and now I am in college. When I was in 8th grade, Dr. Sager saw my potential and he always pushed me to go to the next level. Even now, he still reaches out to me to check on me to make sure I am doing well and focused in college. I am thankful for Dr. Sager and can't wait to see his school open so that he can inspire more students like me.

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Submission Time:	August 8, 2024 9:16 am
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	We need more space and options for parents and their kids. The Novus Smart Academy would be a great addition to our community.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Bringing a Charter school to the La Vergne/Smyrna area is an excellent choice for our children. This would only provide a positive impact on not only the children/families but also the city for allowing more opportunities, opportunities that other cities currently have. Every family should be provided with options for schooling without paying thousands of dollars a year for an education. With the current overcrowding children are not getting the education that they so desire and need. The child to teacher ratio makes learning very difficult in turn causing behavior issues for children that need more one on one attention, a charter could provide this as well as specialized learning in more creative ways.</p> <p>The standard curriculum works for a large majority of children but certainly not all children. All children should be provided learning to fit their needs whether it be in a book or more hands on, public school does not allow much room for this. I have a high school student that does well in public school but my other children would have benefited had we had Novus. Many situations show that charter schools run like private school, many children are denied access for lower grades, financial situations, etc. Putting a charter school and more specifically Novus in La Vergne/Smyrna will open doors for children that otherwise would not have an opportunity to attend a more specialized school. Not all children learn the same, not all children learn as quickly as others or with chaos around them, take these children out and put them in Novus and you will see an average or even below average student rise to the top! I truly hope that you put the children first when deciding on Novus, our kids are our future so with out proper education in the beginning can you imagine our future...</p>
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe that a charter school would help fix the overcrowding of the schools in Rutherford. School overcrowding damages the kids ability to learn in an effective environment, and I think that making a charter school would help kids grow in their education more effectively.



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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Montgomery
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Grandparent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>As a grandparent of four children in Rutherford County and a former resident whose own children were raised and graduated here, I believe it's crucial to consider the best interests of our families. Our community has experienced significant growth, and parents have been faced with numerous changes. We need options that protect our children and provide opportunities for them to thrive amidst these growing pains. My own children were forced to switch schools twice due to zoning changes, causing them to miss out on opportunities in sports, clubs, and other activities they had previously been involved in. Just a year or two later, the zoning was changed again, and we were moved back. It's important that we have choices that allow families to feel confident that their children are safe, learning, and growing.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Looking into charter school for the further and noticed there isn't one close by in Rutherford county specifically Smyrna or Lavergne area. I would love to see one built in the community as others would as well!

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Kids deserve opportunities and choices, having a charter school in our community provides both.</p> <p>Why would this be denied if it helps 10 kids by being more creative, engaging and less kids in each class.... we need it! Overcrowding is an understatement and if Rutherford County won't provide ample space, more teachers for smaller classes then we must do this!</p>

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Looking into charter school for the further and noticed there isn't one close by in Rutherford county specifically Smyrna or Lavergne area. I would love to see one built in the community as others would as well!

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Kids deserve opportunities and choices, having a charter school in our community provides both.</p> <p>Why would this be denied if it helps 10 kids by being more creative, engaging and less kids in each class.... we need it! Overcrowding is an understatement and if Rutherford County won't provide ample space, more teachers for smaller classes then we must do this!</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Charter school for the win!

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Unique ID:	1253391566
Location:	36.008, -86.5784

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Public schools have become nurserys, teachers sit all day on the phone and hand out work they do not intend to teach. Charter school will bring teachers back to caring and kids learning

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	All opportunities should be offered to all cities/states. Smaller towns need better schools and this could be just the right fit!



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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Montgomery County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Grandparent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	As a grandparent of four children in Rutherford County and a previous resident and parent of children who were raised and graduated in Rutherford County, I feel it is in the best interest of the families. We have grown by leaps and bounds. Multiple changes have been forced upon parents. We need options such as these to protect our children and allow opportunities to thrive in all the growing pains. My children were forced into two different schools after zoning changes made, missed out on elections that had received the previous year for sports, clubs, etc. do to zoning changes. All for them to change their mind a year or two later, and move us back. We need options here.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Application Staff or Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>My personal experience with education has been transformative. I found my passion for learning later in life, and it has since become a driving force behind my commitment to Novus SMART Academy. Our goal is to foster a love for learning in K-8 students from a young age. I also strongly believe that collaborating with public charter schools is crucial in offering extra learning opportunities and addressing the current growth challenges in our county.</p>

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Submission Time:	August 10, 2024 8:39 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Bartlett, Tn.
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Family Friend
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in favor of the Novus SMART Academy because of: College and Career Pathways, two teacher classrooms and the SMART Model - Science, Math, Arts Research with emphasis on Technology.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I want to show support for Novus SMART because I believe that students in elementary school should start learning about college so that they ready after.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I want to show support for Novus SMART because I believe that students in elementary school should start learning about college so that they ready after.

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Browser:	Chrome 126.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	172.59.88.244
Unique ID:	1253987811
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Friend
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	TN Shelby  Dr, Jeremy Sager has outstanding goals for this charter school with the two teacher classrooms, along with the Extended School Year. Dr. Jerome Sager has over 15 years in education and is well known and respected.

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 7:55 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	TN/Shelby County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	C
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in full support of Norvus Smart Academy because their teaching and learning concept will help to build and expand the minds, hearts and character of students through education and high quality instructions. All students should be afforded this type of education as early as their minds will allow. Once Dr. Sager opens in Rutherford County, it is my sincere hope that Novus Smart Academy will be expand to Shelby County as well.

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 10:27 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1254151650
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	What a great alternative for learning. It will be great to have other options for the community



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Submission Time:August 12, 2024 10:29 am

Browser:Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows

IP Address:96.33.47.55

Unique ID:1254152746

Location:36.5818, -87.4162

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	I am Excited for the growth to come. It is needed.

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 10:38 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1254156981
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	NA
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	It is always great to have additional quality alternatives. It helps everyone to up their game and do better. Novus is first Class learning

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 11:15 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1254173983
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support Novus Smart Academy

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 11:29 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1254180285
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Application Staff or Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am so excited to support Novus Smart Academy. It is a wonderful alternative. A new innovative and fresh learning experience for the community. I work in this market and spend lots of time with parents of children who are looking for different and new options for their children of color. This is an offering that is missing in the public school sector. Diversity and Inclusion is a must-haves for children to thrive and grow in today's society. Every child matters. Dr. Sager has experienced all of this and will be a great role model. The plan is very clear. The goal is doable. And the vision is very clear. I can see it.</p>

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 11:34 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1254182614
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am looking forward to supporting Novus Academy. I live and work in this community. It would be good to see this kind of growth for the greater good of Academics & Learning

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 11:45 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1254187657
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	My daughter is Nyla and she is 3 years old. By the time this Academy opens she will be able to attend this school. She is biracial and that's all I think about is how to prepare her for what she will run into when she starts school. With the vision of this school, it eases my worries a little. Knowing they are looking to support little brown children has my vote.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 2:26 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	172.58.10.114
Unique ID:	1254259625
Location:	44.9834, -93.2622

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	Rutherford Collegiate Prep's disastrous opening should be argument enough against charter schools in Rutherford county. We don't want our public school funds siphoned off in support of private interests while the children at those schools receive a subpar education.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 3:23 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	107.127.49.22
Unique ID:	1254284535
Location:	36.0048, -86.7886

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	There should be an option to check "Rutherford County Schools Parent." Parents have said again and again that we do not want these charters taking funds from our district. Rutherford Collegiate Prep recently opened and it was a disaster. We are asking repeatedly that money and staff remain in our public schools to support ALL children.



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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 7:14 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	99.34.233.125
Unique ID:	1254359923
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	Charter schools lessen the strength of the LEA and cause division between the people. It also takes money that is needed and put it in the pockets of someone looking to make money and not educate the children.

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 7:49 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	69.247.24.244
Unique ID:	1254368276
Location:	35.9306, -86.8788

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	We elected our school board to make decisions like this one for our community. I support our district saying no. I feel like the state is forcing these charter schools on Rutherford Co. to tank our test scores! The state wants RC to do poorly so they can get those private school vouchers.

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Submission Time:	August 12, 2024 7:59 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.97 / Android
IP Address:	68.53.25.114
Unique ID:	1254370306
Location:	36.008, -86.5784

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Teacher with RCS and community member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I appreciate you allowing written comments as I am at work teaching a 7th grade science class at the time of this meeting.</p> <p>I am writing to show support of the decision of the RCS Board to deny the Novus Smart Academy application.</p> <p>The purpose of charter schools is to give parent choice and as a state, we strive for equitable education of all our students. Unfortunately, that is not the case here in Rutherford County.</p> <p>Funding for state public schools, like the one I teach at, is based on ending enrollment. Regardless of student population growth, the operating budget is based on a number that is not up to date. This puts our district at a disadvantage financially before the new school year starts. In addition, we are required to allocate money from our operating budget to cover a charter schools projected enrollment, taking yet another lump sum from the money to fund the school year for our district.</p> <p>With our population growth, we are in desperate need of teachers that would help keep class size down. With the way funding works, the money needed to fund these growth positions would possibly not be available.</p> <p>In addition to the funding issue, I think it is unfair to set guidelines on how to evaluate a charter school application and not trust the local board to make those decisions, overrule the decision, and then task the local school board to fund the charter school.</p> <p>For these reasons, in addition to others, I respectfully ask you to uphold the decision of our local board and deny the application of Novus Smart Academy!</p> <p>Thank you, Pam Curray Lifelong resident of Rutherford County Teacher in the RCS school system</p>

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Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 3:33 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 124.0.0.0 / Android
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Unique ID:	1254723853
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	It is needed

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Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 5:49 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.61 / Android
IP Address:	172.58.150.249
Unique ID:	1254779421
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	As a parent with children in this district, I support the denial by Rutherford Country for Novus SMART Academy.

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Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 5:50 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.61 / Android
IP Address:	172.58.150.249
Unique ID:	1254779751
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	As a parent with children in this district, I support the denial by Rutherford Country for Novus SMART Academy.

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Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 6:10 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	140.248.30.192
Unique ID:	1254785881
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I do not support this committee overruling the wishes of Rutherford County residents. The lack of oversight and accountability for these charter schools is very troubling. The recent issues at Rutherford Collegiate Prep is a black eye for this committee and have you commented on this situation? Also when students leave these charter schools and return to the public system will they return the funds to the county? Feels like this is a massive grift/scam and schools like Rutherford Collegiate Prep are committing fraud.</p>

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Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 6:13 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.107 / iOS
IP Address:	104.53.227.172
Unique ID:	1254787002
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	We do not need more charter schools in RCS. Our schools have great teachers and staff and I support RCS in their decision.



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Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 7:31 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	73.2.216.196
Unique ID:	1254807478
Location:	35.16, -89.7768

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<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Friend
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	This is something new that our children need. .

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 7:41 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	162.238.243.234
Unique ID:	1254809677
Location:	35.8677, -86.4174

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	Charter schools in Rutherford County take away resources from our county schools. There is no factual proof that they are better or that the students that go there fare better. Also, one charter school already in Rutherford County had an exceptionally bad start to their school year. If that is what we have to look forward to with charter schools than I would rather my taxpayer money stay with Rutherford County Schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 13, 2024 7:46 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	173.166.246.237
Unique ID:	1254810855
Location:	34.9578, -85.3012

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Too much focus is put on searching students instead of teaching students. We need schools that care about Black and Brown kids across the board. La Vergne High School has terrible leadership who cares more about themselves than the students. The administration has changed so much and if it weren't for the counselor, we would not have made it. There were subs all the time and teachers in core subjects in graduation-required courses quitting in the middle of the school year. We need Novus SMART Academy to help change the systems in Rutherford County.

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Submission Time:	August 14, 2024 2:21 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	69.245.59.118
Unique ID:	1254874118
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I'm in favor of Novus SMART school because I feel that this school will give parents more options for their child/children's education in Rutherford County.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 14, 2024 7:30 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.97 / Android
IP Address:	66.72.135.221
Unique ID:	1254923346
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	Please stop trying to bring in these scam schools that are causing more cost to our county schools and taking money from our public schools. None of us want this school and are against it being even considered. Stop overriding our boards decision to not allow this school. We have already seen how badly the first one that opened this year is doing and don't want more!

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Submission Time:	August 14, 2024 8:36 am
Browser:	Safari 17.4.1 / OS X
IP Address:	96.33.118.52
Unique ID:	1254946480
Location:	36.213, -86.3011

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	Charter schools are a scam robbing money from the public system. I have one child in RCS and one currently in MCS. Put the funding in these systems and stop trying to ruin these school systems. The current charter school in Rutherford County is already a disaster, horror story after horror story coming out from the disastrous opening. Rutherford County has no need of another charter because the current one will be empty by the end of the academic year.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 14, 2024 11:21 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	161.45.254.218
Unique ID:	1255048793
Location:	35.8437, -86.3881

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I strongly oppose the approval of the Novus SMART Academy. Rutherford County Schools have provided stellar educations for both of my children, now in public high schools in the county, and I fear for the financial strain that these charter schools impose on our public schools. I live down the road from the Rutherford Collegiate Academy that was approved and built despite our local board opposing it, and the impact on the community has already been negative, only 1 week into the school year. Traffic in the area is horrendous, classrooms are overpacked, and staff don't know how to help with students with special needs. Parents are already regretting their decision and sending their children back to their zoned county schools, which are now receiving less funding because of the charters already forced on us.</p> <p>Charter schools pretend to be non-profits, but it is clear that several people are profiting from real estate deals and campaign donations. Meanwhile, public schools, students, and parents are hurt by the funding reallocation, the untrained staff, and the logistical shortcomings. If we really care about education in Tennessee, we should be investing more in our public schools, not starving them by approving more charter schools.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 14, 2024 3:55 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.107 / iOS
IP Address:	104.53.227.172
Unique ID:	1255181792
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	We do not need more charter schools in RCS. Our schools have great teachers and staff and I support RCS in their decision.



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 14, 2024 5:08 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.200.202.198
Unique ID:	1255210246
Location:	35.164, -89.7826

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	96
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Friend
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	N/A

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 14, 2024 11:37 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	68.72.130.84
Unique ID:	1255297743
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	No more charter schools in Rutherford County. Enough money has been stolen from the students in this district as it is, and enough is enough.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 6:19 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	70.249.241.251
Unique ID:	1255348107
Location:	36.2646, -86.702

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Dear Charter Commission,</p> <p>I support Novus SMART Academy and believe they will be a great asset to the Rutherford County School District.</p> <p>Aje Frazier, BSN, RN, CPC-A</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 1:28 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.200.202.198
Unique ID:	1255520582
Location:	35.164, -89.7826

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	96
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Friend
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	N/A

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 3:47 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	170.178.137.5
Unique ID:	1255583311
Location:	35.3436, -86.2088

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Coffee County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am a supporter of charter schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 3:48 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	170.178.137.5
Unique ID:	1255583610
Location:	35.3436, -86.2088

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Coffee County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am a supporter of charter schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 3:49 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	170.178.137.5
Unique ID:	1255583932
Location:	35.3436, -86.2088

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Coffee County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am a supporter of charter schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 3:49 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	170.178.137.5
Unique ID:	1255584229
Location:	35.3436, -86.2088

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Coffee County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am a supporter of charter schools.



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 4:32 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.97 / Android
IP Address:	68.53.155.64
Unique ID:	1255600583
Location:	35.8677, -86.4174

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	Charter schools take money from our public schools and give it to for-profit institutions that do not have proven track records. These schools don't even have to answer to the board of education or comply with regulations. The teachers don't even have to be licensed. Charter schools should fund themselves just like private schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 4:43 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	198.231.30.237
Unique ID:	1255604264
Location:	36.0084, -83.9705

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Due to the over-capacity situtaiton in Rutherford County, Novus SMART Academy will help in reducing the load at curent schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 15, 2024 7:07 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.107 / iOS
IP Address:	104.53.227.172
Unique ID:	1255646770
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>Resident District Status</b>	District Resident
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	We do not need more charter schools in RCS. Our schools have great teachers and staff and I support RCS in their decision.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 16, 2024 6:15 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.107 / iOS
IP Address:	104.53.227.172
Unique ID:	1255764307
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>Resident District Status</b>	District Resident
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	We do not need more charter schools in RCS. Our schools have great teachers and staff and I support RCS in their decision.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 16, 2024 8:10 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	108.74.130.125
Unique ID:	1255796747
Location:	35.2518, -90.0247

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support all educational facilities as there is a need.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 16, 2024 9:43 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.107 / iOS
IP Address:	152.97.106.30
Unique ID:	1255832557
Location:	35.6829, -85.7653

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Open Novus Academy in fall 2025 and grow each year by one academic year, reaching K-12 capacity in 12 years.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 16, 2024 12:22 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	208.86.67.234
Unique ID:	1255901191
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Williamson
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am writing to express my strong support for the charter application of Novus SMART Academy, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2025. As an employee of Motlow and a member of the Rutherford County community, I am excited about the positive impact this new charter school will have on our local education system.</p> <p>With Rutherford County schools experiencing significant overcrowding, Novus SMART Academy will provide a much-needed solution by offering additional educational opportunities in Smyrna. This initiative is especially timely, as it aims to grow into a full K-12 institution over the next 12 years, addressing the growing needs of our students and easing the pressures on existing schools.</p> <p>The planned partnership between Novus SMART Academy and Motlow College is particularly promising. It will create valuable synergies, enhance educational resources, and support the academic development of students in our area.</p> <p>I strongly encourage the state board of education to support the charter application for Novus SMART Academy. This new school will be a vital addition to our community, and I am confident that it will provide significant benefits to both students and the broader Rutherford County area.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my support for this important initiative. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 10:56 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	73.2.171.238
Unique ID:	1256192155
Location:	32.4974, -93.772

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I wish to support Novus SMART Academy. The school leader is dedicated to the development of the whole child. The school is committed to addressing scholars emotional needs in order to help them excel in their academics. Scholars will enjoy a school environment where lessons are taught to their particular learning style. I am eager to see scholars thriving at Novus SMART Academy.



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 11:08 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	173.8.80.249
Unique ID:	1256194591
Location:	36.1406, -86.7508

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Montgomery
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I'm excited about Novus Smart School. I believe it will be an asset to the Rutherford County Community. What the school represents is Amazing and I believe in their vision and mission. I'm excited to see them excel.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 11:12 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 18.0 / iOS
IP Address:	98.5.11.134
Unique ID:	1256195287
Location:	42.9102, -78.6625

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Buffalo, NY
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
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<b>Written Comment</b>	Dear Charter Commission,
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I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of Novus SMART Academy in our community. Now more than ever, we need innovative educational models that not only address the academic needs of our students but also foster leadership and representation within our schools. Novus SMART Academy offers a visionary approach that emphasizes STEM excellence, social-emotional learning, and the development of 21st-century skills-critical areas where our students need growth and opportunity.

In particular, the leadership of Novus SMART Academy brings much-needed representation to our community. With Black leaders at the helm, the school will serve as an empowering institution where students of color can see themselves reflected in positions of influence and authority. This representation is vital for our young people, who need role models that inspire and guide them to achieve their full potential.

The model proposed by Novus SMART Academy is truly exceptional, blending rigorous academics with real-world applications and a deep commitment to equity. This school has the potential to close achievement gaps and provide a high-quality education to students who have historically been underserved.

I urge the Commission to approve Novus SMART Academy's charter application. Our community needs this school, and I fully support its mission to uplift and educate our children.

Sincerely,  
Yaimara Wheaton

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 11:13 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	108.203.207.90
Unique ID:	1256195415
Location:	35.164, -89.7826

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Shelby
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Application Staff or Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Charter schools allow innovation and support the whole community. Diversity is needed and should be allowed during schooling

Form Name:New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS

Submission Time:August 17, 2024 12:04 pm

Browser:Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS

IP Address:172.225.214.51

Unique ID:1256205051

Location:33.7485, -84.3871

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	The use of the SMART Model ensures students will be competitive on a global level and college ready.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 12:08 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	104.28.32.202
Unique ID:	1256205869
Location:	33.7174, -84.2331

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	MNPS
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe that Novus Academy will enhance the options for Rutherford County students as all families have the right to choose a school environment that best supports the needs of their children.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 12:11 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	73.237.235.141
Unique ID:	1256206383
Location:	33.8508, -84.2863

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Dekalb County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Supporter
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I have had the opportunity to watch the design process of Novus SMART Academy. Jeremy Segar, the founder, is a dedicated, competent educator who has designed a school to serve the students of Rutherford County well.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 12:12 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	76.138.123.234
Unique ID:	1256206576
Location:	35.0761, -89.8547

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus SMART Academy promises to fill in the gaps that are lacking in modern education. Dr. Sager is a true visionary with a passion for enriching the lives of children, families, and the community holistically. As an advocate for quality education in our communities, Novus SMART Academy has my full support.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 12:30 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.127.49.16
Unique ID:	1256210050
Location:	36.0048, -86.7886

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Shelby County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe that Dr. Sager has a solid plan with growing our youth at Novus SMART Academy. I am excited to see the success of the institution and hope that he opens a location in Memphis soon!



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 12:40 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	107.119.69.22
Unique ID:	1256211850
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Memphis Tennessee
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Friend
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support Novus Smart Academy because its leadership has a deep commitment to nurturing each child's potential. Their dedication to personalized learning and high-quality teachers creates a truly enriching educational experience for every student.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 1:05 pm
Browser:	Safari 17.5 / OS X
IP Address:	73.203.172.183
Unique ID:	1256216545
Location:	35.164, -89.7826

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Shelby County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Support
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The school will be lead by the most dedicated educator in Tennessee. He is vision lead and totally dedicated. He wants to make sure that every student that attends this school will be able to soar in whatever direction they choose.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 1:11 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.119.65.45
Unique ID:	1256217525
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in full support of Novus Smart Academy. With there being two-teacher classrooms, this will allow not only for every child to receive the attention they need but also it will promote a safer environment for the teacher and children.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 1:41 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	73.252.74.156
Unique ID:	1256223364
Location:	35.0324, -89.8145

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Shelby county
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	I have a niece and nephew who live in the district and I'd love for them to attend the school.
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus SMART academy brings additional choice to parents in Rutherford County. Parents have a right to have the best options of schools for their children regardless of their zip code.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 1:54 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	174.50.236.49
Unique ID:	1256225715
Location:	35.8677, -86.4174

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Former classmate and colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in favor of Novus SMART Academy. As a former classmate and colleague of the founder, Dr. Jeremy Sager, I know first hand of his character, leadership, professionalism, experience, and determination. I know that this school will be a beneficial addition to options for families that live in Rutherford County. It will be an opportunity for students to be nurtured in their academic and behavioral growth in a two teacher classroom with STEM integration, and with College and Career focused instruction.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 1:59 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.4.1 / iOS
IP Address:	166.196.82.2
Unique ID:	1256226519
Location:	35.2296, -80.843

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Dr. Sager is a consistent education advocate and leader. I've seen him do great work in the city of Memphis. He has a passion for supporting students and I'm excited to see the possibilities his school will instill within his community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 3:19 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	174.225.235.203
Unique ID:	1256245864
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in support of Novus SMART Academy.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 4:57 pm
Browser:	Safari 17.5 / OS X
IP Address:	73.203.172.183
Unique ID:	1256275076
Location:	35.164, -89.7826

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Shelby County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Support
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The school will be lead by the most dedicated educator in Tennessee. He is vision lead and totally dedicated. He wants to make sure that every student that attends this school will be able to soar in whatever direction they choose.



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 17, 2024 7:00 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	76.72.176.205
Unique ID:	1256295511
Location:	36.0048, -86.7886

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am excited to stand behind the addition of this amazing Academy to Rutherford Ariya not living far from the area I do find value in uplifting our youth to create more opportunities For them to succeed.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 18, 2024 1:59 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.119.65.53
Unique ID:	1256475901
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>Resident District Status</b>	District Resident
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Here's a</p> <p>I recommend Novus Smart Academy for its innovative approach to education. The school's unique focus on the SMART model, college and career pathways, and expanded electives truly prepares students for success in both higher education and the workforce. Novus promises to be a forward-thinking institution dedicated to nurturing well-rounded, future-ready children.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 18, 2024 2:05 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 122.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	108.147.2.26
Unique ID:	1256477731
Location:	36.8848, -76.1472

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Montgomery County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Education Collaboration Counsel
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The mission and impact this facility will provide is essential for the development and growth of the industry and community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 18, 2024 2:10 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 122.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	108.147.2.26
Unique ID:	1256479420
Location:	36.8848, -76.1472

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Montgomery County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Education Advocate
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The children in the aligned area should have a balanced offering for children not electing to attend the County schools. This school would offer beneficial electives for this industry.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 18, 2024 3:44 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.119.65.53
Unique ID:	1256507671
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Here's a</p> <p>I recommend Novus Smart Academy for its innovative approach to education. The school's unique focus on the SMART model, college and career pathways, and expanded electives truly prepares students for success in both higher education and the workforce. Novus promises to be a forward-thinking institution dedicated to nurturing well-rounded, future-ready children.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 18, 2024 6:38 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	75.149.97.57
Unique ID:	1256550703
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I really do want this school to succeed. I know Dr. Jeremy Sager and his heart for children. His commitment to seeing our children received the best education they can is unmatched. This school will have a character education focus. As a Math educator, the SMART model really impresses me. I can't wait to see this school thrive.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 18, 2024 7:14 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.119.65.53
Unique ID:	1256556065
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>Resident District Status</b>	District Resident
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Here's a</p> <p>I recommend Novus Smart Academy for its innovative approach to education. The school's unique focus on the SMART model, college and career pathways, and expanded electives truly prepares students for success in both higher education and the workforce. Novus promises to be a forward-thinking institution dedicated to nurturing well-rounded, future-ready children.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 18, 2024 9:18 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	71.142.227.10
Unique ID:	1256576169
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Resident District Status</b>	Non-district Resident
<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Metro Nashville Public Schools
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Supporter
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am in support of approval of Novus SMART Academy. They met all expectations of the rubric based on the review from their local school board.</p> <p>They seek to bring a model that has a focus on character education and the SMART Model (Science, Math, Arts/Electives, Research, emphasis on Technology). This innovative approach would add to the educational options and improve a growing population.</p> <p>In addition, it is led by a founder who over 15 years in education. He has served in K-12 setting.</p> <p>Say Yes to Novus SMART.</p>



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 19, 2024 8:19 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	174.202.195.198
Unique ID:	1256678358
Location:	35.1387, -90.0095

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support the establishment of Novus SMART Academy, because it focuses on both academic excellence and character building.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 19, 2024 10:33 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	104.28.50.188
Unique ID:	1256744938
Location:	29.7738, -95.406

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	NA
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	NA
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in full support of Novus SMART Academy

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 19, 2024 8:31 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	172.58.151.15
Unique ID:	1256985384
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I feel it is imperative to have an academic institute that capsules students from multiethnic households with extraordinary gifts, students who thrive better learning in a nontraditional classroom setting. I believe Novus will create an ethos for those students to thrive. Novus will develop a rubric that will include academics, SEL components, a restorative mindset, and will involve community partners/engagement to nurture not only the whole child but support the whole family.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 20, 2024 3:36 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	23.117.133.250
Unique ID:	1257045755
Location:	36.1789, -86.8035

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I strongly support the Novus SMART Academy's application. The school's focus on College & Career Pathways, an Extended School Year, Two-Teacher Classrooms, Character Education, and the innovative SMART Model will provide an exceptional education for K-8 students. With Dr. Jeremy Sager's proven leadership and commitment to every child's success, Novus SMART Academy is poised to make a significant positive impact in the community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 20, 2024 4:36 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1257354624
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Wilson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	I know a board member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support other options for parents to choose from. it should be their choice, not the school board's. This charter vision is clear and a diverse environment is needed.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 20, 2024 4:38 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1257356103
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	We support Novus Smart Academy

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 20, 2024 4:40 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	96.33.47.55
Unique ID:	1257356890
Location:	36.5818, -87.4162

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	no relations
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support Novus SMART ACADEMY

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 21, 2024 10:50 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	174.239.54.164
Unique ID:	1257605823
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	This is a good school and we need to move forward. This academic program is a good program that focuses on character education and technology to prepare the children for the future.



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 21, 2024 11:02 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.144.209
Unique ID:	1257611019
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I highly recommend Novus SMART Academy for anyone seeking a forward-thinking educational experience. The academy offers a cutting-edge curriculum that combines innovative teaching methods with the latest technology, preparing students for future demands. The dedicated faculty and supportive learning environment foster both academic excellence and personal growth. Whether you're looking to advance in your career or start a new educational journey, Novus SMART Academy is an outstanding choice.</p> <p>We have a freshman this year, and his mother and I recognized the need for a unique high school environment, so we enrolled him in a public charter high school. Dr. Sager consulted with us and guided us through that process. Now, with a 4-year-old, we want him to start at Novus in kindergarten and continue through high school. After speaking with Dr. Sager, we are confident that Novus SMART Academy is the right place for our son. We trust this school and Dr. Sager's leadership.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 21, 2024 11:09 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.144.165
Unique ID:	1257614568
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I highly recommend Novus SMART Academy for anyone seeking a forward-thinking educational experience. The academy offers a cutting-edge curriculum that combines innovative teaching methods with the latest technology, preparing students for future demands. The dedicated faculty and supportive learning environment foster both academic excellence and personal growth. Whether you're looking to advance in your career or start a new educational journey, Novus SMART Academy is an outstanding choice.</p> <p>We have a freshman this year, and his mother and I recognized the need for a unique high school environment, so we enrolled him in a public charter high school. Dr. Sager consulted with us and guided us through that process. Now, with a 4-year-old, we want him to start at Novus in kindergarten and continue through high school. After speaking with Dr. Sager, we are confident that Novus SMART Academy is the right place for our son. We trust this school and Dr. Sager's leadership.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 21, 2024 11:21 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.145.47
Unique ID:	1257620217
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	As a mother, I can't recommend Novus SMART Academy highly enough. The school's innovative curriculum blends modern teaching methods with cutting-edge technology, setting students up for future success. The warm, supportive environment fosters both academic excellence and personal growth. Having seen the positive impact on our family, I'm excited for my youngest to start his journey at Novus in kindergarten and stay through high school. The leadership of Dr. Sager and the dedicated staff give me complete confidence that this is the right place for my child.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 21, 2024 11:24 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	104.186.205.35
Unique ID:	1257621170
Location:	36.196, -86.804

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Creating a charter school that supports the community will be a great add for us all. Understanding the high standards and exemplary qualifications set for the leaders will ensure our scholars are well equipped for the years ahead.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 21, 2024 6:23 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	98.240.62.15
Unique ID:	1257791991
Location:	36.1093, -86.8653

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Davidson County
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy

Written Comment	<p>I am writing in support of Novus SMART Academy. As a professor of education policy, I am excited to be a part of this school. I am inspired by the mission to provide rigorous education that is asset-based and inquiry-based, and will develop the whole child. I am particularly excited about the two-teacher model that will provide a ratio of 12:1 with two teachers or teacher-residents in every classroom. With a curriculum that is aligned to TN state standards and a data-rich governing approach, I am confident the school will be positioned to ensure student success. As a scholar, I have studied charter schools for two decades, and specifically what makes for successfully starting a new charter school. Through this process, I am confident that Novus SMART Academy has a plan for instructional and curricular success, strong operations, and effective governing structures that will ensure a strong and sustainable academic model and school. We are eager to partner with the county to serve all students in Rutherford County and help students meet their potential.</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 21, 2024 11:17 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	107.119.65.17
Unique ID:	1257847232
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Application Staff or Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus SMART Academy is set to lead the future of Charter schools in the state of Tennessee with proven leadership and strong academic strategies to challenge the upcoming generation to excel in Math, Science, and Engineering. The planning process and research has focused solely on preparing students for the future, and choosing a strong organizational structure to compete among leading school districts across the nation.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 22, 2024 9:53 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	174.239.50.104
Unique ID:	1257962435
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	This is a good school and we need to move forward. This academic program is a good program that focuses on character education and technology to prepare the children for the future.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 22, 2024 3:14 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.6533.112 / Android
IP Address:	174.219.125.106
Unique ID:	1258104517
Location:	37.2348, -79.9464

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Having additional options is always a good thing. My home district offers a terrible school option that has TCAP scores below the state average.</p> <p>Having the opportunity to choose a school that competes with my school district should help everyone or at the least leave those who don't want to do their work nor behave in schools that can't kick you out.</p>



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 23, 2024 9:40 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1258334020
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>During the community engagement presentation, the first thing I remember was the reality is not every child is going to go to college but they will know what career or trade they want to do when they leave senior year! I feel like Novus SMART Academy is going to set my son's generation up to win!</p> <p>Also the approach to SMART learning and wanting to know the why behind behavior through SEL in character education is phenomenal! I am Founding Parent and this is why I choose Novus SMART Academy.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 23, 2024 9:45 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1258335799
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Families need more options. I support this school and believe it will help with better zoning and reduce overcrowding. Our children deserve better.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 23, 2024 9:47 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	98.240.62.15
Unique ID:	1258336743
Location:	36.1093, -86.8653

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I write in support of Novus SMART Academy. I am very impressed the the mission of the school to provide rigorous instruction and more options for Rutherford County students. The school has a strong team and competencies to ensure a strong start to the school and ensure success for all students.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 23, 2024 9:48 am
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1258337131
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Jeremy Sager and Novus SMART Academy. As a grandparent, I support Dr. Sager because he believes that all children can learn and dream big. I want this experience for my granddaughter. Dr. Sager believes in the value of a good education for all students. Dr. Sager has high standards for all students. The health of a school stems from its leadership. Novus SMART Academy has the leadership, rigorous curriculum, community involvement, that are key factors that determine greatness.</p>

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<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I attended the RCS Board meeting where they voted to deny Novus SMART Academy because of fiscal impact to the district. One of the Board members in favor of charter schools made the statement that Rutherford County is growing so fast and unable to keep up with the rapid growth and the number of school buildings needed. Charter schools would be helpful in fixing this issue. From a personal standpoint, I agree that charter schools would help to support the overcrowding of current RCS schools. I have been in Rutherford County since 2001 and this is definitely a problem, which is why I totally agree that we should give charter schools, such as Novus SMART Academy and its leaders, a chance.</p>

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe in Dr. Jeremy Sager's vision of creating Novus Smart Academy in our community because it will greatly benefit current and future students on their college and career paths. Dr. Sager's expertise will provide valuable support for academic success and character education. His positive qualities are exactly what our school system needs so that students feel known and loved. I have full trust in Dr. Sager and his plan to establish Novus Smart Academy in our community.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe this school will do a great job of introducing kids to reading more complex books earlier than 6th grade.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe this school will give students an education that I wish I could have received.



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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I choose Novus SMART Academy because I want a high-quality education for my son. Novus provides a culturally-responsive curriculum and school experience where my son will be able to learn and grow. Dr. Sager exemplifies the vision and leadership to lead his school community to and through college and beyond.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I found out about this school through another Founding Family and believe this will be the best school option for my daughter.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I had a chance to meet Dr. Sager during one of my appointments in the community. He shared his vision for Novus SMART Academy and he has a great big heart to serve families in our community. I believe this school will be a blessing to many families. Dr. Sager and his team have put in the hard work and his heart is in the right place. I trust his work will also support the rapid growth of our community.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I had the chance to work with Dr. Sager in Memphis and Metro Schools and he is a very hard worker. His vision to support students in our community does not come as a surprise. Dr. Sager has the remedy to support schools in our Murfreesboro community.

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Submission Time:	August 23, 2024 10:09 am
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague in Education
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I have known Dr. Sager since he was in high school and he has always been a leader. When he shared his vision to open a public charter school in Rutherford County, I was not surprised. Dr. Sager has a big heart for serving others and he loves to support students by helping them tap into their fullest potential. Novus SMART Academy (K-8), like several charter schools in Tennessee, will be a beacon of light and joy for students and families. Some parents want smaller class sizes and this school will offer that experience with two teachers in every classroom. From what I am hearing, Rutherford County Schools are overcrowded and some of its Board members have been vocal about partnering with charter school to help with this challenge. Makes sense. The focus on college or career paths gives all students options that so many do not realize they have. I urge you, voting leaders, to approve this school for the sake of so many children that will be impacted in a phenomenal way through this school.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I have personally had my children and grandchild attend RCS schools. Now that my youngest grandson is ready to start his academic journey I want him to experience Novus Academy. The personal experience and development he will have with Novus is very important for his growth. The learning styles and the involvement with the teachers and family and community will only enhance his ability to grow. The Novus Academy will help my grandson excel in his educational journey with excellence!!</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I live in the Smyrna and I am excited to hear that a new school is coming to the area to make a difference in our school system. Jeremy spoke to me about being a board member but I have too many commitments in the community already. This will be a positive school and I look forward to supporting in the future.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support because I want to see kids truly happy! Schools that have rigorous academics, joy factor and a partnership with the community. I want students to be able to learn life skills to be able to thrive in a diverse world and this school will do this. All of this will happen at Novus SMART Academy to support the whole-child.



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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support Novus SMART Academy because so far I see the mission statement of embracing innovation and creativity is in line with what I'm looking for in a school for my child. I'm looking for an institution that exposes him to inclusivity and different cultures that's realistic and relatable to the world and representation of black men in leadership such as yourself, that can look out for him and mentor him in the future. I want to expose my son to as many creative avenues as possible and I think Novus is a great start for that.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support this school and its consistency in wanting to uphold student academic and behavioral expectations: strong teachers; diverse school community.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support this school because it will provide more intervention that allows for fun and innovative ways to learn.

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy

Written Comment	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Kindly accept this letter of support as Dr. Jeremy Sager seeks to develop Novus SMART Academy in Rutherford County, Tennessee.</p> <p>As a parent of three sons who all matriculated through Rutherford County Schools, I am especially supportive of a school concept such as Novus SMART Academy. Additionally, as an active member of the Rutherford County community, I'm excited at the prospect of another great academic choice for our families.</p> <p>Although my family and I have fond memories of many excellent Rutherford County Schools teachers and administrators, I believe that each of my sons could have benefitted from more culturally diverse instruction and leadership. I look forward to lending my support as a general citizen to this initiative. Furthermore, I plan to include Novus SMART Academy as I professionally seek STEM partnerships and opportunities for Middle Tennessee State University students and their instructors.</p> <p>Should you have questions or wish to arrange discussion regarding my level of support, please feel free to contact me directly at echelleady1@yahoo.com. Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Echell Eady, EdD Rutherford County Resident</p>
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I was introduced to Jeremy by one of his board members and I am inspired by his desire to support education in our community. I believe this school will be a positive addition to our community, giving families more options to choose the best schools they want.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Jeremy has a great plan for his school. My company can support with technology and communication services. Families need this school.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Jeremy is one of my loyal customers at the barbershop and we have conversations every week about the accomplishments of Novus. I gave him some advice on great locations in our community because so many children need better schools in Rutherford County. I am looking forward to helping out at community events and to see families experience school in a different but better way.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Jeremy Sager has a great vision for support in our community through education. Although I cannot commit as a board member, I see opportunities to offer financial literacy support to families once the school opens. This will be a positive contribution to our families who need more options.



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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I believe in the mission and the objective of Novus SMART Academy. I am confident that Dr. Jeremy Sager will guide his teachers and staff with a strong foundation of knowledge, training, and support to effectively educate our kids. Dr. Sager has a reputation of educational excellence and leadership in all of his positions in the school sectors. Building Novus SMART Academy is Dr. Sager's dream to bridge the gap of education and grow our children. If granted his charter, I am confident he will achieve his goals, as he has done before.</p>

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

My name is Hope Ho and I am a Founding Parent at Novus SMART Academy. I met Dr. Sager as a client over three years ago and he is a loyal customer and has always been a nice guy. One day he shared with me that he was a school principal and how much he loved to see his students grow and reach their goals. No matter how tired he seems, the moment he talks about his students, he bursts with energy.

One day I shared with Dr. Sager that I have a son and a niece and how concerned we are to send them to regular public schools, but we do not want to pay for private school. My son learns differently and needs to be in a school that I can trust. I fully trust Dr. Sager with my son's life.

When Dr. Sager told me that he was working on a project to bring a public charter school to Smyrna I got so excited and had a lot of questions. I did not know much about charter schools then. The more we talked about charter schools and the vision for Novus SMART Academy, I knew this would be the perfect place for my son and my niece. I am very proud to say that they will be Founding Scholars when the school opens next year.

So every time Dr. Sager comes in for services, I ask him a bunch of questions about the school and what I am looking for in a school for my son and niece. Dr. Sager listens and he cares. He wants the very best for all students, no matter where they go, as if they were his own children and that is why I am choosing Novus SMART Academy for my son and niece.

As a Founding Parent, I believe this school is what our community needs. When I met other Founding Parents at our meeting at Motlow State Community College, I felt like family from the start. And I am telling all my friends and the parents at AJ's preschool now about Novus SMART Academy and why they need to send their children here with AJ.

Please vote for the approval of our school, Novus SMART Academy. We believe our school is a step in the right direction to support students as they go to college and careers of their choice after high school.

Thank you!

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus SMART Academy will mirror the new diversity of their communities in Rutherford County. Novus SMART Academy will foster inclusion and multieducation to establish equitable opportunities in education. Jeremy Sager is a highly intelligent with a sophisticated sense of humor. Mr.Sager is a successful leader with unwavering integrity. He demonstrates self awareness, empathy and has a compelling vision to unite people and captivate hearts and minds of students. Moreover, Jeremy Sager articulates and executes purpose and goals.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Former School Manager
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I fully support Novus SMART Academy and its amazing founder and leader, Dr. Jeremy Sager.</p> <p>Dr. Sager was my school manager and coach on two occasions in my career, and he has mentored me on my path to school leadership. He is very serious about providing a quality education for students and supporting their families with resources. I have watched Dr. Sager get in the trenches with teachers in some of the hardest times, teach classes so that we wouldn't have to hire a substitute, and be the model of what he expected from staff. His patience for teachers and students is unparalleled, and he stands by his convictions to do what is best for students no matter what.</p> <p>As a former Science teacher, project based learning is a great way to engage students in the learning process for STEM, and Dr. Sager has shared what this will look like at Novus SMART Academy. This school will be a blessing to so many students in Rutherford County, and is definitely needed in Davidson County and West Tennessee. I hope this school opens and continues to grow state-wide. Our communities need more high-quality options across the board.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The reason why I support you and Novus SMART Academy is because I believe in Dr. Sager's vision, and I am willing to take a chance on the opportunity for my son to get an education in a safe space. I believe that this school will offer that because Dr. Sager is a person that I trust.

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<b>Resident District Status</b>	District Resident
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	This school will introduce kids to professionals who represent their community to increase representation as they look for what types of careers to think about for the future. That's why I support this school.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	When Dr. Sager shared his vision for Novus SMART Academy, I was excited. Although all my children are grown, I have grandchildren and this is the type of school I think every child needs to learn and grow up as responsible adults.



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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>When Jeremy asked me to support his school and vision, I responded, "I got you". Jeremy and I went to church together in Memphis and I always invite him to my church in Murfreesboro now that I know we both live here. He is a bright young man who is serious about education and we need more men like him to support our children. I support this school and I cannot wait to see it open and all the great future leaders it will create in our community.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I have seen Dr. Sager and his school team out in the community sharing the mission of Novus SMART Academy. When he shared it with me, I was inspired and eager to figure out more ways to get this mission out in our community. We need more schools that are going to stand up and support our students and families in the right way. Dr. Sager has a good heart and he is a servant. We cannot wait to see the great things that will happen in our community when this school opens.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Dr. Sager was one of my youth advisors growing up in church. Not only did he teach us how to live a Godly life as teenagers, but he cared about our success in school. I ran into him in the mall parking lot in Murfreesboro and that's when we exchanged information and he shared that he was starting a school in our community.</p> <p>Now that I have a family of my own, I want to ensure my son goes to a school where people care about him and his future just as much as Dr. Sager cared about me and my future. Novus SMART Academy will be a great school for students to learn and grow, feel safe, and be loved by the school leaders and staff. Let's get this school open!</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Family Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>As the mother of the CEO/Lead Founder, I have watched my son make countless sacrifices in order to support others. He has always been ambitious and supportive of others in their academic pursuits. When he told us that he was actually going to start a charter school, I was so excited and thought he was going to bring it to Shelby County, but his heart is in Rutherford County and he loves working with those students and families. As his school continues to grow and thrive, may be he will bring another great school to Shelby County to support our students and families. He never ceases to amaze me and I am sure this will happen.</p> <p>My grandson has always attended public charter schools and he is now a sophomore in high school. We knew traditional public schools were not for him at all. As a result, he has been given several opportunities to shine in the classroom and as an athlete. I believe in these schools and how they provide parents with better options that are tailored to the needs of their children.</p> <p>My son, Dr. Sager, has won several awards for his leadership in schools, and he has worked miracles in spaces that seemed impossible. Maybe I am a bit biased, but I believe in my son and his work ethic has proven that he has a high level of integrity to the job well and to do it right. He has a strong team supporting him, and I cannot wait to see the smiling faces of all the little ones that will attend this school on opening day and beyond.</p> <p>I support Novus SMART Academy and you should too. Thank you!</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Family Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>My son has always been an overachiever and we always had high expectations for him, even as an adult. When he talked about opening a school, I saw the fear in his eyes, but the faith in his heart. We always taught our children that nothing beats failure but a try. And that you should never go through life wondering what could have been when you have the opportunity to make something happen. That's why we believe in Novus SMART Academy, most importantly, we believe in our son!</p> <p>This school will be a blessing to families in Rutherford County and help with overcrowding of schools, as my son has shared. With my background in IT, I believe focusing on Technology is a great way to prepare these students for the future and to teach them the value of technology so that they can use it for good.</p> <p>This has definitely been a process and we are so proud of our son and the work he is doing to change lives through education. To whom this may concern, let's get this school open and make a difference in the community.</p>
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Dr. Sager is my brother and I am excited to see Novus SMART Academy open. I am currently a college student and resident in Rutherford County, and I work in education with with students with special needs. There is a great need for this school and parents want smaller class sizes for their students, especially those with special needs. When I tell them about Novus, they get excited because they do not want to send them to schools in Murfreesboro. Some of them have chosen Rutherford Collegiate because they are open now. We wish Novus was open now too.</p> <p>I have attended several community engagement events with Novus SMART Academy and the team. They are really working hard to support students and families, even when some community members are not so nice. Dr. Sager has such a strong spirit of perseverance and rises above the negativity by focusing on the positive. He is a great model of what it means to have good character and I love that this school will focus on Character Education as part of its model.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Family Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am proud to call Dr. Sager my big brother and he is the reason why we chose charter schools for my son who is now a sophomore in high school. I wish I had the opportunity to go to a charter school when I attended school because I see the positive impact these schools have made on my son. Although he likes to focus on being an athlete, his school made it very clear that he is a student first. That's important! I appreciate teachers seeing my son as more than an athlete because all Black boys won't go to the NBA or NFL. They need to know there are great college and career choices for them beyond sports. I believe that Novus SMART Academy will do the same in Rutherford County for Black and Brown children, and hopefully one day in Shelby County. Let's not hold up this process up any longer and get this school open. Families deserve better options.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Family Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Novus SMART Academy is a great school option for families in Rutherford County. I support Dr. Sager and can't wait to see the great impact this school will have in the community.</p> <p>As someone who enjoys STEM education, I appreciate seeing inquiry-based learning and project-based learning in science and math. I students do not demonstrate enough curiosity and creativity outside of social media. I believe this school will open doors for students that they never imagined. The smaller classroom sizes will be great for students, especially those who have challenges with learning. I fully support Novus SMART Academy and look forward to its manifestation and growth over time.</p>



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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am writing to express my wholehearted support for this application, as well as for the dedicated efforts of the school design team, advisory board, and board of trustees. The vision the organization has for this charter school resonates deeply with me.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

As a school leader and education consultant, I am pleased to support the launch of Novus SMART Academy in Rutherford County, led by Mr. Jeremy Sager.

For nearly 20 years, my leadership and consultancy have focused on developing the whole child by providing equity, access, and disability inclusion to combat systems of oppression for a diverse community of learners to drive social change. As a former Tennessean, I celebrate Dr. Sager's efforts to create new opportunities and pathways for the families in Rutherford County.

National data shows that the overall reading and math proficiencies in Rutherford County are below the average. Additionally, the rates of special education students and discipline are significantly disproportionate. Novus SMART Academy seeks to address opportunity gaps using whole-child and diversity, equity, and inclusion approaches to teaching and learning. Therefore, Novus SMART Academy is poised to address the challenges and inequities students and families have faced for generations.

Through its curricula and nurturing the development of self for grades kindergarten through eighth, Novus SMART Academy is dedicated to connecting students' hearts, minds, and hands through critical thinking and problem-solving. This pathway reduces barriers to high school, college, and an independent life. As a current principal, I appreciate people who desire to change the trajectory of youth. Dr. Sager and I connected through our former school and district leadership and bonded over the desire for change in our community.

I have unwavering faith that Dr. Jeremy Sager will lead Novus SMART Academy to uncharted territory by providing educational equity and excellence for the students and families in Rutherford County.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

As an educational colleague and current charter school leader, I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support for the establishment of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) to be led by Dr. Jeremy Sager.

During our time together at Power Center Academy High School (grades 9-12 in 38115), I had the opportunity to work under Dr. Sager where he demonstrated astonishing qualities of leadership, determination, consistency, and accountability. During his time as the Ninth Grade Academy Principal, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Sager offered virtual school experiences that allowed our students to thrive in uncharted territories, supporting all learning to ensure our students continued to demonstrate their love for learning, no matter the current circumstances.

I currently serve as the Director of Continuous Improvement for STRIVE Collegiate Academy in the metro-Nashville community. As a part of the school leadership team, I have personally witnessed the positive impact that a well designed charter school can have on students' academic achievement, personal development, and on the surrounding community. As a launching pad for academic success, it is important that students have a strong rigorous educational foundation as a pipeline to nurture the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators.

The establishment of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) is a valuable investment in the future of the Rutherford County community, fostering a passion for STEM and preparing students for the challenges and opportunities ahead. Novus SMART Academy (K-8) will contribute significantly to addressing the growing demand for high-quality education within the La Vergne and Smyrna communities, expressed in its current need for more school options. Novus SMART Academy (K-8) has the potential to become a beacon of educational excellence, inspiring other institutions to adopt similar models.

Again, I support Novus SMART Academy (K-8) as a high-quality option and hope that it will be granted to open in August 2025. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in favor of Novus SMART Academy for the Rutherford county area because it gives families another excellent option for education. Its educational standards and goals are in line with the state of Tennessee's education standards and goals. Highly trained, experienced leaders will lead the school.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I wholeheartedly support Novus Smart Academy. All children deserve a highly quality education and Novus Smart Academy will provide opportunities that will impact their future positively.

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Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 4:27 pm
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	The Founder is a compatriot
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Dr. Sager who has over a decade of experience in the field of education and is a tireless advocate for excellence in the field, should be given the chance to bring his expertise and knowledge to this community.</p> <p>His goal to lead children either to college or a career driven path, as well as a two teacher classroom in my humble opinion is a much needed model.</p>



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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Prospective Parent
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I fully support the opening of Novus SMART Academy! With its innovative approach, including College & Career Pathways, an extended school year, and two-teacher classrooms, this school is set to provide our children with an exceptional education. The SMART model's emphasis on Science, Math, Arts, Research, and Technology, along with character education, will prepare students for future success. Dr. Jeremy Sager's proven leadership and commitment to every student's well-being make this school a valuable addition to our community. Let's bring Novus SMART Academy to life!

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Former colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Jeremy Sager, the Founder of Novus SMART Academy has approached this noble quest of opening a place of learning for the community of Rutherford County with pure intentions, immense research and reflection, and unbelievable faith. Mr. Sager understands the need to provide every child in the community with a high quality education and I believe he can do that and more. With his 15 years of experience and unwavering commitment to educating all children, Novus SMART will be a beacon of light for families who believe they deserve better for their young scholars. With a focus on character education, college and career pathways, two teacher classrooms, and the SMART Model implementation will guarantee that students receive the well-rounded education they deserve. I encourage you to seriously consider this Academy for approval, for the sake of children and families in Rutherford County.</p>

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<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Former colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I'm genuinely excited about Novus Smart Academy's innovative approach, including its college & career pathways, extended school year, and two-teacher classrooms. The focus on character education and the SMART model will greatly enrich the students of Rutherford County's learning experiences. Dr. Jeremy Sager's extensive background and commitment to education promise a nurturing environment where each student is known, loved, and respected. This initiative will have a profound positive impact on Rutherford County residents by providing high-quality education and preparing their students for successful futures.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in favor of Novus SMART Academy for the Rutherford county area because it gives families another excellent option for education. Its educational standards and goals are in line with the state of Tennessee's education standards and goals. Highly trained, experienced leaders will lead the school.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Former colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I'm genuinely excited about Novus Smart Academy's innovative approach, including its college & career pathways, extended school year, and two-teacher classrooms. The focus on character education and the SMART model will greatly enrich the students of Rutherford County's learning experiences. Dr. Jeremy Sager's extensive background and commitment to education promise a nurturing environment where each student is known, loved, and respected. This initiative will have a profound positive impact on Rutherford County residents by providing high-quality education and preparing their students for successful futures.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am in favor of Novus SMART Academy for the Rutherford county area because it gives families another excellent option for education. Its educational standards and goals are in line with the state of Tennessee's education standards and goals. Highly trained, experienced leaders will lead the school.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Community partner
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus SMART has focused on various areas of importance. Its alignment to College & Career Pathways, Extended School Year, Two-Teacher Classrooms, Character Education Focus, SMART Model (Science, Math, Arts/Electives, and Research, emphasizes further the passion this program has for our future professionals.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 8:22 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 127.0.0.0 / Android
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I have had the privilege of knowing the founder of Novus now for several years. Dr. Sager is a compassionate, dedicated, and determined young man whose heart for people, young and seasoned, is the reason this school will be a magnificent addition to the Rutherford County School District.</p> <p>Having two children of my own to matriculate through a charter school program in Davidson County, I can attest to the pros of having a school enriched with such benefits as offering a college/career path, providing two-person classrooms, implementing an extended school year, and utilizing the SMART Model for students. This charter school is sure to give parents another option for their students in hopes of strengthening their future endeavors and contributions to society.</p> <p>We know the importance of a good educational foundation and Novus is definitely a great choice for the residents of Rutherford County. I look forward to the greatness that will be produced because of this new entity. Their great leader, Dr. Jeremy is already an example of what is to come.</p>



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 8:24 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	68.53.33.155
Unique ID:	1258922795
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support the opening of Novus SMART Academy

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 8:28 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	104.178.135.141
Unique ID:	1258923536
Location:	35.9306, -86.8788

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Williamson
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I fully believe and entrust the Novus SMART Academy in all of their endeavors. I believe that they will make a difference in the community. This is the right direction for the education system.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 8:29 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	68.52.176.123
Unique ID:	1258923575
Location:	36.066, -86.9659

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am for the school! I think it would be a good option for the community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 9:15 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	104.178.135.141
Unique ID:	1258930587
Location:	35.9306, -86.8788

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Williamson
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I fully believe and entrust the Novus SMART Academy in all of their endeavors. I believe that they will make a difference in the community. This is the right direction for the education system.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 9:20 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.4.1 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1258931355
Location:	36.8848, -76.1472

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I wholeheartedly support Novus Smart Academy. All children deserve a highly quality education and Novus Smart Academy will provide opportunities that will impact their future positively.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2024 10:08 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.150.51
Unique ID:	1258937993
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	21
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Friend and fellow educator
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I believe Novus Smart Academy will be a huge asset to the community they will be servicing. As an educator myself. I know the value of having teachers and administrators who truly are committed to the beautiful and necessary work they give themselves to. My good friend, Dr. Jeremy Sager</p> <p>is one of these people. He has served over 15 years in education in grades grades K-12 in West and Middle Tennessee. He is a Tennessee Rewards School Principal. He has a true servant's heart. He is loved and respected with the education profession and beyond.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2024 9:42 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	47.188.147.141
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I support Novus SMART Academy and its Founder, Dr. Sager. This school will give students and families access to a quality education option to ensure students are ready for college and the workforce.</p> <p>Social media has made a negative impact on many students and they lack the social skills to communicate effectively. With Character Education at the helm of this school model, I believe Dr. Sager and his team will give student the skills they need to thrive with a balanced approach to learning and becoming leaders.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2024 9:26 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.145.9
Unique ID:	1259316842
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I fully believe and entrust the Novus SMART Academy in all of their endeavors. I believe that they will make a difference in the community. This is the right direction for the education system.



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Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 2:05 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Giles County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

"I am delighted to support Dr. Jeremy Sager and Novus SMART Academy (K-8). I have worked with Dr. Sager at Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in the Innovative Schools department as a district lead. I have always been impressed with his uncanny ability to get things done. Dr. Sager is attentive, methodical, and made a lasting impact in our department and with the schools that he serviced. His commitment to professionalism and productivity makes him a joy to work with.

Dr. Sager has a very positive attitude and was a very supportive colleague. His interest in helping students, principals, and all stakeholders that he worked with allowed him to make meaningful and lasting connections. It is very clear that he is a critical thinker while being very attentive to details. He is very aware of nuance and extremely skilled in synthesizing information to make informed decisions that directly affects the interest of all participants.

When I learned of his leaving from Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, I was deeply saddened at our department's loss. However, Dr. Jeremy Sager's vision for founding Novus SMART Academy (K-8) is nothing short of amazing and will make an excellent additional school option to scholars and families in Rutherford County. Without hesitation I praise his abilities and performance in every aspect of his professional career. I believe his vision to provide all scholars access to rigorous curricula and high- quality academic instruction that fosters a love for learning, embraces innovation and creativity, and encourages personal growth to thrive in their chosen college and career paths, making a positive impact on society speaks to his leadership capacity and love for students and their families. He's ready for the leadership role of Executive Director and can handle any task, large or small, presented to him.

Please feel free to contact me by email ([Shercobia.gordon.hall@mnps.org](mailto:Shercobia.gordon.hall@mnps.org)) or cell phone (615-241-6904) if you have any questions."

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 2:07 pm
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

I am writing in support of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) Charter School's application for charter authorization through the TN Public Charter Commission. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Dr. Jeremy Sager, Founder of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) for the past five years. Due to the amount of time that I have been acquainted with Jeremy along with my educational background and experience as a charter school authorizer, I feel that I am in an excellent position to attest to his ability as an innovative and strong education leader.

Dr. Sager is an analytical leader who has an exceptional ability to listen to diverse opinions and collaborate effectively and efficiently, with students' best interests in mind. He is a visionary, one who sees the big picture and can inspire others to work at the highest level of professionalism. He has been actively involved in school reform and understands how students learn and what it takes to ensure leaders and teachers are supporting students to reach their highest potential. I have always characterized him as a leader and an innovator. As a lifelong educator, he is a firm believer that great teachers must be in every classroom, great leaders must be in every building, and strong structures must be in place across districts and networks to ensure sustained success.

Jeremy's work experience and training in the Build. Excel. Sustain. (BES) program prepared him for the work that is ahead for all stakeholders in the Rutherford County community. Novus SMART Academy (K-8) will ensure all scholars are successful through the delivery of high-quality academic instruction using extended time and blended learning specifically in literacy and math, with a strategic two teacher model. I've engaged in numerous conversations with Dr. Sager about the mission and vision of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and I believe that he is fully prepared to support this very important work at the highest level.

The decision to approve charter school applicants is complex. At the core of the decision, there must be a demonstrated commitment and willingness to become immersed in a community and fully embrace all aspects from cultural dynamics to barriers. I am more than confident that Novus SMART Academy (K-8) will provide exemplary learning opportunities for the families in Rutherford County. My belief and support of the mission and vision of Novus Academy stand firm, and I am committed to continuing my support of Dr. Sager's work by serving as a member of his advisory council. I support the approval of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) Charter School's application, a decision that will provide a high-quality choice option for Rutherford County families.

With urgency and hope, I request that Novus SMART Academy (K-8) is authorized to enact this important educational initiative. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

I am writing in support of Novus SMART Academy (K-8), a new charter school planning to open in the fall of 2025 in Rutherford County, Tennessee.

I have known Dr. Sager personally and professionally for a little over a year. Prior to his current role as the proposed CEO and Lead Founder at Novus SMART Academy (K-8), he served as my English/Language Arts (ELA) counterpart, leading the secondary literacy program for all our priority schools in Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS). We worked side-by-side to successfully support the turnaround work of MNPS priority schools, recently "graduating" three schools (2 middle, 1 high) in the last two years.

Dr. Sager is also well versed in the world of Charter, having successfully served as a principal for Republic Schools in Nashville. He is passionate about ensuring ALL students have access, and the supports needed, to receive a high-quality education. His career has focused on supporting student success for historically marginalized populations. His position at MNPS was designed to support school leadership, literacy coaches and teachers in an effort to break the cycles of providing an inequitable and disproportionate education to students. Dr. Sager's journey as an educator is not a career, but rather a labor of love.

Novus SMART Academy (K-8) is a unique opportunity for Rutherford County Schools to "close the gap" and to become a model school/district in Tennessee to provide all students with an equitable education so that they may become productive, well balanced, critical thinkers. Although Rutherford County exceeds Tennessee's averages in many ways, our State continues to underperform when compared to the national average. When considering the urban regions of Rutherford County, that dynamic (predictably) shifts. Although 38% proficient in math and 43% proficient in ELA exceeds TN norms, it is still far below the ideal of 80% or better.

Dr. Sager has proven, both in his prior work and in MNPS, that he is a vision-driven and "boots on the ground" servant leader working to improve opportunities for our students. I am honored to support Dr. Sager and Novus SMART Academy (K-8) in becoming a model for schools in Tennessee and across the nation.

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Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 2:11 pm
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Back Office Service Provider
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

I am writing in support of the Novus Smart Academy charter school petition that is under consideration for your approval.

Based on EdTec Inc.'s considerable experience since 2001 in working with numerous charter school development teams and operating charter schools, we offer the following statements of support for consideration: EdTec has been working with Novus Smart Academy for several months and has developed a strong working relationship with the Novus Smart Academy development team. Our assessment of the team and the organization is that they are capable, conscientious, and dedicated to providing a rich instructional program to the students and communities to be served.

When the Novus Smart Academy petition is approved, the school plans to contract with EdTec for its comprehensive charter school back-office support services. EdTec will provide its expertise, guidance and support in the successful launch and business operations of the school. EdTec has built an excellent reputation with charter schools and their authorizers throughout the nation for providing the highest quality business and operations support.

EdTec is a social venture founded in 2001 to develop, support and advance quality charter schools. Our exceptional team has provided unparalleled expertise and support to over 250 charter schools and charter developers across a comprehensive range of services. EdTec provides business, educational support and school software solution services - exclusively to charter schools. EdTec's economies of scale deliver senior, experienced personnel specializing in various areas of school management, development of benchmarks and best practices.

We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that the Board may have regarding our services and how we plan to support the Novus Smart Academy staff and board. Please let us know if EdTec can be of further assistance. We look forward to the potential of supporting the launch and operations of the school and to the potential of working with the Rutherford County community.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am writing this letter of support for Dr. Jeremy Sager and the Novus SMART Academy Founding Team. In the current world we live in, there is a need for more rigorous curricula and high-quality academic instruction in schools. In my opinion, Novus SMART Academy will be the perfect addition to the Rutherford County Schools district, laying a strong foundation for learners at an early age.</p> <p>I expressed interest in serving as a founding member for Novus SMART Academy. As a higher education administrator and faculty member, the vision for Rutherford County through the high-quality work of Novus SMART Academy will provide high quality support for students as well as the community. My recent departure to fulfill a role in another state has changed my ability to provide the necessary physical support to Novus SMART Academy, however, I would be remiss not to provide this letter of support for Dr. Sager and the development of Novus SMART Academy.</p> <p>Lastly, without a doubt, I believe Novus SMART Academy will flourish in the Rutherford County Schools community. Students will be provided with an outstanding education that will prepare them for the real world and a postsecondary credential whether it is for the workforce or academics related. Novus SMART Academy will notably make a long-lasting and positive impact in Rutherford County as well as the world of education!</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 2:14 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am writing this letter to express my support for the opening of Novus SMART Academy, a proposed Kindergarten through 8th grade school for the families of Rutherford County, Tennessee. As a resident of Smyrna, I believe this school will play a crucial role in providing students with an exceptional educational experience that prepares them for high school, post secondary, and beyond. Since most students attending schools in LaVergne and Smyrna are performing below the statewide average in math and English Language Arts, I understand the need for our students to have a more rigorous educational program that combines high-quality curricula and instructional practices as well as a focus on personal growth, innovation, and creativity.</p> <p>The mission and vision outlined for Novus SMART Academy align with the values I have for educating our youth. Offering rigorous curricula will ensure that students are academically challenged and well-prepared for higher education and their future careers. Additionally, the emphasis on innovation and creativity is vital in preparing students to contribute meaningfully to society. The school's commitment to nurturing personal growth will ensure that students develop into well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of purpose and self-awareness. Novus SMART Academy's approach to education will empower students to thrive on their chosen paths and contribute to the development of future leaders who will shape a better world.</p> <p>As a result, I wholeheartedly support the opening of Novus SMART Academy and believe that it will provide a high-quality option for the students and parents in Rutherford County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 2:16 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

I am writing this with great enthusiasm and genuine admiration for Dr. Jeremy Sager - a dedicated educator whom I had the privilege of working alongside during my tenure as a principal at RePublic High School. I am pleased to express my wholehearted support for Dr. Sager and Novus SMART Academy.

During our time working together, Dr. Sager consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership, innovative thinking, and an unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of our students. He played a pivotal role in reigniting the zeal for excellence and a first-class experience for families at our sister school; I believe that, truly, showcased his ability to envision and implement positive change within school communities.

The vision outlined in Novus' application reflects Dr. Sager's deep understanding of educational best practices, dedication to fostering a supportive learning environment, and a keen awareness of the unique needs of students. He has always been at the forefront of advocating for student success, and I am confident that Novus SMART Academy will, again, be a testament to his leadership and passion for education.

Dr. Sager possesses a unique combination of skills that make him well-suited for the challenges of establishing and leading a charter school. His ability to collaborate with colleagues, engage with parents, and inspire students sets him apart as an exceptional educational leader. I have no doubt that Novus and Rutherford County will benefit greatly from Dr. Sager's visionary approach and commitment to educational excellence. Beyond his individual strengths, the collaborative and supportive nature he brings to a professional setting fosters a positive and inclusive culture. His ability to build strong relationships with both staff and students creates an environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to contribute to the success of the school community.

Again, I wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Sager and Novus SMART Academy. I believe that their establishment will be a tremendous asset to families. Thank you for considering this letter of support, and I am confident that Dr. Sager will continue to make significant contributions to the educational world that we believe that ALL students deserve.

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2024 2:19 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / OS X
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposal of Novus SMART Academy. This K-8 school will provide the students and families in Rutherford County with a high-quality educational option. The careful thought and consideration in the academic model create an environment where teachers can reach various students with different learning styles. The three-pronged approach of asset-based, inquiry-based, and project-based learning with two teachers in the classroom, K-5, will ensure that our students start their academic journey on strong footing and are exposed to various learning opportunities.

The Nashville Charter Collaborative is the lead advocate for public charter schools in Nashville. We provide valuable resources around student and family support for schools, elevate school leaders and their best practices, and support the navigation of the authorizing and accountability processes. After spending time with Jeremy Sager and learning more about his vision for the students of Rutherford County, I am excited by the mission and vision of this leader. Jeremy has a history of strong leadership but his deep passion for responsive teaching and ensuring that he creates an environment that fosters a love for learning is what sets him apart as someone that we are confident will improve not just the academic outcomes but the life outcomes of those students that attend Novus SMART Academy.

I am confident that the addition of Novus SMART Academy will contribute positively to the education of the students in Rutherford County. With a research-based academic model, a thoughtful parent partnership program, and a true passion for embracing innovation and creativity in service for great life learning, this charter school proposal is particularly compelling and deeply needed within the community.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact that Novus SMART will have in Rutherford County.

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## Written Comment

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and its proposed CEO/Lead Founder, Jeremy Sager. I have had the privilege of knowing Jeremy for a few years now, and have witnessed firsthand his unwavering commitment to K-12 education, passion for student success, and exemplary leadership skills.

I have been consistently impressed by Jeremy's integrity, work ethic, and dedication to improving educational outcomes for all students. Jeremy's academic background, including a Doctor of Education in Administrator Leadership for Teaching and Learning, and his extensive experience in education, make him a highly qualified and capable leader for Novus SMART Academy.

Novus SMART Academy's mission and vision align seamlessly with the values and goals of the broader education community. The commitment to providing scholars with rigorous curricula, fostering a love for learning, and promoting personal growth reflects a dedication to excellence that is essential for student success. The innovative academic focus and plan outlined in the Novus SMART Academy Abstract demonstrate a thoughtful and strategic approach to addressing the unique needs of scholars in Rutherford County, Tennessee.

The need for Novus SMART Academy is evident when considering the educational landscape in Rutherford County. While overall performance in math and English/Language Arts in the county is commendable, the data indicates a gap in achievement for scholars in La Vergne and Smyrna. Novus SMART Academy has identified this gap and is poised to provide a solution through high-quality academic instruction, extended learning time, and a strategic two-teacher model.

Moreover, the proactive approach of Novus SMART Academy to partner with Rutherford County Schools and address the challenges presented by the countywide rezoning plan demonstrates a commitment to equity and inclusivity. By providing an additional school option, Novus SMART Academy aims to support scholars and families, ensuring that they have access to high-quality education without uprooting them from their current communities.

Jeremy Sager's track record of success and accomplishments in education, including achieving TVAAS Level 5 Reward School Status and being recognized as a 2022 Public Charter School Changemaker, attests to his ability to lead Novus SMART Academy towards academic excellence and positive transformation.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and Jeremy Sager as the proposed CEO/Lead Founder. Their commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities aligns with the values we hold dear in the public school community. I am confident that Novus SMART Academy will play a pivotal role in enhancing the educational



landscape in Rutherford County and making a lasting impact on the lives of scholars and families.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information or support.

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## Written Comment

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and Lead Founder, Dr. Jeremy Sager. As a founding member of the advisory board and someone deeply committed to quality education, Novus SMART Academy (K-8) holds tremendous potential to positively impact the educational landscape in Rutherford County.

Being the Founder and Executive Director of Independence Preparatory Academy in Fairfield, AL, and witnessing the transformative power of charter schools, I am convinced that Novus SMART Academy (K-8) will provide a unique and innovative educational experience for students in this community. The focus to prepare students with the skills needed to collaborate appropriately with their peers, to think critically and creatively across all content, and to solve real world challenges through Asset-based Learning (ABL) in Arts/Electives, and Character Education, Inquiry-based Learning (IBL) in Science and Research (i.e., Reading, Writing, and Social Studies), and Project-based Learning (PBL) in Science, Math and Technology aligns seamlessly with the needs and aspirations of the next generation student.

One of the key strengths of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) is its commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment. The emphasis on ensuring all students succeed through delivering high-quality academic instruction using extended time and blended learning, specifically in literacy and math, with a strategic two-teacher model, reflects a dedication to creating a school culture that encourages academic excellence, critical thinking, and personal growth.

The comprehensive community engagement strategy also sets Novus SMART Academy (K-8) apart. The school will create a holistic learning experience beyond the traditional classroom setting by involving parents, local businesses, and community organizations.

Dr. Jeremy Sager is an experienced and dedicated educator with success in leading schools in the Nashville area. Coupled with the visionary leadership of the governing board, I am confident that the Novus SMART Academy (K-8) team will ensure the school's successful establishment and sustained growth. As a charter school founder, I understand the challenges and rewards that come with such an endeavor, and I am enthusiastic about the positive impact this school will have on the lives of Rutherford County students.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse the approval of Novus SMART Academy (K-8). This school has the potential to become a beacon of excellence in education and contribute significantly to its students' intellectual and personal development.

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<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am writing to offer my support for Dr. Jeremy Sager and Novus SMART Academy, which he is proposing to establish. Students in La Vergne, Smyrna, and the greater Rutherford County community deserve the best in teaching and learning.</p> <p>Dr. Sager and his development of Novus SMART Academy embodies the characteristics needed to provide an inclusive and equitable learning environment that will engage and challenge students to reach their full potential for career and college readiness. With the support of the community and partnership with Rutherford County Schools, I firmly believe that Novus SMART Academy will propel the growth of every student that enters its doors.</p> <p>Dr. Sager's experience as an administrator, instructional coach, teacher, and BES Fellow has built his capacity to design, found, and lead a high-quality school focused on implementing researched-based practices and strategies. Dr. Sager has a profound ability to build relationships that nurture and foster growth, inspire change, and encourage hard work. These skills will serve Rutherford County Schools and Novus SMART Academy well as he recruits students and builds community support overall.</p> <p>I urge you to authorize Novus SMART Academy as an additional school option for students in the Rutherford County Schools district.</p>

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## Written Comment

I am writing to support Novus SMART Academy charter school and its leader, Dr. Jeremy Sager. Through Dr. Sager's K-12 school experience, professional knowledge, and community engagement. I am sure his leadership and potential new school will make a difference in your county.

I have known Dr. Sager professionally since 2016. He was hired as a Power Center Academy Middle School Dean of Instruction. As Dean, he was responsible for instructional coaching, curriculum implementation, and site-based school assessments. During his tenure, the school maintained a Level 5 TVAAS status and met their annual academic targets. Dr. Sager provided sound professional development and coaching programs for our teachers. Later, Dr. Sager was promoted to the position of school leader at our Ninth Grade Academy campus. The Ninth Grade Academy provides bridge programming to increase high school student's success and preparation.

Throughout Dr. Sager's tenure with Gestalt Community Schools, Dr. Sager provided both instructional and operational leadership. As an instructional leader, Dr. Sager developed and facilitated high-quality professional development that addressed our teachers' development and students' instructional needs. As an operational leader, he strategically and ethically managed resources, and assigned and scheduled staff roles and responsibilities that helped to optimize their capacity and address our scholars' learning needs.

Dr. Sager balances instructional and operational leadership to set the foundation for an effective charter school in Rutherford County. Novus SMART Academy will provide an educational experience that will change the trajectory of their students' lives by providing authentic, real-world instruction within a Project-Based Learning environment.

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## Written Comment

I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Jeremy Sager for the establishment of the Novus SMART Academy K-8 charter school in Rutherford County. Having known Dr. Sager since our time together in MCS/MSCS during Efficacy Trainings, in 2011, I have witnessed first-hand his unwavering dedication and competence in the field of education.

Dr. Sager's impressive tenure as a District Instructional Literacy Coach and a PLC Coach at Treadwell Middle School laid a strong foundation for his leadership skills. His participation in the Emerging Leaders Program with New Leaders for New Schools is a testament to his commitment to continual professional growth. Moreover, his experience as a Curriculum & Instruction Team Writer and an English Teacher at Craigmont High School illustrates his deep understanding of academic content and effective teaching strategies.

One of Dr. Sager's most commendable qualities is his ability to manage complex relationships and work effectively with diverse communities. This skill, coupled with his passion for urban public education and a long-term commitment to K-12 public education, makes him an ideal leader for Novus SMART Academy. Dr. Sager's previous role as School Principal at Nashville Prep with RePublic Charter Schools, where he achieved TVAAS Level 5 Reward School Status, showcases his exceptional capability in school leadership. His recognition as a 2022 Public Charter School Changemaker by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools further validates his expertise in transforming schools in academics, culture, and operations.

The mission of Novus SMART Academy is both ambitious and necessary: providing all scholars access to rigorous curricula and high-quality academic instruction. This mission, coupled with an innovative academic plan that includes extended time and blended learning, a strategic two-teacher model, and a focus on Asset-based Learning, Inquiry-based Learning, and Project-based Learning, positions the academy as a beacon of educational excellence.

Dr. Sager's track record in leadership, management, and his ability to foster an environment conducive to learning and personal growth is unparalleled. Under his guidance, I am confident that Novus SMART Academy will not only achieve but surpass its goals, ultimately benefiting the scholars of Rutherford County and the broader community.

I urge the Commission to support the establishment of Novus SMART Academy K-8. Dr. Jeremy Sager is the ideal candidate to lead this innovative and much-needed educational initiative.

Thank you for considering this endorsement.

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## Written Comment

I eagerly support Dr. Jeremy Sager as he works to design a scholar-centered academic program in Rutherford County, Tennessee.

I was personally introduced to Dr. Sager during his role as Freshman Academy Principal at Power Center Academy High School in Memphis, Tennessee. As his Leadership Coach, my role included supporting Dr. Sager and his Leadership Team as they implemented research-based work to support freshmen scholars. This work included developing systems that focus on data analysis and next-step planning to ensure that freshmen scholars receive the support needed to remain on track for on-time graduation and experience post-secondary success.

I found Dr. Sager's abilities to be outstanding! At the start of our work together, Dr. Sager began with the most important part of leadership-relationship building. His teachers were eager to meet the established expectations because of the culture of collaboration he fostered. He also involved scholars in both the planning and implementation phases of systems development, and because of this, they were compelled to meet, and they exceeded, the social and academic goals that were collaboratively set., which included 100% of 9th graders be on track for on-time graduation at the end of online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I have no doubt that Novus Smart Academy will benefit scholars both socially and academically, providing them with authentic and applicable learning opportunities. Dr. Sager is an excellent planner, and his openness to feedback allows for a continuous improvement methodology that will make for a successful learning environment.

I am eager to read of the success the scholars of Novus Smart Academy will experience, and I am willing to support Dr. Sager as he works diligently to bring this rewarding educational opportunity to the scholars and families of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

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## Written Comment

I, Lakenna Booker, Founder and Head of School of Memphis Merit Academy Charter School, am writing to express my wholehearted support for the charter petition submitted by Novus SMART Academy, a kindergarten through 8th-grade charter school in Rutherford County, Tennessee. As the Founder and Head of School at Memphis Merit Academy Charter School, I have had the privilege of collaborating with the Lead Founder of Novus SMART Academy, Mr. Jeremy Sager.

I am pleased to inform you that Memphis Merit Academy had the honor of hosting Mr. Sager during a fall residency, providing him with a firsthand experience of the work involved in founding and operating a high-performing charter school. Through our residency program, Mr. Sager had the opportunity to immerse himself in the mission of Memphis Merit Academy, which is centered around rigorous academics, high-quality instruction, and character development for scholars in kindergarten through 8th grade.

As the Lead Founder of Memphis Merit Academy and a former BES Fellow, I understand the challenges and dedication required to successfully establish and operate a high-performing charter school in an underserved community. During Mr. Sager's residency, I provided guidance and support, sharing best practices in areas ranging from data analysis to daily operations. I have witnessed Mr. Sager's dynamic leadership and his commitment to the mission of creating a school aligned with the values and principles that make Memphis Merit Academy successful.

I am proud to serve on the advisory council for Novus SMART Academy, further underscoring my belief in the school's mission and vision. Novus SMART Academy is designed to provide an extended school day and year, crucial elements in delivering a robust academic program. Much like Memphis Merit Academy, Novus SMART Academy recognizes the significance of extended time for foundational literacy development and the cultivation of essential skills in mathematics and reading.

Moreover, Mr. Sager understands the importance of fostering a strong school culture that is both motivating and invigorating. The school model is structured to provide a supportive learning environment with high expectations for behavior, academics, homework performance, and character development. These elements are fundamental to the academic success of children Memphis, and I am confident that Novus SMART Academy will contribute significantly to the educational landscape of Rutherford County.

The core beliefs of Novus SMART Academy, centered on the belief that all students can and will learn at high levels, align seamlessly with my own convictions. I firmly believe that all students possess the resilience and potential to excel on the path to college, and we need more schools like Novus SMART Academy in Tennessee's underserved communities to ensure equal opportunities for all students.

In conclusion, I humbly request your support in authorizing Novus SMART Academy Charter School to provide a promising future for the families in Rutherford County. I am confident that the school, under Mr. Sager's leadership, will make a lasting and positive impact on the educational journey of its students.

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<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for the opening of Novus SMART Academy as a charter school serving students in grades kindergarten through 8th grade in Rutherford County under the leadership of Dr. Jeremy Sager. I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Sager when he did a short-term residency at our school, Crosstown High, in the fall of 2023. During his time with us, Dr. Sager spent a lot of time with our staff and students, both learning from the work we are doing, as well as sharing and getting feedback on his school plans. We were impressed with his vision for Novus and his commitment to providing a high-quality educational option for the students of his community.</p> <p>As a co-founder of a charter school myself, I understand the type of hard work and perseverance it will take to successfully launch and grow and based on my interactions with Dr. Sager, I believe that he has what it takes to open a school that will be an asset to the region and its students. Our team is particularly excited to see another school implementing inquiry-based and project-based learning in Tennessee. The school's commitment to equity-centered support with culturally responsive strategies, as well as character development, is also something that we believe will add tremendously to the educational landscape of our state.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this recommendation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.</p>
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<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>It is my pleasure to support the establishment of Novus SMART Academy. Novus SMART Academy's goals that I believe are very important are to serve the traditionally underserved through college preparation. I grew up in Alabama. I was a very smart kid from what was considered a financially poor family. Therefore, this type of educational environment would have been ideal for a child like me and others who I knew showed great potential but did not have the specialized learning opportunities that Novus SMART Academy desires to provide this community.</p> <p>I have lived in Rutherford County since July 2012, and I have had the privilege of raising my son here. Rutherford County provides a great school system; however, I chose to allow my son to attend a private Christian school. For me, this private Christian school experience for my son with a rigorous curriculum was most attractive. In addition, I know that my son is being aggressively and intentionally prepared for college after high school. Schools like Novus SMART Academy will offer families like mine similar opportunities without tuition costs.</p> <p>With the middle Tennessee area growing so rapidly, in my opinion, there is room for exceptional and specialized school options like Novus SMART Academy. I wish Dr. Jeremy Sager and his team great success as they move through this process. If there is additional information required, please contact me at paula.jones3@gmail.com.</p>

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## Written Comment

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the proposal for the Novus SMART Academy, being presented to TN Public Charter School Commission by Jeremy Sager. I am confident that you will find intriguing, Jeremy's passion for educational excellence, and his mission to partner with Rutherford County Schools to provide additional school options for our community's young scholars.

As a business owner and resident in Rutherford County, I am fully invested in the growth of our community. I have two school aged children who attend our public school system, and I am proud of the strides that are being made to continuously improve their teaching environments. I hope that my journey in having obtained a graduate-level degree will have some bearing on the baseline and trajectory of our community's uprising scholars. The value that I place on education and Novus's well-manicured plan easily became drivers in me accepting the role as a non voting Advisory Board Member for Novus SMART Academy.

Having an immediate understanding of trends in our exponentially growing community, such as the Rutherford County Schools rezoning plan, the Novus SMART Academy curricula will provide learning environments that are aligned with Rutherford County's goals of early intervention and high-quality academic instruction. The Novus SMART Academy will also be responsive in helping alleviate socio-economic inequities that arise with rapid growth such as being experienced in Rutherford County.

I fully support the efforts of Novus SMART Academy to plant and grow an academic institution in our community. I hope that you will receive the proposal for Novus SMART Academy as beneficial and complimentary of the efforts that Rutherford County Schools are making.

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## Written Comment

My name is Jeffrey Takiue, Director of Educator Leadership with Teach For America in Nashville and Chattanooga. I am a retired educator, spending 21 years in the Hawaii Public Schools as a teacher, academic officer, and principal. Two years ago, I moved to Smyrna with the hopes of providing my three children with better opportunities. After exploring our options, I chose to place my children at a small private school in Smyrna. Throughout my research, I was disappointed to see the academic outcomes of the various public schools in Smyrna.

Jeremy Sager and I connected a few months ago and he shared his vision for Novus SMART Academy. I was immediately impressed with the depth of his passion and his extensive preparation of starting a new public charter school. He was able to answer the many questions I had about the school's strategy, planning, growth, and leadership. Jeremy shared his background and the support system he has with the BES Fellowship. I believe he has the strengths, skills, and support to be an excellent school founder.

In addition to Jeremy's talents, I was very impressed with his heart for the Smyrna and La Vergne community. Jeremy and I share the belief that schools have the ability to catalyze change for not only students, but for the entire community. Jeremy shared the strategies of how Novus is engaging families and community partners. His thoughtful and patient approach is a strategy I have seen build authentic and genuine relationships with all school stakeholders.

In looking at the student outcome data for Smyrna and La Vergne schools, I am saddened by the results. I have no doubt that every educator in every classroom is trying their best to support students. However, when you have perpetually lower student outcomes, the root cause is often the larger systems within the school and the district. Over time, school systems develop an inertia that is difficult to break.

Charter schools have proven to be an effective strategy to break that inertia in school districts. I believe that Novus SMART Academy, under Jeremy's leadership and vision, will attract and develop a staff that is able to have agile decision-making that is responsive to the needs of their students. I strongly support Jeremy Sager and Novus SMART Academy for their charter approval.

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<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>My name is Kathryn Abid Ali and I am writing this letter in support of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and Dr. Jeremy Sager. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Sager when he was a Lead Literacy Specialist for Metro Nashville Public Schools.</p> <p>Dr. Sager was an asset to our Literacy Department and demonstrated strong leadership skills. His communication skills and kindness are two of his attributes I remember the most. Part of his responsibilities as my Lead Literacy Specialist were to support me in my role as a school based Literacy Coach. Dr. Sager communicated our District expectations and initiatives clearly. He always made time for my questions and responded in a timely manner. He was also such an uplifting, positive, solutions-focused leader. His balance between strength and compassion will be very important in his role at Novus SMART Academy, which aligns to his vision to support scholars through Asses-based Learning in Character Education.</p> <p>Please accept this letter of support for Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and Dr. Jeremy Sager. I am confident that Dr. Sager will continue to be a great leader in the capacity of CEO/Lead Founder.</p>
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<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>On behalf of the 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee, Inc., I am writing this letter in support of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) to be led by Jeremy Sager.</p> <p>The mission and vision of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) to inspire and unlock the full potential of young scholars through extraordinary learning experiences so they can be successful on their academic and professional journey directly aligns with our own mission. 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee, Inc. offers a program called 100 KINGS which offers academic enrichment, leadership development, and college and career readiness on Saturdays and over the Summer to underserved Black male youth, 5th-12th grade, located throughout Middle Tennessee. Since many of our students currently come from Rutherford County, it's comforting to know that we'll be able to continue building on a solid learning foundation established by schools such as Novus SMART Academy.</p> <p>As a nonprofit leader who has worked with students for over 25 years across the United States and abroad to help them achieve academic success and secure internships that led to full-time job opportunities, it is my honor to support other leaders like Jeremy Sager who are committed to helping our young people live a fulfilling, desired lifestyle.</p> <p>If you require additional information, please email me at <a href="mailto:andre.lee@the100.org">andre.lee@the100.org</a>. Thank you so much for your strong consideration of Novus SMART Academy.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>This is to express excitement and support for the formation of Dr. Jeremy Sager and Novus Smart Academy as a charter school in Rutherford County. We have entered into conversations with Dr. Sager regarding future partnerships between Novus Smart Academy and Carpe Artista Arts Academy.</p> <p>Novus Smart's stated mission of "career preparation" is very much in line with Carpe Artista's mission for creating career path training in entertainment and the arts.</p> <p>We look forward to further conversations with the leadership of Novus Smart regarding Carpe Artista Academy providing instruction in music, visual art, theater and production with them to their students.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>This letter is to offer my full support to Dr. Jeremy Sager and Novus SMART Academy Charter School, which has been proposed to be established in Rutherford County. Dr. Sager's astuteness to educate all students has been recognized throughout the State of Tennessee for yielding high student success rates and impeccable leadership as a documented school leader who led Nashville Prep to Reward School Status during the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>As a current education practitioner, I know that it is imperative to have high-quality school options that focus on the whole child. I believe Novus SMART Academy Charter School will provide the support students need academically, socially, and emotionally to thrive and reach their fullest potential. As the school-aged population of Rutherford County continues to grow, families should have a choice as to which school their children should attend.</p> <p>Dr. Sager is a well-accomplished educator that has numerous credentials and experience that will ensure that Novus SMART Academy will be a beacon of joy and educational achievement in the Rutherford County community. Therefore, I support Novus SMART Academy Charter School as an additional option for students and parents that deserve a high-quality education and I sincerely hope that this school will be approved as a charter school to begin operations during the 2025-2026 school year.</p>
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	BES Coach and Leadership Mentor
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy



## Written Comment

This outlines my full support of Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and its founder, Dr. Jeremy Sager.

Jeremy is a 2023-2024 Fellow with Build. Excel. Sustain., a highly selective, nationally recognized non-profit that trains high-capacity leaders to design, found, lead, and sustain high-performing charter schools. I have worked closely with Dr. Sager through the Fellowship and observed his commitment to building a school with the community, his desire to lead with excellence, and the knowledge, skills, and experience he brings to this work. Jeremy is a truly committed leader with expertise in illiteracy education, post secondary pathways, assessments, research, school operations, professional development, school leadership, and instructional coaching.

Jeremy has spent over a decade in education as a literacy and PLC coach, resident leader, dean, and principal. His experience spans a variety of schools and educational settings with a high emphasis on excellent school leadership and demonstrating measurable and improved academic outcomes for students.

Jeremy's vision for Novus SMART Academy (K-8) is to inspire all scholars to unlock their full potential through extraordinary learning experiences that lead to successful college journeys and fulfilling careers, empowering them to positively impact society and achieve remarkable success in all aspects of life. To accomplish this, Jeremy has collaborated with many local organizations and stakeholders to design a school that responds to the community's needs. Additionally, the school and the founding team's vision taps into the collective talents and strengths of the students they intend to serve.

Likewise, Jeremy's experience in instructional coaching laid a foundation for a clear and coherent vision for a rigorous instructional approach and a school design. He has designed his proposed school to include social-emotional learning options that create an environment that affirms the voices of all students and builds them into exceptional scholars.

Working closely with Jeremy during this process has been a true privilege. His leadership and the intentionality behind his school model will ensure that Novus SMART Academy (K-8) is a high achieving school that meets the needs of Rutherford County's scholars and families and is an asset to the region.

I fully support the Novus SMART Academy (K-8) and its lead founder, Dr. Jeremy Sager.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Please do not introduce another charter school into our community, as it will further deplete the valuable resources allocated to our public schools. The diversion of funds from public schools to private corporations is detrimental to the quality of education for all students in Tennessee. Many parents in Rutherford County are already withdrawing their children from charter schools and returning them to public schools, severely impacted by the loss of resources, including teachers and essential educational tools. I know that the technology needed for Tennessee's mandated tests needs updating; nevertheless, plans for updating were thwarted because you have sucked funds to give to these private cooperations. This trend underscores the negative consequences of diverting public funds to private entities. Stop it.</p>

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Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	68.53.95.25
Unique ID:	1259716559
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>While I am not against charter schools overall, I am against the state being able to override local districts in deciding to approve a charter school. Local communities should have the final say since it is that community it will impact the most. Charter schools should not be forced on communities. Especially the way the financial funding is set up, it is not fair to the local school districts. Please let the local district and community decide what is best for the community and district.</p>

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Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	Public schools fulfill the needs of students. If parents want a different choice they need to pay for it. Resources that Public schools need should not be used for this option.

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Submission Time:	August 28, 2024 10:51 am
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Unique ID:	1259876222
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	4
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I would like to announce my support for the Novus Smart academy. The biggest reason being 2 teacher classrooms. It allows no student to fall under the radar and easier to monitor attentiveness. The extended school year and smart model will also reinforce the ideology that kids will be prioritized and educated and thrive in this environment.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 28, 2024 12:13 pm
Browser:	Chrome 127.0.0.0 / Windows
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Gwinnett
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support Novus Smart Academy because I truly believe children need options and support that provide what is best for an individual and their specific needs.

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Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	107.127.49.92
Unique ID:	1260093823
Location:	35.9104, -86.762

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>The members of the Rutherford County School Board were elected by the citizens of this county to decide how to address education in Rutherford County. These members and prospective members have the opportunity to run on various platforms, including charter schools. Our elected board has decided this is not a good idea for our County and the State should respect the will of the Board/citizens. If there were majority support of charter schools in Rutherford County, Board members supporting that issue would have been elected. Do not siphon additional funds from our Public Schools against our wishes in order to force another unwanted Charter School down our throats.</p>

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Supporter
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I'm writing in support of Novus SMART Academy. All children deserve educational options that work for them, and Novus offers parents the choice of a high-quality, rigorous and student-focused education for their children.



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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Out of state / GA
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague in coaching in public schools as well as serving together in an educational non profit
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Equity in education is a phrase often used to describe our public schools, but is more challenging to implement from policy making all the way to daily interactions within the walls of the classroom. The work represented by Novus Smart Academy is an intentional effort from all levels to make strides to ensure equity for all students a daily reality.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
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Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Glad I can support! I also believe deeply that all children deserve education options that work for them!

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Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	I wish to speak in support for RuCo Schools.

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Yes to Novus!

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The Novus SMART Academy public charter school will be an asset to the community and the young minds it will cultivate. I strongly recommend The Novus SMART Academy be approved it will be a life changer and we need Novus SMART education.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The Novus SMART Academy public charter school will be an asset to the community and the young minds it will cultivate. I strongly recommend The Novus SMART Academy be approved it will be a life changer and we need Novus SMART education.

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The Novus SMART Academy public charter school will be an asset to the community and the young minds it will cultivate. I strongly recommend The Novus SMART Academy be approved it will be a life changer and we need Novus SMART education.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools



## Written Comment

I am asking the State Charter Commission to deny Novus Smart Academy's appeal to open in the Rutherford County School District. As a parent of a student who currently attends Rutherford County Schools, I have several reasons why I want the board to deny the appeal, but I will focus on two.

1. The public school system's funding is based on previous school year enrollment. Rutherford County is one of the fastest-growing school districts in Middle TN. The district is consistently fighting an uphill battle to fund the entire system (50+ schools) with the current funding model. Rutherford County Schools are never funded appropriately because of the growth. Granting access to this charter school will take necessary dollars away from a school system already struggling to provide for its students. The public school system needs this funding for teachers, for support staff, for building maintenance.

2. Our local school board denied this charter school's original application and the decision should stay in the hands of the people who know the needs and concerns of the Rutherford County School system. The main reason for denial was budgetary reasons. Our board knows the difficulty this district is having in supporting our current students. If your commission overrules our school board, the state should fund this charter school and not Rutherford County Schools.

The budgetary issues are currently impacting my child's education and this is why you must not overturn a decision made at the local level. A decision made by those who are trying to ensure Rutherford County Schools remain the best-performing schools in the state. A decision that was made by some board members who are very pro charter schools. My daughter's class sizes are too large for the individual attention every student deserves. The average class used to be 24ish students, now it's 31ish. The air conditioning unit does not work in her wing of their school building. She had to attend school in classrooms that were above 90 degrees this week; a week of record-setting high temperatures. The district has had to cut back on educational programs to help children due to the lack of funding. I could go on and on about the ways our school system is "making do" with its current funding deficit which will only get worse if this charter school is approved.

Again, please deny the Novus Smart Academy's appeal.

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am a parent of three children in the RCS district. I want more choices when it comes to where I can send my child to school. Not all kids fit in the same box when it comes to education, so give parents options.

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Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 6:11 am
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I think Novus Smart Academy and the academic enhancement components it plans to bring to the community deserve an opportunity to support the Rutherford County education system.

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Application Staff or Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus SMART Academy is an investment in the future of our children and our community. This school is here to come alongside of Rutherford County, not replace them or compete. I believe that this is a school that has a model of sustainability and longevity that will make a positive impact for scholars and families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Williamson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Spouse of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe that Novus SMART Academy will offer a unique curriculum that supports the success of students giving them a robust learning experience, focused on high-quality instruction and character education, that will allow them to excel not only in the classroom, but outside of the classroom.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:29 am
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	This charter school will provide parents with more choices for their children's education.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:31 am
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe the class sizes with 1 teacher to 12 students at Novus will allow for more personalized attention for each student.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:34 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The innovative teaching methods and curriculum focused on asset-based learning, inquiry-based learning, and project-based learning at Novus SMART Academy will better prepare our students for the future.



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Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:39 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
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Unique ID:	1260854295
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus' focus on innovation will help our kids succeed in a technology-driven world.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:41 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260854636
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am confident that this school will bring a fresh approach to education through innovation and creativity that will inspire students to achieve and position them up for success in our community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:43 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260854979
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	After much research and learning more about Mr. Sager's vision, this charter school will be able to adapt quickly to the needs of their students in Rutherford County with a focus on high-quality instruction and character education.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:45 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260855265
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	My interest was particularly peaked with their approach of project-based learning that will nurture the students' skills in working with others and enhancing their cognitive skills.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:47 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260855628
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I think having a school like Novus in our community will not only benefit the community and students, but also show a great partnership between Novus and Rutherford County to enhance our educational system.

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	The two-teacher model is not seen often in the classrooms. By implementing this model, I believe that all students will be given the attention they need to succeed in school and in life.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:53 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260856532
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The diverse learning models Novus charter school will help develop well-rounded students for college, careers and the future.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:56 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260856982
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Montgomery County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The Rutherford County community will benefit from the educational innovation through Technology that Novus will bring students. Hopefully this school will establish a location in Clarksville as it continues to grow in middle Tennessee.



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Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 9:59 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260857448
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I believe that this school will offer tailored educational experiences in the two-teach classroom, meeting the unique needs of each child.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:01 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260857713
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The new charter school has a strong emphasis on challenging the student and instilling healthy discipline through character education, which is vital for where the world is going.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:04 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260858151
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus will provide a nurturing environment for our children to learn, grow and thrive in their education for their future in college, career and life.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:12 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
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Unique ID:	1260859593
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus' IBL approach will greatly benefit the students to be more curious and creative in the classroom. There is much research that shows that IBL has proven to be effective in the development of students.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:14 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260860007
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Mr. Sager's experience in Education has equipped him to lead Novus Smart Academy. His vision for not only the children and the community, but also for teachers and school leaders, will lead to positive change and provide students with real-world learning opportunities in a nurturing environment.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:16 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260860323
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	With a focus on academic excellence, Novus will set a high standard for education community and equip students to be self-disciplined through character education, which will prepare them for the future.

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	The two-teacher model will allow teachers more freedom and flexibility to not only focus on curriculum and give more attention to each child, but it will also create space for more creativity and focus on teaching material in a differentiated way.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:20 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260860923
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	The sense of community fostered by the Novus Smart Academy through character education will positively impact students, parents and the community.



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:23 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I think the desire to have Novus Smart Academy gives families an option that might better fit their child's learning style in a smaller classroom environment.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:25 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus Smart Academy's commitment to sustainability and the three learning methods are robust and forward-thinking. Having these three learning approaches positions the school and the children to excel in college, career and life.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 10:27 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260862050
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Davidson County
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Novus Smart Academy will be a place where students can thrive both academically and socially. Both academia and social skills go hand in hand in a student's success and when there is a focus not only on education, but also building community within, it boosts the confidence of a child and aids in their learning overall.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2024 12:40 pm
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1260887493
Location:	36.0571, -86.6729

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Colleague of Dr. Sager
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Sager at Power Center Academy Middle School in Memphis, Tennessee before he moved to the Nashville area to pursue other career opportunities. During that time, Dr. Sager demonstrated good character and integrity with our staff as the Dean of Instruction, and he loved our scholars and families so much. He worked hard and was willing to do the work with the staff. He also took time to mentor our young male scholars who had challenges in the classroom because of personal challenges outside of the classroom. He has quite the sense of humor and he always finds the positive in every situation.

Through his process of opening Novus SMART Academy, I have had several conversations with Dr. Sager about this school and how he wants to serve his community. I really like that every classroom will have two teachers to support learning in small groups, and the focus on character education through SEL. I am truly inspired, but not surprised, by Dr. Sager's mission to open a school that will support all children, especially in underserved communities. If anybody believes that all children can achieve and commit to make it happen, Dr. Sager is the man! I've seen him do this with my own eyes, like when he ensured that 100% of the 9th grade scholars at the high school were on track for on-time graduation in the middle of the pandemic, and they demonstrated TVAAS Level 5 growth in English I. He is unstoppable in a way that does not make excuses for what children can do!

When Novus SMART Academy opens, it will definitely be a great environment for families and I am sure this school will become a staple in the Rutherford County community. Who knows; maybe one day Dr. Sager will open a location in Shelby County and I would love to be a part of that process.

Thank you for time and let's get this school open.

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 3, 2024 9:31 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	66.72.133.237
Unique ID:	1261788956
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am a Rutherford County parent, teacher, and citizen. I oppose my tax dollars going to any more charter schools unapproved by our board. The last charter that was forced on our district against the board's wishes has had a disastrous start to the year, yet they have already received our funding. Even if their students bail and return to public schools, our district will not be compensated.</p> <p>As a teacher, we are already feeling geh budget cut because of paying for charters that our district did not want. Our students have less technology this year, and teacher leaders are not being compensated for their time as they once were.</p> <p>If the state continues to force charters on our high-performing district, I will assume the state has no interest in actually funding public schools and only cares about wealthy friends and donors who run these charters. If the will of our ELECTED board continues to be overturned by Governor Lee's friends, I foresee a continual draining of our public tax dollars from our public schools into as we have NO say in where our money goes. The government overreach is staggering and offensive.</p> <p>If the state continues to insist on their pet projects, they should</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use the same funding formula for all schools.</li><li>2. Pay for those schools with state dollars and assume responsibility for them.</li></ol> <p>It is wrong to force a school district and its citizens to pay for a charter school they don't want.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2024 9:59 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	99.153.47.21
Unique ID:	1261929373
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal. Charters should be funded by the body that approves them: If the State of Tennessee bypasses local school board concerns to approve a charter school, our public school district should not be on the Hook to fund the school.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2024 10:24 am
Browser:	Firefox 129.0 / Windows
IP Address:	75.35.197.149
Unique ID:	1261940941
Location:	35.8451, -86.4901

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal. Our district cannot afford to siphon off millions of dollars to more charter schools while our county schools are in desperate need of resources for teachers, support staff, building upgrades and much more. What ever happened to the idea of small/local government making its own decisions? Charters should be funded by the body that approves them: If the State of Tennessee bypasses local school board concerns to approve a charter school, our public school district should not be on the hook to fund that school.</p>



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2024 10:26 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.221.219.7
Unique ID:	1261941591
Location:	36.1406, -86.7508

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Rutherford County Schools
Written Comment	<p>I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal. Our district cannot afford to siphon off millions of dollars to more charter schools while our county schools are in desperate need of resources for teachers, support staff, building upgrades and much more. Public Schools are not given the same funding advantage as charter schools: Public schools are funded based on the previous year's enrollment numbers, while charter schools are funded based on estimates/projections. Charter Schools should follow all the same funding as public schools, end of story.</p> <p>Charters should be funded by the body that approves them: If the State of Tennessee bypasses local school board concerns to approve a charter school, our public school district should not be on the hook to fund that school.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2024 1:06 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 128.0.6613.95 / Android
IP Address:	107.119.65.128
Unique ID:	1262017532
Location:	33.3792, -86.6969

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am asking the board not to override what we and our county board have decided yet again. We are not against charter schools but we do not need the strain of diverting yet more funding from our public schools that need it to these "private" entities which we have said no to. If the state decides to override our board's decision then the state should fund these charter schools they approve, not our county schools who denied them. Please stop overriding our choices and forcing us to pay for something we have already denied! Thank you.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2024 10:34 pm
Browser:	Safari 17.5 / OS X
IP Address:	174.49.31.99
Unique ID:	1262216444
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy

As a community member; a leader of a nonprofit service organization; and church ministry committed to the success and development of our children, I would like to express my strong support for the establishment of Novus SMART Academy. This school will provide vital educational opportunities that focus on preparing students for college and career pathways, setting them on a trajectory for lifelong success.

One of the standout features of Novus SMART Academy is its commitment to personalized learning with its small classroom model, where each teacher will work with just 12 students. This approach ensures that every student receives individualized attention, fostering an environment where they can thrive academically and personally. The extended school year also allows for deeper learning and retention, ensuring that students stay on track and receive the extra support they may need.

In addition to academic rigor, Novus SMART Academy prioritizes character education, teaching values such as respect, responsibility, and kindness. This balanced approach of academics and character-building is essential for developing well-rounded young people who are prepared to become engaged citizens.

The Smart Module program-focused on science, the arts, and research, with a strong emphasis on technology-will equip students with the skills and knowledge they need in today's rapidly evolving world. By fostering creativity, critical thinking, and technological proficiency, Novus SMART Academy is creating future leaders in a variety of fields.

I also appreciate the proposed location at 102 Ridley St., Smyrna. This will make the school accessible to many families in the area, providing an excellent educational option for those seeking a more personalized and forward-thinking approach to learning.

I wholeheartedly support this initiative and encourage others in our community to do the same. Thank you to the Novus SMART Academy team for their vision and commitment to our children's future.

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New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS  
September 5, 2024 7:59 am  
Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows  
69.245.47.62  
1262299040  
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I wish to comment in support of	Rutherford County Schools

## Written Comment

I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal.

While I appreciate the state has made investments into public education, charter schools have an advantage of operating like small private institutions. The question I ask is how a non-profit from Minnesota would be allowed to move into Tennessee and siphon education dollars from our local district into what is essentially a private school. Novus schools have approximately 1,000 k-12 students in their schools or the equivalent of HALF of a Rutherford County high school.

In what scenario does this create equity for MY student who is a senior in Rutherford County school?

Will buses run to this school from all over the county? If not, does this create a situation in which only families whose lifestyle or socio-economic status allow them to participate in this school?

What about sports? If Novus does not have a sport a student is interested in, is the student allowed to participate in a sport at a Murfreesboro school? Would they be able to choose which school they choose as their team?

I have many friends who teach in Middle Tennessee schools. They would seemingly fall into the demographic of those Novus would attract with the exception that they have a deep commitment to public schools and all they stand for and are deeply committed to their own communities.

As a parent to a recent college graduate who attended a state school and now a senior in high school, I suggest a better choice would be to focus on our local schools, remove the drill and test environment which is shown to decrease scores and not improve them, and invest in our larger community, not create segregated publicly funded private education in the state of Tennessee.

IF you override the LEA then charter schools should receive funding in the same way public schools receive funding: actual ENROLLMENT and not estimates. If you are willing to create elitist publicly funded private schools, then you should at least fund them in the same way.

Thank you,

Dana Croy  
Murfreesboro, TN

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 5, 2024 10:04 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	70.130.91.26
Unique ID:	1262351192
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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Knoxville
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	I grew up in Rutherford County and went to Rutherford County schools for elementary and middle school.
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am adamantly opposed to the approval of charter schools that will further strain the budget of an already strained school district. Though I now live in Knoxville, I was born in Murfreesboro in 1990, and I went to Rutherford county schools all the way through middle school; and both of my older sisters attended RuCo schools all the way through high school. I look back fondly on my school years, with teachers who took interest in me, and supported me in the ways that I needed to be supported. The only thing wrong with public schools is the politicians who underfund them. Stop underfunding public schools.</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 5, 2024 8:58 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 128.0.6613.95 / Android
IP Address:	107.3.197.126
Unique ID:	1262611779
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal.</p> <p>Rutherford County CANNOT afford to provide for our kids as it is. I am strongly opposed to diverting millions to charters. We do not want them.</p>



Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 11:07 am
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Rutherford County Schools

Written Comment	<p>Dear Charter School Board,</p> <p>I wrote a letter to you yesterday connecting the current Novus Academy request for Rutherford County to a different Novus school. My apologies. Regardless of my misunderstanding of which school was applying, my sentiments remain the same.</p> <p>~No public dollars for private ed ~If you do authorize, it should be based on actual enrollment not projected ~Reduce state testing requirements as the data clearly shows the ongoing teaching to the test lowers our scores AND hampers the ability for public educators to do their jobs and bring creativity to the classroom ~IF you authorize, they should be required to use the state curriculums and requirements as you require of the public schools</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Dana Croy parent to a senior at Siegel High School</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 1:30 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	174.49.31.99
Unique ID:	1262856114
Location:	35.8437, -86.3881

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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	We need more of these kinds of academic institutions.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 3:02 pm
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	69.180.205.22
Unique ID:	1262892333
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	Please see the attached letter. Thank you!
<b>Written Comment</b>	<a href="https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/16876460401">https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/16876460401</a>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 3:56 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1262910889
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am pro education and I believe all learning opportunities are vital and beneficial to our community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 4:27 pm
Browser:	Safari 15.5 / OS X
IP Address:	198.231.30.236
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I am support of the Novus SMART Academy K-8 charter school. As an employee of Motlow and a resident of Murfreesboro, adding a charter school will give the county a more educational options to prepare our students for higher education and life.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 11:43 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	174.212.160.159
Unique ID:	1262990076
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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<b>What is your resident district?</b>	Chattanooga
<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Church member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I think Novus will be a great addition to the Smyrna area.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2024 11:46 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	174.212.160.159
Unique ID:	1262990293
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	This would be a great school!!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 7, 2024 10:23 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	68.186.132.190
Unique ID:	1263054163
Location:	35.4825, -86.4629

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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	I work for Motlow State Community College
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	As the director of mechatronics for Motlow State, I support the opening of the Novus SMART Academy in Smyrna. Motlow partners with area schools to offer dual enrollment classes, and I would welcome the opportunity to support the Novus SMART Academy as well. Students thrive in varying environments depending on their personality and aptitude, and I am confident the Novus SMART Academy will offer a quality educational option that will be a good fit for some students.



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New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS

September 7, 2024 11:56 am

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I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy
Written Comment	I support this new effort.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 8, 2024 1:06 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.6 / iOS
IP Address:	104.28.32.220
Unique ID:	1263267861
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I wish to comment in support of	Rutherford County Schools

Written Comment	<p>I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal. We are not against charter schools in general but we want to prioritize tax dollars supporting the many needs of our existing public schools.</p> <p>Our district cannot afford to siphon off millions of dollars to more charter schools while our county schools are in desperate need of resources for teachers, support staff, building upgrades and much more.</p> <p>Public Schools are not given the same funding advantage as charter schools: Public schools are funded based on the previous year's enrollment numbers, while charter schools are funded based on estimates/projections. Charters should be funded by the body that approves them: If the State of Tennessee bypasses local school board concerns to approve a charter school, our public school district should not be on the hook to fund that school</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 8, 2024 4:10 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 17.5 / iOS
IP Address:	68.72.132.248
Unique ID:	1263303695
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I oppose the opening of NOVUS Smart Academy. Charter schools need to be approved by the local school board if that money is going to be coming from their budget. If the state insists on the opening of NOVUS Academy, it needs to get its funding through the state education department. Rutherford Co. cannot afford it. Ruco public schools are already underfunded and need all of the money allotted to them to meet needs of children within the community and in order to keep providing services to students at the same level</p>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 8, 2024 5:57 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 128.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	174.238.164.50
Unique ID:	1263327164
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	I support Novus SMART Academy

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 8, 2024 6:58 pm
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	73.58.243.203
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Rutherford County Schools
Written Comment	I am writing in favor of Rutherford county schools and against the current proposal for Novus SMART academy. It is clear that the funding methods setup for NOVUS and Rutherford county are not at all intended to be fair and fiscally responsible. NOVUS basing funding over future projections just invites inaccuracies and corruption to generate incorrect funding amounts since there is no past data to rely on. Meanwhile Rutherford county funding is based on last years data which at the minimum provides a baseline for what actual funding is needed to efficiently operate the school and provide proper support for our kids.

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Submission Time:	September 8, 2024 10:10 pm
Browser:	Chrome 128.0.0.0 / Windows
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Unique ID:	1263382548
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<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Candidate for TN House of Representatives District 37
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools

## Written Comment

Tennessee Public Charter School Commissioners,

I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal. I have several concerns with regards to the funding mechanism for charter schools. First, our LEAs are funded based on prior years' student population, while the charter schools are funded based on their projected enrollment for the same school year. This funding inequity causes millions of much needed dollars to be reallocated from the existing school budget to fund the charter schools in advance. I believe this money could be put to better use for the funding of land costs, as we have an urgent need to build three additional school buildings to alleviate overcrowding. Rutherford County schools currently utilize 27 portable classrooms, many of which are at least 25 years old.

Secondly, Rutherford County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state, averaging 1,000 additional students every year. This again puts additional financial pressure on the school budget. In essence, we are actually running at a two year budget deficit for every new student! Forcing our LEA to reallocate even more money to pay for another charter school would truly be detrimental to the financial health of our county. As one school board member stated regarding where the money was going to come from to purchase land for our new schools if we have to pay for additional charter schools, the answer was to ask the County Commission to fund the land purchase by raising county taxes. In 2023, we incurred a 16% county tax increase and an additional tax increase(s) would not be welcome by our citizens when it is caused by something out of the county's control.

Per the U.S.Census Bureau's latest estimate, Rutherford County has seen its population rise from approximately 262,000 to 361,000 since 2010. Our rapid growing pains are very real. We have been trying to keep up with the additional services needed for roads, fire and police department personnel, buildings and other infrastructure, in addition to building the new schools this population explosion continues to require. Rutherford County is no longer considered to be a rural county but a suburban county. The state legislature has effectively tied the hands of our County Commissioners to generate adequate funding to pay for these additional costs by refusing to pass legislation which would allow the county to implement an impact fee on all new housing and commercial projects. This effectively denies Rutherford County an additional way to generate government revenue. This also has a direct effect on our county school budget every year.

Lastly, I feel very strongly that the Tennessee Board of Education should directly fund all charter schools instead of requiring local school boards to pay for the charter schools up front out of their own budget. This is especially true for any charter schools approved by your commission after being denied approval by the local LEA. It also appears that there is no limit to the number of charter schools one county can support, regardless of

which entity gave the approval. Additionally, the fact that a local LEA can not appeal your commission's approval of an appealed charter school application is extremely troubling to me. I firmly believe that there should be additional legislation passed which will place some commonsense guardrails in place for the protection of our local LEAs.

Thank you all for taking the time to consider my comments in support of the Rutherford County Schools. I look forward to attending the public meeting on September 9, 2024.

Sincerely,

Cheri Brown, Candidate  
State House District 37



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I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy

## Written Comment

Good afternoon, My name is Kayce Howard, a proud resident of Rutherford County and the Facilities Operations Manager at Living Truth Christian Center, where Novus SMART Academy will open and operate in August 2025.

I'm incredibly honored and excited to stand before you today as the Facilities Operations Manager and Philanthropist, but more personally, as a new mom. My daughter has completely transformed the way I see the world, especially when it comes to education. I want the absolute best for her, and I know that sentiment resonates with every parent and grandparent here today. The opportunity to partner with Novus SMART Academy in offering our facilities for their innovative programs fills me with a deep sense of joy and purpose. I now understand, more deeply than ever, the importance of high-quality school options for all families.

As a child, my parents made the decision to send my siblings and I to private school & I particularly was homeschooled because the public schools in our zone didn't offer the consistency or equity that all students deserve. While I'm eternally grateful that my family had the financial resources to make that choice, I'm also acutely aware that many families in Rutherford County, especially those in underserved communities, don't have that same privilege. They feel trapped, with no access to better educational options that could secure their children's future.

This is why I'm so passionate about our partnership with Novus SMART Academy. Dr. Sager and his team are building something extraordinary-a place where every child is seen, valued, and given the tools to succeed, regardless of background or circumstance. Novus SMART Academy has the potential to become a beacon of hope, a place where both students and families feel a genuine sense of belonging and empowerment.

Today, we have the chance to provide families with an option that might have otherwise been out of reach. I am deeply honored to be part of this mission, and I wholeheartedly believe we are going to create something transformative for our community.

I urge you, commission members, to vote in favor of opening this school. Let's make this dream a reality for Rutherford County!

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Submission Time:	September 9, 2024 9:03 am
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal. We are not against charter schools in general, but we want to prioritize tax dollars supporting the many needs of our existing public schools. Our district cannot afford to siphon off millions of dollars to more charter schools while our county schools are in desperate need of resources for teachers, support staff, building upgrades and much more. Public Schools are not given the same funding advantage as charter schools: Public schools are funded based on the previous year's enrollment numbers, while charter schools are funded based on estimates/projections. Charters should be funded by the body that approves them: If the State of Tennessee bypasses local school board concerns to approve a charter school, our public school district should not be on the hook to fund that school. Please consider all of these points and help protect our students and teachers and public education. Thank you.</p>
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<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools

<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>I am asking the State Charter Commission to listen to the budget concerns of the Rutherford County school board and deny NOVUS SMART Academy's appeal. We are not against charter schools in general, but we want to prioritize tax dollars supporting the many needs of our existing public schools. Our district cannot afford to siphon off millions of dollars to more charter schools while our county schools are in desperate need of resources for teachers, support staff, building upgrades and much more. Public Schools are not given the same funding advantage as charter schools: Public schools are funded based on the previous year's enrollment numbers, while charter schools are funded based on estimates/projections. Charters should be funded by the body that approves them: If the State of Tennessee bypasses local school board concerns to approve a charter school, our public school district should not be on the hook to fund that school. Please consider all of these points and help protect our students and teachers and public education. Thank you.</p>
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Application Staff or Board Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>My apologies for the delay in this letter of support.</p> <p>I fully support Novus SMART Academy's opening in Zone 1.</p> <p>The students are still coming and we need seats, especially on the north end.</p> <p>All the best,</p> <p>Tammy Sharp RCS Board Member 2018-Present 615-839-4687</p>

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Submission Time:	September 9, 2024 3:52 pm
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Community Member
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Novus SMART Academy
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>As a dedicated advocate for education and the growth of our community, I wholeheartedly support the establishment of Novus Smart Academy in Rutherford County. This institution is positioned to become a beacon of innovation in education, offering students a unique, technology-forward curriculum that will prepare them for the ever-evolving demands of the 21st-century workforce.</p> <p>In a time where global competitiveness is driven by advancements in technology, coding, and critical thinking skills, Novus Smart Academy stands out for its commitment to equipping students with the tools they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world. Its focus on personalized learning, interdisciplinary approaches, and real-world application ensures that each student receives not only a strong academic foundation but also the problem-solving skills required for success.</p> <p>Rutherford County is growing rapidly, and with it, the need for diverse and forward-thinking educational institutions. Novus Smart Academy promises to fill this gap by offering an environment that encourages curiosity, creativity, and leadership in a way that traditional educational models have struggled to achieve.</p> <p>I believe that Novus Smart Academy will not only elevate the academic potential of its students but also contribute positively to the broader community. It's a step forward in ensuring that all children, regardless of background, have access to a top-tier education that prepares them for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.</p>

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Submission Time:	September 9, 2024 5:03 pm
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Novus SMART Academy

Written Comment	<p>I am a proponent of school choice. Not all students fit in a box when it comes to the education process. The more options or choices we have as a parent gives our children the best opportunity to find the right fit for them so they can flourish. The bad press that is being put out about the other charter schools is full of misinformation and keyboard warrior smears.</p> <p>RCS isn't accounting for the future growth of Smyrna with the expansion of the city's sewer system. It is going to exacerbate the growth in the Stewarts Creek, Rocky Fork zones as well as zones north and east of Smyrna. While RCS is trying to get a handle on the situation they won't be able to because the growth will happen faster than they can move to build new schools. The only chance they have in my opinion is by allowing more charters to find and or build the relief valves as only the private sector can.</p> <p>I am a Realtor and yes I helped RCP and ACAR find the dirt and building that both campuses are operating on. I see the problem in a different light from a different perspective. My kids are at Stewarts Creek and the school is over capacity. The number I was told from a school board member is it is operating at 130% of capacity. If you purchase a home in the Stewarts Creek zone and your kids aren't already enrolled there then your kids can't go to the school and your kids are bused to Stewartsboro. What is that costing the district in additional transportation costs? Also is the district really referring to portables with no running water in them as part of the capacity for a school? Some municipalities will only allow portables to be in use for two years as a code before they have to be removed and yet RCS feels like that is a viable permanent solution.</p>
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 12, 2024 9:11 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 128.0.0.0 / Android
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Parent of children in Rutherford County Schools
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools



## Written Comment

I am a parent of children in Rutherford County Schools, and I live just across from Rutherford Collegiate Prep. The disastrous start of the school year at the school was hugely evident and created a ripple effect across our community.

If multiple children and been lost in one day at a RCS, there would have been public accountability to the public outcry. Instead, after having difficulty finding any local entities over RCP, I reached out to this commission and was told by Mr. Pendergrass to "keep in mind that this is a brand new facility in its first week of operation." This statement drastically downplays the traumatic experiences of these lost children and their families.

It is also my understanding the the Executive Director, Tess Stoval, denied this charter school's application due to her concerns that seemed to be similar to what actually took place at this school those first few days. Instead of listening to community concerns and concerns by the Executive Director, the board moved forward with approval.

Last time I checked, RCP has no teachers or administration listed on their website which is also a concern. There have been questions regarding whether or not the teachers are all licensed.

Please do not take RCS funds to open another charter school. RCS lost funding with the opening of this charter school that was proven to be disastrous and in which many questions still remain unanswered. We are all also fully aware that RCS are at a disadvantage financially compared to charter schools, being that RCS only receive funding based on the prior year's enrollment and charter schools receive funding based on projected enrollment.

Our community says no. Please don't allow this to happen again.

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Novus SMART Academy/RCS
Submission Time:	September 12, 2024 7:12 pm
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<b>Relationship to Application/District</b>	Other
<b>What is your relationship to the application?</b>	Teacher in Rutherford County
<b>I wish to comment in support of</b>	Rutherford County Schools
<b>Written Comment</b>	<p>Rutherford County is a thriving school district where all families have the opportunity to receive a high quality education within the public schools. We are not a district like some of our neighboring districts where that may be questionable. We employ high quality teachers and administrators who have the best interests of our students in mind. We have the best Director of Schools that I have had in over 26 years of being an educator. It is completely unnecessary for Rutherford County to open charter schools when children can get a high quality education in our current schools. It is also unnecessary to take funds away from our current schools to help fund these charter schools.</p>