

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 10:18 am
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have seen the positive impact the schools in Memphis have made on their students and communities. As a member of Nashville's Kurdish community and a father of four children, I believe we need Nashville School of Excellence here. Many families in our community are looking for a strong educational option, especially one focused on STEM and student success. This is the kind of opportunity our families have been waiting for. Please approve Nashville School of Excellence and give our children and families the educational choice they deserve.

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Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 11:22 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
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Unique ID:	1489959299
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What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment	As an educator in 19 years in public-charter school in USA, I strongly support the opening of a new charter school campus in the Nashville area. Nashville families deserve additional high-quality educational options, particularly as Tennessee's accountability data continues to show significant differences in academic performance among Metro Nashville Public Schools campuses, including schools receiving F and D ratings under the state's A-F accountability system. A new NSE campus can provide a meaningful alternative focused on STEM, Artificial Intelligence, college and career preparation, student engagement, academic excellence, and strong parent involvement. Our goal should not be to criticize existing educators or schools, but to expand opportunities for families and give students access to an educational model designed around high expectations, innovation, workforce-ready skills, and postsecondary success. I believe Nashville is ready for another strong educational option. Let's open the door to a new educational facility that can strengthen the community, empower families, and prepare students for college, careers, and the rapidly changing world.
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing to express my support for Nashville School of Excellence. I have seen the positive impact Memphis School of Excellence has had on students and families through strong academics, caring teachers, and a safe and supportive school environment.I believe Nashville families deserve the same opportunity to choose a quality STEM-focused school that helps students succeed and prepare for their future. I strongly support bringing School of Excellence to Nashville.

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Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 12:56 pm
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IP Address:	50.222.212.115
Unique ID:	1489995940
Location:	35.2345, -89.8502

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Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I write in support of the Nashville School of Excellence application, as someone who has spent seventeen years in charter school operations.

The case for this school starts with the community rather than with us. Schools along Nolensville Pike serve English learner populations ranging from roughly a quarter of their students to more than two thirds, and several enroll well over a thousand children. Those schools are doing demanding work, and the ones performing at or above district rates have limited seats and long waiting lists. Families there are choosing among distance, size, and availability. Many are not really choosing at all.

We asked those families what they wanted before we finished designing the school. More than 370 responded. Seventy eight percent named STEM. Fifty four percent named college and career preparation. They told us that technology education was thin in their neighborhood even as Nashville's technology sector grew up around them. So we set aside the pathways we operate in Memphis and built three for this community: cybersecurity, coding, and web design, each ending in an industry certification. Only four schools in Davidson County hold the Tennessee STEM School Designation, and none is a high school. We have earned that designation at an existing campus and will pursue it here. The school is deliberately small. It opens with 150 students and grows to 630 across grades six through twelve, roughly ninety per grade. That scale is the point. It lets a principal know every family, a teacher receive weekly observation and feedback, and a schedule protect daily intervention and enrichment for every student without pulling anyone from core instruction. It is also what families told us was missing: a school close to home where their child is known by name.

We have not waited for approval to begin. Our founding principal is hired and working in Nashville, and he speaks Kurdish, Turkish, Arabic, and Urdu in a corridor that is home to the largest Kurdish community in the United States. We have opened a Nashville office. Two members of our governing board live in the community, and a Nashville parent will join the board within six months of opening. The board has created a committee whose sole responsibility is this school.

We have read the review carefully and do not dismiss it. Where concerns are fair we have made corrections, and we have said plainly which commitments we will accept as conditions of approval, including staffing ratios for English learners and students with disabilities, college and career readiness targets, and our facility decision. If the site we identified cannot work within our budget, we will find another or delay opening a year rather than open in a building that does not serve these students. If this school is approved, our first seniors will graduate in 2033 holding a diploma, an industry credential, and college credit earned before they left high school. Their families are asking for

that now. I respectfully urge approval.

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I moved from Memphis, they were doing great job out there. I believe that they are going to do wonderful job in Nashville

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Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.5 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.146.250
Unique ID:	1490043397
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Dear Members of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission,

I am writing as a Nashville area parent and community member to express my strong support for the approval of the Nashville School of Excellence.

As a father of two young children, Miran and Baran, I care deeply about the quality of education and the opportunities that will be available to them as they grow. I believe Nashville benefits when families have access to high. quality public education that combines academic excellence with character development, innovation, cultural awareness, and meaningful family engagement.

What particularly excites me about the Nashville School of Excellence is its commitment to a rigorous, STEM-focused and hands. on educational model. Nashville is a growing and increasingly diverse community, and our children need schools that prepare them not only to perform well academically, but also to become thoughtful, responsible, creative, and productive members of society.

I also believe that education should recognize and respect the cultural and linguistic diversity that exists within our community. As a parent, I would be very grateful for an educational environment where my children can develop a strong academic foundation while also having opportunities to learn about their cultural heritage and, where offered, Kurdish language and culture. Preserving a child's connection to his or her heritage does not divide communities; rather, it can help children develop confidence, respect, empathy, and a deeper appreciation for the cultures of others.

A school that brings together students and families from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds can become much more than an educational institution. It can become a bridge between communities. Nashville has the opportunity to create a school environment where children learn that excellence and diversity are not competing values, but complementary ones.

I also believe the experience developed through the Memphis School of Excellence model provides an important foundation from which to build a strong Nashville institution. The opportunity to bring experienced educators, proven educational practices, STEM. focused learning, and strong expectations for student achievement to Nashville deserves serious consideration

Most importantly, I believe Nashville School of Excellence can

serve not only one particular community, but the broader Nashville community. A school that welcomes families from different backgrounds and provides students with strong academic preparation, cultural awareness, leadership opportunities, and a pathway toward college and careers can make a meaningful contribution to the future of our city

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to consider the educational, cultural, and community value of Nashville School of Excellence and to support its establishment in Nashville

As a parent, I want my children to grow up in a community where they can achieve academically while understanding and respecting where they come from and appreciating the backgrounds of the people around them. I believe Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to help make that vision a reality

Thank you for your time, your service, and your careful consideration of this important opportunity for Nashville's students and families.

Baris GURGAR

Respectfully

A Supportive Nashville Parent

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Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 3:42 pm
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What is your resident district?	SCS
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Working at Memphis School School of Excellence Elementary Cordova
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I think every child should have different options to get education. Memphis School of Excellence trying to offer that option in Nashville. I know they will provide a good quality, safe education to the students and give parents a chance to have another option to get their kids.

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Unique ID:	1490065011
Location:	35.2345, -89.8502

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What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing in support of the Nashville School of Excellence (NSE) charter appeal. As someone with over 20 years of experience in charter school finance, I have seen firsthand how the Memphis School of Excellence manages public funds. Our schools have consistently received excellent results in financial audits, reflecting strong fiscal responsibility and transparency. Every dollar of public funding has been used properly, ensuring that all students benefit equally and receive a high-quality education. We believe Nashville families deserve the same standard of responsible stewardship and strong academic outcomes. We respectfully ask the Commission to approve this appeal. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 4:10 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
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Unique ID:	1490067804
Location:	35.2345, -89.8502

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing in support of the Nashville School of Excellence (NSE) charter appeal. As a teacher assistant with Memphis School of Excellence, I have seen firsthand the quality of education our students receive every day. Our classrooms are structured, supportive, and focused on making sure every student gets the attention and resources they need to succeed. I have witnessed how dedicated our staff is to giving all students, regardless of background, an equal opportunity to thrive. We believe Nashville families deserve access to the same caring and effective learning environment. We respectfully ask the Commission to approve this appeal. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 5:00 pm
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment	I strongly support the establishment of this charter school in the Nashville area. The organization behind this proposal already has experience operating a charter school in the United States and has demonstrated its commitment to providing students with a strong academic environment, dedicated educators, meaningful family involvement, and a positive school culture. Nashville is a rapidly growing and increasingly diverse community, and families should have access to more high-quality public education options. I believe this school can provide an additional opportunity for students to receive a rigorous education with a strong focus on academic achievement, STEM education, character development, and college readiness. What gives me additional confidence in this proposal is that the organization is not starting from zero. It can build upon its existing experience, lessons learned, and successful practices from its current charter school. Charter schools should ultimately be judged by the opportunities they provide to students and the results they achieve. I believe this organization deserves the opportunity to bring its educational model to Nashville and demonstrate the same commitment to students and families here. For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the Tennessee education authorities to approve this charter school application.
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Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 8:06 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / OS X
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Unique ID:	1490125197
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Dear Members of the Tennessee Charter School Commission, I respectfully submit this comment in support of Nashville School of Excellence and its appeal. I kindly ask the Commission to give thoughtful consideration to the school's commitment to its students, families, and community, as well as its continued efforts toward educational excellence and improvement. Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and service to Tennessee's students and families. Respectfully, M. D.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 19, 2026 9:02 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	108.248.214.254
Unique ID:	1490135023
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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment	My name is Esra, and I am a mother of four children and a biology teacher with 12 years of experience in education. As both an educator and a parent, I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence and would like to see this school become an option for families in Nashville. For my children, I am not simply looking for a school that offers a few STEM classes. I want a school where STEM is embedded throughout the entire educational model-where science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are connected across subjects through hands-on learning, projects, problem-solving, and real-world applications. I believe this type of education will better prepare my children for college, careers, and the rapidly changing world they will enter. I am also looking for a school that can provide strong English language support. As a parent, it is very important to me that my children receive the ESL support they need while still having access to challenging academics and STEM opportunities. I believe Nashville School of Excellence can provide both. Families should have access to different educational choices that meet the needs of their children. Nashville School of Excellence is the kind of STEM-focused, supportive school I would choose for my children, and I respectfully ask the Commission to approve this school for Nashville families.
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Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	104.28.32.219
Unique ID:	1490404899
Location:	35.8437, -86.3881

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What is your resident district?	Cookeville
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support the Nashville School of Excellence. They have already proven themselves in Memphis. Students and parents have shown a high level of satisfaction with their schools. They have years of experience and strong values. They care about education, student success, and creating a safe and supportive environment. I believe Nashville families deserve more high-quality school options. Nashville School of Excellence can bring its experience and successful approach to our community. And we have high numbered people community here including Turks, Kurdish, Azerbaijanis, ozbeks and other Turkic countries people all around the world, so there is high demand for this kind of school and I really believe this school will provide demanded education. I fully support opening the Nashville School of Excellence and believe it will be a great opportunity for Nashville students and families.

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Submission Time:	August 20, 2026 2:53 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.7922.112 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1490408362
Location:	43.7321, -79.5096

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence. I believe this school will provide students and families in our community with valuable educational opportunities, a strong learning environment, and additional choices to meet the diverse needs of our children. As a member of the Nashville community, I believe families benefit when they have access to high-quality educational options that focus on academic achievement, character development, and preparing students for a successful future. I respectfully ask you to support the approval of Nashville School of Excellence and give this school the opportunity to serve the students and families of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence. I believe this school will provide students and families in our community with valuable educational opportunities, a strong learning environment, and additional choices to meet the diverse needs of our children. As a member of the Nashville community, I believe families benefit when they have access to high-quality educational options that focus on academic achievement, character development, and preparing students for a successful future. I respectfully ask you to support the approval of Nashville School of Excellence and give this school the opportunity to serve the students and families of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

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Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.222.212.115
Unique ID:	1490429956
Location:	35.2345, -89.8502

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I would like to recommend Nashville School of Excellence for opening a school in Nashville. I believe this school would provide students and families with a new horizon in education and create meaningful opportunities for academic growth and success. The school has the experience, knowledge, and expertise necessary to make a positive impact on the Nashville community.

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Submission Time:	August 20, 2026 4:33 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.151.172
Unique ID:	1490441378
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	We need this type of school here. Very unique and supports growth for our students. Metro schools are always overwhelmed. This helps school systems have back up plans and not overburden staff and school around metro

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Submission Time:	August 20, 2026 6:52 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Dear Tennessee State Charter School Commission, I am writing as a parent to express my strong support for the Nashville School Excellence charter school application. As a parent in the Nashville community, I believe families should have access to a variety of high-quality educational options that meet the individual needs of their children. I am genuinely interested in Nashville School Excellence as an educational option for my child, and I believe the school would provide a valuable opportunity for families in our community. I respectfully encourage the Commission to give this application careful consideration and to support the opening of Nashville School Excellence. I believe our children and families would benefit from having another strong educational choice in Nashville. Thank you for taking the time to listen to parents and consider our perspectives. Sincerely, A Nashville Parent

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Submission Time:	August 20, 2026 7:36 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
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Unique ID:	1490481563
Location:	32.7797, -96.8022

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Texas
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Former Employee
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment	Dear Commissioners, My name is Sam, and I am writing to express my strong support for the appeal of the Nashville School of Excellence. As a former charter school employee, I have seen firsthand how strong charter programs transform student outcomes. I urge the Commission to approve this appeal based on the following: Educational Quality: The school offers a rigorous academic framework and targeted instruction designed to help students excel. Community Need: It fulfills a urgent demand for accessible, high-performing educational options in our local neighborhoods. School Choice: Approving this appeal empowers parents to select the public learning environment that best fits their child's needs. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Sam
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am a member of Hispanic community, i want this school for my kids. Please approve it.

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Submission Time:	August 21, 2026 11:16 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.5.2 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1490632935
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Sheldby county
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am proud to support Nashville School of Excellence and its commitment to providing students with a high-quality education. Strong schools are built through dedicated educators, supportive families, and a shared belief that every student deserves the opportunity to succeed. I appreciate the hard work of the NSE team and encourage continued support for the school as it serves its students, families, and the Nashville community.

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Location:	39.7684, -86.158

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What is your resident district?	Shelby county
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence for its continued commitment to college and career readiness and student success. The school's focus on preparing students for life after high school, supporting strong graduation outcomes, and helping students pursue college, career, and other post-secondary opportunities makes a meaningful difference. A strong graduation rate reflects the dedication of students, families, teachers, and school leaders working together to ensure every student has a path toward a successful future.

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What is your resident district?	Rutherford
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Acceso a la educacion
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Estuve escuchando las necesidades de esta comunidad y necesitan una escuela en el área

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Great work and effort. Professional approach to the education system

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Submission Time:	August 23, 2026 5:41 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.3.18
Unique ID:	1491095088
Location:	33.9395, -84.2008

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	If they open I will definitely send my children

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Browser:	Chrome Mobile 144.0.7559.95 / iOS
IP Address:	170.203.121.160
Unique ID:	1491099351
Location:	29.7388, -95.8309

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What is your resident district?	Texas
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	We believe they will do very well educating our future generations. Turkish community has strong background on raising succesful kids in Science and Technology fields. This school defintely will add value to our society.

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing to express my strong support for the Nashville School of Excellence. As a local business owner, I understand how vital quality education is for the future and growth of our community. I firmly believe this school will be a valuable asset to Nashville, providing excellent educational opportunities and shaping the future of our local youth.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 9:22 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	156.110.27.80
Unique ID:	1491233188
Location:	35.5144, -97.5865

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Oklahoma City Public Schools, Oklahoma
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Former Founding Principal, Memphis School of Excellence Cordova
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am writing in strong support of the Nashville School of Excellence.

I had the privilege of serving as the founding principal of Memphis School of Excellence Cordova Secondary. Opening a brand-new school in a new community was not easy, but we embraced the challenge. We combined MSE's academic strengths with the local community's strong expectations for athletics, while establishing a culture of high expectations, discipline, and strong communication with parents and stakeholders.

One of our biggest challenges was introducing a home-visit campaign in a community that had never experienced this approach. It was challenging, but it became one of our most productive efforts in building trust and meaningful relationships with families. We also developed partnerships with local businesses and community leaders. Local CEOs supported our robotics programs, visited our school, read to our kindergarten students, and became part of many other unique initiatives that connected our school with the community.

Today, MSE Cordova proudly serves its community, and I see the same determination, energy, and commitment in the Nashville School of Excellence team. I have observed their efforts to reach community leaders, parents, local educators, and other stakeholders even before opening their doors. To me, these actions are among the strongest indicators of what this team is capable of accomplishing.

There is a Turkish saying that captures my perspective well: ****A person should be judged by their actions, not merely their words.**** What we have already accomplished is the strongest evidence of what we are capable of achieving in the future.

Based on my own experience building a school from the ground up and serving a new community, I strongly believe Nashville School of Excellence has the commitment, experience, and community-centered approach necessary to succeed. I respectfully ask the Commission to approve the Nashville School of Excellence appeal and give this team the opportunity to demonstrate what they can accomplish for Nashville students and families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 9:24 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.101.139
Unique ID:	1491234124
Location:	36.2178, -85.5423

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Read Foundation dba Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) application for TSIN STEM Designation. I direct the West TN STEM Hub, a regional K-12 collaborative focused on increasing students' interest in and preparation for STEM career pathways. We (the West TN STEM Hub) have worked with MSE for several years through interactions with both students and teachers. MSE has been active with the West TN STEM Hub (Hub), with teachers and school administrators attending professional development offerings of the Hub, including the annual Innovations in STEM conference and the After School STEM workshops during the academic year. The school has also utilized STEM Ambassadors to support classroom STEM activities and to provide professional development regarding the Hub's resources for MSE teachers. For example, this year the Hub is providing Ambassador support for MSE's Fall Eagle Expo at MSE Elementary Cordova. The Ambassadors are serving as guest judges and share insights with students on how their ideas can make a positive impact in the community. Read Foundation dba MSE is fully committed to providing enriching STEM learning opportunities to their students and embodying the principles established by the Tennessee Department of Education for STEM designation. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at ssalyers@memphis.edu or 901-678-3286.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Ivey, PhD
Director
West TN STEM Hub
Professor
Department of Civil Engineering
University of Memphis

Written Comment

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 9:34 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.101.139
Unique ID:	1491237670
Location:	36.2178, -85.5423

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

On behalf of the Tennessee Kurdish Community Council (TKCC), we are writing to express our support for the establishment of the Nashville School of Excellence, a STEM-focused public charter school proposed for the Nashville area.

As the Kurdish community continues to grow in Middle Tennessee, with more than 30,000 individuals, the demand for strong, diverse, and high-quality public education options has also increased. Many Kurdish families value rigorous academics, science and technology education, and a safe, supportive learning environment. We believe that a STEM-focused charter school will be an excellent fit for our community and will help our students build the skills needed for college and future careers.

The Nashville School of Excellence will help meet this demand by offering high-quality STEM education, including hands-on learning in coding, cybersecurity, web design, robotics, engineering, and advanced science courses. These opportunities will prepare our students for modern workforce demands and for careers that are highly needed in today's economy. Their mission aligns closely with the values of our community-education, opportunity, and preparing children for successful futures.

Tennessee Kurdish Community Council proudly supports the Nashville School of Excellence, recognizing its commitment to providing high quality STEM education and fostering community calibration.

Sincerely,

Tennessee Kurdish Community Council (TKCC)
Tabeer Taabur, President
392 Harding Place, suite 215, Nashville, Tn 37210

Written Comment

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 9:40 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.101.139
Unique ID:	1491239821
Location:	36.2178, -85.5423

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Kindly see the attached support letter.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19972169205

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 9:48 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.101.139
Unique ID:	1491242939
Location:	36.2178, -85.5423

Name	Sylvie Braun
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

December 9, 2025

To the Approval Committee:

This letter is written in strong support of the establishment of Charter School of Excellence to Nashville area. Industry is in need of STEM programs in schools that will lead students to careers in manufacturing and other fields. Nashville School of Excellence will be strategically located in the area where the students will be exposed to local manufacturing plants close by, and also close to organizations that can serve as influencers to the students in STEM programs.

The leaders working to establish Nashville School of Excellence are preparing students for high demand careers. STEM programs and activities are creating opportunities for the children to get involved in real world applications, learn about technologies, initiative, productivity, communication, flexibility, problem solving skills, and other skills needed to be successful in the field.

Comefri USA is a manufacturing business unit of Comefri Group, and the plant is located in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Comefri USA is manufacturing fans used in various applications: air conditioning, ventilation, industrial, and serves markets worldwide.

Comefri USA is looking forward to employ students graduating from STEM programs at Nashville School of Excellence, or provide internships to the deserving students that are seeking hands on experience in the field, and apply what they will learn in the school programs.

Best Regards,

Sylvie Braun

CEO

Comefri USA INC

330 Bill Bryan Blvd

Hopkinsville, KY 42240

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Written Comment

<https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19972215743>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 9:55 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.101.139
Unique ID:	1491245534
Location:	36.2178, -85.5423

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	The support letter is attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19972252885

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 11:28 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	172.58.151.169
Unique ID:	1491284430
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am proud to support Nashville School of Excellence as it works towards opening doors and bringing new educational opportunities to students and families in our community. This school has the potential to make a meaningful difference, and I hope others will join in supporting its vision and helping make its opening a reality.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 24, 2026 2:47 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	71.251.58.81
Unique ID:	1491365424
Location:	38.8184, -77.6202

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing to express my strong support for the Nashville School of Excellence charter school appeal. Educational options like this are precisely what Tennessee needs to ensure every student has access to high-quality, tailored learning environments. By prioritizing academic rigor and holistic student development, the school will bring immense value to local families and strengthen our broader community. Investing in innovative public charter schools directly translates to a brighter, more empowered future for Tennessee's youth. I strongly urge the Charter Commission to approve this appeal for the benefit of our students and society.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 9:33 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.148.48.171
Unique ID:	1491584767
Location:	30.0106, -95.4498

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Our experience with School of Excellence has been very positive regarding academics. The teachers are incredibly dedicated, and the focus on science, technology, engineering, and math really pushes the kids to think critically. The strict environment keeps the school safe and orderly. I do hope they expand their after-school clubs and sports programs in the future, but for pure academic preparation and college readiness, it is a top-tier choice in Memphis.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 10:19 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1491603476
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

Name	Frederick Hardeman
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Please see the attached support letter.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19977445379

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 10:29 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1491607642
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

Name	Darrell Cobbins
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment	My name is Darrell Cobbins. As Vice Chairman of the Tennessee State Board of Education, a third-generation real estate professional, serving as Founder and President of Universal Commercial Real Estate Group, PLLC, a commercial real estate firm founded in 2007, I submit this letter as my full support for the proposed charter school application from the Read Foundation to open the Nashville School of Excellence. I have spent many years fighting to make education better for all. I believe that Nashville School of Excellence will provide avenues for students, parents, and teachers in their educational opportunities and life pursuits. Students don't always have options that are viable for their circumstances but Nashville School of Excellence will strive to expose those students to an excellent charter school with strong leaders who are undeniably committed to providing a high-quality education. I believe the Read Foundation's efforts to expand will provide valuable educational opportunities and tremendous student outcomes as a new option to the Nashville community. Thank you for your consideration of the Read Foundation's application.
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Sincerely,

Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19977506111
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 10:33 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1491609327
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Neighbors in Faith it gives me pleasure to provide you this letter of support for the Nashville School of Excellence. I am aware that in the days to come they will be proposing a public charter school that will be focusing on training future leaders for Nashville and beyond. Their plan as I believe you know is to provide a high-quality, college-preparatory education for students in grades 6-12. Our organization is focused on building bridges of mutual respect, trust and understanding between different faith communities throughout the city. As such we are familiar with the various neighborhoods along the northern corridor of Nolensville Pike, an area we understand the school is considering in their proposal. Tearing down walls that separate and building bridges toward one another are fundamental to building stronger, healthier communities. Our experience is that immigrant families are naturally adept for such a task. Furthermore we believe that the Nashville School of Excellence is uniquely equipped as community partners. They have an excellent academic record since 2010 in offering quality STEM-focused programs that build into the student's overall educational DNA beyond reading, writing and arithmetic. Their goal is to see students proficient in foundational literacies, critical thinking/problem solving, and social/emotional skills, just to mention a few. Another strength in their overall educational portfolio is their successful support of immigrant and underserved students. So it is with confidence, I gladly recommend them to you. And I trust that you will see them as another key player along with other schools in the area, to build a brighter, better future for us all.

Sincerely yours,
R. J. 'Jeff' Holder
Neighbors in Faith, Director

Written Comment

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 10:36 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1491610645
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Please see the attached support letter.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19977548140

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 10:39 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1491611977
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

Name	Jerry Johnson
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Please see the attached support letter.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19977567409

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 11:25 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.5.2 / iOS
IP Address:	24.238.73.244
Unique ID:	1491631653
Location:	40.9868, -75.1946

Name	Ilbey Budak
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am planning to move Nashville Area and benefit from high quality education provided by STEM Charter Schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 11:44 am
Browser:	Chrome 144.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
IP Address:	50.220.210.58
Unique ID:	1491639246
Location:	29.8572, -95.3035

Name	zafer kulac
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Phone	9013678714
Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I am a teacher at MSE Mendenhall
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I want another charter school like us open in Nashville. I want the quality education we provide here delivered in Nashville as well.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 11:47 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.7922.112 / iOS
IP Address:	66.199.29.130
Unique ID:	1491640433
Location:	35.1567, -89.9274

Name	Samantha Cook
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I would love to see Memphis school of excellence in Nashville they have helped my son tremendously with his education and advancement in honors classes

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 11:50 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	172.56.73.163
Unique ID:	1491641481
Location:	28.4998, -81.3288

Name	Lacretia Brandon
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	None
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support this cause.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 11:55 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	172.59.222.57
Unique ID:	1491643655
Location:	35.1362, -80.7673

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis school of excellence Cordova
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 12:01 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	99.147.174.84
Unique ID:	1491646058
Location:	39.7684, -86.158

Name	Victoria Townsend
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Current parent at MSE Memphis
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville school of excellence! Amazing school and just what that city needs!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 12:15 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1491652238
Location:	39.981, -75.1699

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	employee of MSE
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing to express my strong support for the opening of the Nashville School of Excellence. Having personally witnessed the success of the Memphis School of Excellence, I have seen firsthand how their STEM-focused model creates an environment where both students and educators thrive. I believe this charter school will be a valuable addition to the Nashville community, providing the necessary support and resources for students to excel and for teachers to succeed in their professional practice.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 12:20 pm
Browser:	Safari 26.5.2 / OS X
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1491654371
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I would like to express my full support for the Nashville School of Excellence. I have witnessed how young people have grown academically, overcome challenges, and gone on to become professionals. In my experience, I see many seizing the opportunity to grow as students and individuals, thereby securing a better future for their families. The type of education and programs offered helps the community by fostering outstanding young people who contribute to their neighborhoods.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 12:45 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	170.211.21.1
Unique ID:	1491664694
Location:	34.6054, -92.6255

Name	Agam Altyyev
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Pulaski County SSD
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Previous Coworker
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support the Nashville School of Excellence's opening of a new campus. This team of educators is well prepared and ready to serve students with any needs and backgrounds.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 12:47 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.5.2 / iOS
IP Address:	172.59.93.199
Unique ID:	1491665921
Location:	38.2105, -85.627

Name	Linda Jackson
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am in support of Nashville School Of Excellence, I feel all students deserve an opportunity to get a better education, I know from experience Memphis School of Excellence, located in Cordova Tn. Is absolutely great. My granddaughter is in all Honors Class and doing great

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 1:12 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	172.4.72.255
Unique ID:	1491676825
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

Name	Marina Anderson
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Phone	(901) 341-3932
Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a parent at Memphis School of Excellence Cordova, I strongly support giving Nashville students and families another high-quality, STEM-focused public school option. My child loves the teachers, principal, and the activities offered at their school. One of the things I value most is the smaller group and classroom sizes, because it allows students to receive more individual attention and helps teachers build meaningful relationships with their students. Our school feels like a family and a close-knit community, and I have seen firsthand how important that environment can be for a child's academic success, confidence, and overall experience at school. School of excellence is where my children feel known, supported, and encouraged to succeed. I believe Nashville families should have access to the same kind of high-quality, supportive, STEM-focused educational environment, and I strongly encourage the Tennessee Charter School Commission to support this opportunity.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 2:26 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	174.200.59.67
Unique ID:	1491706216
Location:	29.7223, -95.6285

Name	Mehmet Uguz
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Houston
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I used to live in that are
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I'm very excited about the opportunity for Nashville School of Excellence to open and become a part of the community. Having more high-quality educational options is a great benefit for students and families. I believe this school has the potential to provide a supportive, engaging, and academically focused environment where students can grow and succeed. I fully support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence and look forward to seeing the positive impact it can have on the community and its students. I hope the school receives the support it needs to open its doors and serve Nashville families!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 4:07 pm
Browser:	Chrome 153.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1491743773
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Phone	(901) 425-2932
Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Memphis School of Excellence is a rising star in Memphis. They bring a new approach to teaching on a whole new level. They are especially good and unique in STEM and College Preparedness. They produce actual results! Nashville families and students deserve to be given this opportunity as well.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 4:21 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	172.59.89.160
Unique ID:	1491748348
Location:	38.2105, -85.627

Name	Edna P Vasquez
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Phone	9014258732
Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Cinse they open on Memphis my kids went to that school and i love they care about spanic people and have always some one who speaks Spanish in their office

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 7:56 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	174.230.145.149
Unique ID:	1491809721
Location:	34.8108, -92.2249

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Nashville School of Excellence will be a great addition to the school system. Please support the school.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 25, 2026 11:41 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	172.59.89.168
Unique ID:	1491849027
Location:	38.2105, -85.627

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Teacher
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	My experience working with the School of Excellence has been nothing short of excellent. From the beginning, I felt like they saw me for who I am and what I could bring to the school. I have grown as an educator by learning effective teaching strategies, ways to support students with different behaviors and needs, and how to work with a diverse group of students. What I appreciate most is the supportive and collaborative environment. Everyone works together, supports one another, and genuinely cares about the success of our students. It truly is a wonderful place to work, and I am grateful to be part of such a positive school community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 5:32 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	108.231.182.158
Unique ID:	1491887565
Location:	35.2962, -89.6615

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Work for the school
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I did my counseling internship at Rutherford District and there is such a large student population in that area, I do believe that parents should be able to have multiple schools to choose from for their children that are public schools.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 9:34 am
Browser:	Chrome 150.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1491948992
Location:	39.981, -75.1699

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	MSCS - Memphis Shelby County Schools
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I wish to support Nashville School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am proud to offer my support for the Nashville School of Excellence and the continued growth of the Read Foundation.

I am a product of Memphis School of Excellence, and this organization has provided me with countless opportunities for professional, academic, and leadership growth. As a former classroom teacher and current school administrator, I have personally seen the impact that MSE has on students, educators, and families.

MSE has provided high-quality professional development, meaningful STEM opportunities, leadership development, and a strong culture of continuous learning. These experiences have helped educators grow into leadership positions, explore STEM-related careers and opportunities, and continue their education through advanced and graduate-level programs. The impact extends far beyond the classroom.

What makes MSE especially meaningful is the sense of community it creates. Our staff members bring their own children and family members into our schools year after year, and families continuously recommend MSE to others because they believe in the education, opportunities, and support being provided.

This expansion is also personal to me. My niece currently attends an MSE school in Memphis, while my nephew lives in Nashville. Opening Nashville School of Excellence would provide families like mine with the opportunity to access the same type of educational experience and community that we have valued in Memphis.

We have seen the success and growth of the School of Excellence model in Memphis, and I believe that same commitment to academic achievement, STEM education, leadership, and family engagement can positively impact students and families in Nashville.

I would be incredibly proud to see the Read Foundation expand this work and provide Nashville families with another high-quality educational option through Nashville School of Excellence.

I wholeheartedly support this opportunity and look forward to seeing the School of Excellence community continue to grow.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 10:32 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1491972934
Location:	39.981, -75.1699

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence and its commitment to expanding access to a high-quality, STEM-focused public education. Nashville's continued growth makes it increasingly important that families have access to strong educational options that prepare students to meet the academic and workforce demands of the future. Students deserve rigorous and engaging learning experiences that develop critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and future-ready skills, while families deserve meaningful choices that reflect the diverse needs and strengths of their children. Nashville School of Excellence would help meet this need by expanding access to a supportive, academically focused learning environment where students can thrive, discover their potential, and build a strong foundation for success in school, college, careers, and beyond.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 11:51 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492011458
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	The support comment is attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983026019

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 11:54 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492012402
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for the Memphis School of Excellence.

As a leader within the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) initiative, I have the opportunity to support schools nationwide on their capacity to implement transformative programs. The Memphis School of Excellence network possesses essential qualities we look for: a vision for powerful learning propelled by technology, a culture of professional learning and coaching, and, most crucially, the human capital to sustain innovation.

Verizon Innovative Learning Schools' goal is not merely to distribute devices, but to bridge the digital divide by empowering educators to teach in new, immersive ways. Memphis School of Excellence has been an outstanding partner and has shown a deep commitment to the Memphis community.

Memphis School of Excellence has been successful in their partnership with Verizon Innovative Learning Schools in the following areas:

- VILS coaches who are intentional in their coaching practices and lead with an impactful coaching model to meet the needs and build the skills of their teachers.
- District leadership that promotes digital equity and focuses on technology innovation as an essential expectation for their students.
- Implementation of strong student tech teams in each VILS school.
- A group of strong teacher leaders who proactively lead, facilitate, and share best technology integration practices in the classroom.

I recommend them without reservation for any opportunity that seeks to invest in high-impact, sustainable educational change.

Sincerely,

Celeste Barretto Milligan (she/her)
Deputy Director, Student Impact
Verizon Innovative Learning Schools
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Written Comment

<https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983038548>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 11:57 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492013933
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	The support letter is attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983059894

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 12:00 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492015350
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Relationship to Application/District	Local Elected Representative
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

To Whom it May Concern,

As Chairman of the Tennessee Education Committee, I am committed to ensuring that all Tennessee students have access to schools that promote academic excellence, psychosocial development, and a rigorous curriculum. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Nashville School of Excellence charter school. I have been a Memphis resident for over 30 years, so I am privy to the success of the Memphis School of Excellence Network. Currently, this organization has an outstanding academic and long-term student success track record. Their commitment to STEM demonstrates their attentiveness to the rising needs within the workforce, while also opening a doorway to endless opportunities for its students. Expanding this school model to MNPS will increase our total number of high-quality public schools, giving families more access to a higher-quality education. The Nashville School of Excellence plans to serve the Southeast Nashville community, considered underserved, in a safe and inclusive environment. NSE's school model will help our students in that area to be better prepared to complete college and thrive in their chosen professions. I fully support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence and eagerly await the success stories that will stem from community partnerships and the hard work of the NSE faculty and staff.

Sincerely,

Mark White
Chair, House Education Committee

Written Comment

<https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983079857>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 12:02 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492016269
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Please see the attached letter.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983092520

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 12:04 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492016949
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Dear Nashville School of Exelence, This letter confirms that Iglesia Monte de los Olivos is committed to parthnership with Nashville School of Excellence. Our support will include: Community outreach assistance Access to family support services Spiritual mentorship programs We pray for your success and stand ready to partner with you. Sincerely, Pastor Rolando Viveros
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983101782

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 12:06 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492017845
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983114535

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 12:08 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492018709
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	The support letter is attached
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983126526

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 12:11 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	174.212.170.79
Unique ID:	1492019784
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/19983141604

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 4:26 pm
Browser:	Chrome 150.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1492121139
Location:	39.981, -75.1699

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	MSCS - Memphis Shelby County Schools
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I wish to support Nashville School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am proud to offer my support for the Nashville School of Excellence and the continued growth of the Read Foundation.

I am a product of Memphis School of Excellence, and this organization has provided me with countless opportunities for professional, academic, and leadership growth. As a former classroom teacher and current school administrator, I have personally seen the impact that MSE has on students, educators, and families.

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We have seen the success and growth of the School of Excellence model in Memphis, and I believe that same commitment to academic achievement, STEM education, leadership, and family engagement can positively impact students and families in Nashville.

I would be incredibly proud to see the Read Foundation expand this work and provide Nashville families with another high-quality educational option through Nashville School of Excellence.

I wholeheartedly support this opportunity and look forward to seeing the School of Excellence community continue to grow.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 26, 2026 4:26 pm
Browser:	Chrome 150.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1492121166
Location:	39.981, -75.1699

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	MSCS - Memphis Shelby County Schools
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I wish to support Nashville School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2026 12:12 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	73.177.12.118
Unique ID:	1492215192
Location:	35.0644, -89.6759

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Teacher at Memphis School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am writing in support of Nashville School of Excellence. As a teacher at Memphis School of Excellence, I have personally experienced how strongly the school supports its teachers, students, and families.

The school encourages professional growth in many ways. Teachers can receive incentives for earning certifications such as STEM and National Board Certification. I earned my National STEM Teaching Certification and received an incentive. I also completed my ESL endorsement and received an incentive, and this training has been especially valuable in helping me support students whose native language is not English.

The school also provides excellent professional development opportunities. I attended a two-day Check for Understanding training for mathematics teachers and a two-day REC Foundation Drone Summit to prepare me to develop a drone/STEM club. Both opportunities were provided at no cost to me. I have also started an educational leadership program, and approximately 80% of the cost is supported by my school/district.

I also appreciate our diverse and welcoming school culture. I feel comfortable and supported at my school, and our administrators are approachable and supportive. We build strong relationships with families through home visits, parent nights, and parent-teacher conferences.

Students also receive support beyond regular classroom instruction. I provide weekly office hours for additional academic help, and the school supports extracurricular activities such as Math League, drone/STEM club, and table tennis. These activities allow us to connect with students in a different atmosphere, understand their interests and strengths, and build relationships beyond academics.

From my experience, the School of Excellence invests in teachers, supports students, engages families, and creates a positive and diverse school community. For these reasons, I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence and hope Nashville students, families, and educators will have the opportunity to benefit from these same opportunities and support.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2026 8:31 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.5 / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.145.119
Unique ID:	1492545386
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support it, it's a charter

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2026 8:33 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	146.75.234.49
Unique ID:	1492545716
Location:	33.5226, -86.8033

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I'm looking forward to see this school accomplish a lot of good to our community and children.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2026 8:34 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	146.75.234.48
Unique ID:	1492545885
Location:	33.5226, -86.8033

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am writing as a Nashville community member to express my strong support for the approval of Nashville School of Excellence.

Nashville is a rapidly growing and increasingly diverse community, and our families deserve access to a variety of high-quality public education options. I believe Nashville School of Excellence would be a valuable addition to our educational landscape, particularly because its model emphasizes academic rigor, STEM education, college readiness, student support, and meaningful engagement with families and the broader community.

What gives me additional confidence is that this is not simply an untested educational idea. The School of Excellence model has already been implemented in Memphis, where it has served Tennessee students and families for years. Bringing that experience, institutional knowledge, and established educational model to Nashville gives our community an opportunity to build upon work that has already been developed within our own state.

As someone who is actively involved in the Nashville community, I regularly interact with families from many different cultural, professional, and socioeconomic backgrounds. One thing is clear: families value having meaningful educational choices for their children. A strong public education system should be able to provide different pathways while maintaining high expectations for academic achievement and accountability.

I also believe that schools are strongest when they become genuine partners within the communities they serve. Nashville School of Excellence's emphasis on family and community partnership is particularly important in a city as diverse as Nashville.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to approve the appeal and give Nashville School of Excellence the opportunity to serve Nashville students and families. Ultimately, families should have access to high-quality educational options, and schools that are prepared to demonstrate strong outcomes should have the opportunity to earn the trust of those families.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your service to Tennessee students and communities.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2026 8:34 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.5.2 / iOS
IP Address:	174.252.147.222
Unique ID:	1492545984
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support the Nashville School of Excellence and believe it would be a valuable addition to the Nashville community. Families deserve access to high-quality educational options that provide students with the support, structure, and opportunities they need to succeed. Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to create a positive, welcoming, and academically focused environment where students can truly thrive. A school that prioritizes student achievement, strong relationships with families, and a commitment to preparing students for their future can make a meaningful difference in the community. I believe the proposed school would provide families with another excellent educational choice and would contribute positively to Nashville's growing and diverse community. I encourage the Commission to recognize the value and potential of Nashville School of Excellence and to support its approval. I respectfully ask the Commission to approve the Nashville School of Excellence charter appeal. I believe this school can become an outstanding educational opportunity for Nashville students and a positive asset to our community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 27, 2026 8:37 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 18.6 / iOS
IP Address:	174.212.166.135
Unique ID:	1492546540
Location:	35.9911, -84.121

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I believe there is a strong need for a school like Nashville School of Excellence in the Nashville community. I would be very happy to see this school open and provide more educational opportunities for students and families in the area. I strongly support its application.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 28, 2026 8:12 am
Browser:	Chrome 153.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.222.212.115
Unique ID:	1492643135
Location:	35.2345, -89.8502

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As an ESL Coordinator at Memphis School of Excellence, I strongly support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence. Expanding access to a high-quality, college-preparatory education will provide more students and families with opportunities to thrive. I especially value the commitment to supporting multilingual learners through equitable instruction, strong academic expectations, and meaningful language development. I believe Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to make a lasting, positive impact on students and the broader community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 28, 2026 8:18 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.4 / iOS
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1492644777
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I'm excited to see our district expand into Nashville and bring the same commitment to academic excellence, opportunity, and student success to even more scholars. The launch of Nashville School of Excellence is a powerful opportunity to build something special for Nashville families while continuing to grow the impact of our district. Expansion isn't just about opening another school-it's about creating more pathways, investing in scholars, and giving families access to high-quality education. I'm proud to support this next chapter and excited to see what's ahead!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 28, 2026 8:21 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1492645448
Location:	39.14, -77.7346

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Desoto County, MS
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I am a teacher at Memphis School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a teacher at Memphis School of Excellence, I know that we provide a significant value to our students and our community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 28, 2026 8:41 am
Browser:	Chrome 144.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1492651275
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Collierville Schools
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support bringing Nashville School of Excellence to the community. I believe students and families deserve more choices and opportunities for a high-quality education. I think a STEM-focused school would be a great option for Nashville students and a positive addition to the community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 28, 2026 9:22 am
Browser:	Chrome 144.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1492664058
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	n/a

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 29, 2026 7:29 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.7977.64 / iOS
IP Address:	172.59.90.210
Unique ID:	1492916321
Location:	38.2105, -85.627

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As an 11 year employee of Memphis School of Excellence, I am confident in the commitment to both students and teachers this organization supports. I believe the STEM model and technology focus is a great need for students and families in the Nashville area.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 29, 2026 8:30 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.7977.64 / iOS
IP Address:	172.59.90.210
Unique ID:	1492923882
Location:	38.2105, -85.627

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As an 11 year employee of Memphis School of Excellence, I am confident in the commitment to both students and teachers this organization supports. I believe the STEM model and technology focus is a great need for students and families in the Nashville area.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 29, 2026 9:23 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	108.66.8.205
Unique ID:	1493038460
Location:	35.9828, -86.5186

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Rutherford
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am a parent and a member of the Nashville community, and I am writing in support of Nashville School of Excellence. As a parent, I know how important it is to have good options when it comes to our children's education. Every child is different, and families should have the ability to choose a school that they feel will be a good fit for their child. I support giving Nashville School of Excellence the opportunity to serve students and families in our community. I believe having more quality school options is good for families and gives parents more of a voice in their children's education. I ask the Commission to approve the Nashville School of Excellence charter application and allow the school the opportunity to move forward.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2026 8:28 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	71.238.172.198
Unique ID:	1493554864
Location:	34.7902, -92.5044

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I proudly support Nashville School of Excellence because I have seen firsthand the success of Memphis School of Excellence. With a strong record of 100% high school graduation and 100% college acceptance, I know what this educational model is capable of achieving. I have no doubt that Nashville School of Excellence will do great things for its students and the community!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2026 8:48 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	71.238.136.187
Unique ID:	1493558510
Location:	34.674, -92.357

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	We want choice

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	August 31, 2026 11:03 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	172.13.168.121
Unique ID:	1493578688
Location:	35.1387, -90.0095

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Nashville School of Excellence Partner and Supporter
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Letter of Support is attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/20004047444

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 1, 2026 7:20 am
Browser:	Chrome 144.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
IP Address:	50.220.210.58
Unique ID:	1493641175
Location:	29.8572, -95.3035

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Memphis Schools Of Excellence has allowed me to be part of a dedicated team that fosters students success.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 1, 2026 10:40 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.222.212.115
Unique ID:	1493707662
Location:	35.2345, -89.8502

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

My name is Dr. Samuel Beyhan, Ed.D., and I serve as Executive Director of Read Foundation, dba Memphis School of Excellence (MSE). I am submitting this written comment in strong support of the appeal of Nashville School of Excellence (NSE) before the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission.

MSE has operated public charter schools in Memphis for 16 years, currently serving nearly 1900 students across four campuses. Over that time, our network has built a sustained record of academic growth, sound fiscal management, and responsible governance, the same operating model, leadership team, and instructional framework that NSE proposes to bring to Nashville families.

Founding Principal Kazim Kizilkaya and the NSE team have spent multiple application cycles refining a plan built on that proven track record, not on untested assumptions. We believe Nashville families deserve the same high-quality, tuition-free public school option that Memphis families have had access to for over a decade, and that the record supports authorization of this school.

I respectfully urge the Commission to grant NSE's appeal and allow this school to open and serve the Nashville community beginning in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Samuel Beyhan, Ed.D.
Executive Director, Read Foundation / Memphis School of Excellence

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 1, 2026 10:42 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.222.212.115
Unique ID:	1493708363
Location:	35.2345, -89.8502

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Supporter
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	My name is Fatima Beyhan. I am writing to express my strong support for the appeal of Nashville School of Excellence (NSE) before the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission. I have seen firsthand, through Memphis School of Excellence, what this school model offers families: a safe, high-quality, tuition-free public school where students are known individually and held to high expectations. For 15 years, this network has given Memphis families a genuine choice in their children's education, and I believe Nashville families deserve that same opportunity. Charter schools like this one exist because families want more options for their children, not fewer. I urge the Commission to grant NSE's appeal so that this school can open and serve the Nashville community. Respectfully submitted, Fatima Beyhan

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 1, 2026 11:51 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1493749477
Location:	39.981, -75.1699

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support our school and the dedicated educators who serve our students and families. The school provides a strong STEM-focused education while also placing great importance on individual student needs and meaningful parent engagement. Teachers and staff build genuine relationships with students, communicate closely with families, and work personally with each child to help them succeed. These qualities make our school a valuable part of our community, and I strongly encourage the Commission to recognize and support the positive impact it has on students and families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 10:56 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1494090350
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Dear Members of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support for the charter application of Nashville School of Excellence (NSE) as it comes before the Commission. I have followed the school's proposal and community outreach efforts, and I believe NSE would be a valuable addition to Nashville's public education options.

Nashville School of Excellence is built on a mission to empower every student to succeed in college and career through a rigorous, STEM-focused curriculum, a safe and inclusive school environment, individualized academic and social-emotional support, and genuine partnership with families and the community. This model is not unproven: it reflects the track record of the broader network of Schools of Excellence, which has demonstrated strong outcomes including high graduation rates, strong college acceptance rates, and top-tier ACT performance relative to peer schools.

What stands out most to me is the depth of NSE's community engagement ahead of its opening. The school's team has connected with families across Nashville through dozens of community events, festivals, church partnerships, and grassroots outreach, generating hundreds of parent interest forms and dozens of letters of support from local organizations. That level of grassroots demand is a strong signal that Nashville families are seeking the kind of rigorous, supportive, STEM-focused option that NSE proposes to provide.

As a commercial real estate professional working across Tennessee markets, I recognize how much a strong local school option can mean to the stability and growth of the neighborhoods and families it serves. Quality educational choices are foundational to healthy communities, and I believe Nashville School of Excellence is prepared to deliver on that promise with experienced leadership and a proven educational model.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to approve the charter application for Nashville School of Excellence. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Tennessee's students and families.

Respectfully,

Brandon Ingram

Vice-President

Universal Commercial | TCN Worldwide

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 11:20 am
Browser:	Chrome 153.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1494099701
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	To the Board, I'm a parent living right off Nolensville Pike with two kids in middle and high school. I'm reaching out because we really need better, high-quality public school options in our neighborhood, and I think Nashville School of Excellence (NSE) is exactly what we've been waiting for. Honestly, what caught my eye right away is their focus on STEM and getting kids actually ready for college. Having double time for math and reading, daily extra help, and real hands-on projects means my kids won't just be sitting behind a desk. they'll be learning skills they can actually use. Things like cybersecurity, coding, and web design aren't just cool; they lead to real jobs. On top of that, I love that they aren't treating parents like an afterthought. Between smaller classes, home visits, and a Parent Academy, it feels like a place where families are actually part of the team. Our neighborhood is growing so fast, and our kids deserve a school where they can feel safe, supported, and challenged. I really hope you'll approve the NSE charter application.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 11:53 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	156.110.27.80
Unique ID:	1494113013
Location:	35.3868, -96.9331

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What is your resident district?	Edmond Public Schools, Oklahoma
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Charter school advocacy
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

My name is Erdem Denizli. I'm not a Nashville resident, but I work in charter school education, and I'm submitting this comment as a professional who has spent 8 in schools built on a similar STEM-focused, student-engagement model. My school isn't directly affiliated with this network, but we're a charter school network that shares curriculum practices and services, so I've seen firsthand how this approach performs for students.

I'm asking you to approve the application for Nashville School of Excellence, a proposed STEM-focused public charter school for grades 6-12 in the Nolensville Pike area. I've heard the same pattern show up again and again in communities like this one: strong elementary options, then a cliff once kids reach middle school, leaving families to choose between a weaker zoned option or leaving the area entirely.

In my experience, a continuous STEM pathway from 6th through 12th grade makes a real difference, sustained, hands-on exposure to engineering, coding, robotics, and applied science, not a single elective bolted onto a standard curriculum. That kind of continuity builds genuine skill and confidence, and it feeds directly into the technical and healthcare careers growing in regions like this one.

Just as important is what this model asks of the adults around each student: a school small enough that teachers know every kid by name, and structured enough that families stay closely involved rather than becoming a number in a large system. I've watched that structure work for students who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

I recognize the Commission's job is to weigh this application on its own record for Nashville families, and that's exactly as it should be. I offer this testimony as someone who believes in what this model can do for students when it's well executed, and I hope you'll give this application serious consideration.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 11:53 am
Browser:	Opera 134.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.220.210.58
Unique ID:	1494113054
Location:	29.8572, -95.3035

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Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Hi,
I would like to express my support for Nashville School of Excellence and its vision for serving students and families in the Nashville community. With more than 16 years of experience in education, I have seen firsthand how a strong school culture, dedicated educators, and meaningful academic opportunities can shape not only a student's educational journey but also their future.

I believe Nashville School of Excellence will be a strong educational foundation for students in Nashville, particularly through its focus on STEM education, college preparation, and future readiness. Providing students with rigorous academic experiences while helping them develop critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and leadership skills will prepare them to succeed in college, careers, and an increasingly technology-driven world.

What I especially value about the vision of Nashville School of Excellence is its commitment to helping students become active participants in their own education. Education should not simply prepare students to pass exams; it should give them opportunities to reflect on who they are, recognize their strengths, discover their interests, set meaningful goals, and take ownership of their future.

With the guidance and support of caring teachers, staff members, families, and community partners, Nashville School of Excellence can create an environment where students feel both challenged and supported. I believe this combination of strong academics, STEM opportunities, college preparation, character development, and student self-reflection can empower young people to envision a successful future and develop the knowledge and confidence needed to achieve it.

As an educator with 16 years of experience, I am pleased to support Nashville School of Excellence as it works to establish this vision and create new opportunities for students and families in the Nashville community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 3:02 pm
Browser:	Chrome 147.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1494184981
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I am a graduate of Memphis School of Excellence.
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a graduate of Memphis School of Excellence (MSE), I am writing to express my strong support for the opening of Nashville School of Excellence. My time at MSE profoundly shaped my academic journey, character, and career path. The school's rigorous STEM curriculum, high expectations, and deeply committed teachers gave me both the confidence and the practical tools needed to succeed after graduation. MSE provided far more than just a strong academic foundation; it created a supportive, close-knit community where every student was pushed to reach their full potential. The mentorship I received from educators who genuinely cared about my future made a lasting impact on my life. Expanding this proven model to Middle Tennessee will offer families in Nashville access to the same life-changing educational opportunities. The success of Memphis School of Excellence demonstrates what is possible when students are held to high standards within a supportive environment. I strongly urge the Department to approve the application for Nashville School of Excellence so a new generation of Tennessee students can benefit from this outstanding program.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 3:41 pm
Browser:	Chrome 144.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1494199338
Location:	35.0848, -89.8014

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Mississippi
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I wish to support Memphis School Of Excellence in opening a new charter in Nashville, TN.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 4:52 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	99.114.64.182
Unique ID:	1494220912
Location:	35.0644, -89.6759

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Former teacher
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment	I had the privilege of teaching mathematics at Memphis School of Excellence for more than 10 years, and during that time, I witnessed the positive impact the school had on its students and their development. I saw that the school's success was not a matter of chance, but rather the result of dedication, a genuine commitment to students, and a shared belief in the importance of working together to help students succeed. I personally witnessed how the teachers, administration, staff, and board members understood the important role the school played in the community and in shaping the future of its students. Their dedication and student-centered approach showed me what can be achieved when an entire school community is committed to student success. My experience at Memphis School of Excellence and what I witnessed firsthand there have led me to believe that Nashville School of Excellence will have the same positive impact on the education, development, and future of its students and the broader community by embracing the same philosophy and commitment. I therefore believe that Nashville School of Excellence will make a significant contribution to education in Nashville, and I am proud to support the school.
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 9:29 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	108.248.214.254
Unique ID:	1494278149
Location:	35.9828, -86.5186

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a mother and parent, I strongly support the Nashville School of Excellence. I am familiar with the School of Excellence network and the great work its schools are already doing in Memphis. Seeing the success of those schools gives me confidence that Nashville families can also benefit from the same strong academic programs, supportive school culture, and opportunities for students. I would love to have this kind of school here in Nashville for my own children. I know I am not alone. Many families and community members are looking forward to having the Nashville School of Excellence in our community. I respectfully ask the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to approve the Nashville School of Excellence so that our children and our community can have access to the same kind of opportunities that families in Memphis already have.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 9:37 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	70.244.104.238
Unique ID:	1494279398
Location:	34.0544, -118.244

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support the Nashville School of Excellence. I know that the School of Excellence schools are doing very well, especially with their strong graduation rates and focus on student success. Nashville families need a strong school that prepares students for college and future careers. I believe the Nashville School of Excellence can provide that kind of academic preparation and support. This school is needed and wanted by parents in our community, and I respectfully ask the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to approve the Nashville School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 2, 2026 10:04 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 15.6.6 / iOS
IP Address:	108.248.214.254
Unique ID:	1494283808
Location:	35.9828, -86.5186

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	We know that nse one of the great school in tn. As a kurdish parent I m fully supporting this school.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 10:51 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1494431665
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

On behalf of the Consulate General of Guatemala in Nashville, TN, we are pleased to extend this letter of sponsorship and support for the establishment of Nashville School of Excellence, an educational institution dedicated to academic excellence, cultural inclusion, and community development.

The Consulate of Guatemala recognizes the vital role that education plays in strengthening communities and empowering future generations. This new school represents an important opportunity to serve students and families, particularly those of Guatemalan and Latino heritage, by fostering academic achievement, bilingualism, cultural awareness, and civic responsibility.

Through this letter, the Consulate of Guatemala expresses its full support for the mission and vision of Nashville School of Excellence. We believe this institution will provide a safe, inclusive, and high-quality learning environment that promotes educational growth and cross-cultural understanding. The school's commitment to educational equity and community engagement aligns closely with our efforts to support Guatemalan nationals and the broader community abroad.

The Consulate affirms its willingness to support the school through advocacy, community outreach, and collaboration on cultural and educational initiatives when appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you require additional information or confirmation regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Leslye Samanta Illescas
Consul General of Guatemala in Nashville, TN

Written Comment

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Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 10:53 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1494432887
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment	I am writing to share community interest related to the proposed Nashville School of Excellence charter school serving South Nashville and Antioch. Our work focuses on sustainability education and professional development for educators in Nashville. If the Nashville School of Excellence were to open in South Nashville/Antioch, we have discussed the availability of existing programming that could support teacher learning through sustainability-focused professional development. One such offering is Teaching Sustainability in Nashville, a 1.5-hour professional development workshop designed for educators, librarians, and school staff who are interested in integrating sustainability concepts into their work. The workshop is hands-on, locally grounded, and designed to fit within a variety of educational settings and subject areas. Through this training, educators are better able to: ● Understand sustainability and its relevance in educational environments ● Apply practical sustainability strategies in classrooms and schools ● Incorporate standards-aligned sustainability lessons across subjects ● Access local tools, resources, and community connections that support instruction I appreciate the opportunity to share how community-based educational programming may serve as a resource to future schools in this area. Sincerely, Karissa Hampton
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 10:57 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1494434509
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	To Whom It May Concern: Since 2016, the City Fund board of directors has approved over \$10M in grants to support public education efforts in Nashville. A portion of that budget is allocated towards creating high-performing public charter schools to provide students and families across the city more great public options. Upon authorization, we are prepared to provide start-up financial support to the Nashville School of Excellence team as they work to create a new public school model for the community. The Nashville School of Excellence team has established a strong track record of results working with students in Memphis since 2009, and we believe that their rigorous academic program will prepare students for college and life beyond. We are confident in Nashville School of Excellence's academic and financial leadership capacity to launch a high-quality option for kids and families in Nashville, and we respectfully encourage you to authorize the school. Sincerely, Chris Barbic
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/20015912195

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 11:05 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1494437309
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Casa de Dios USA, a Christian multicultural church serving the families and communities of Nashville, it is our joy to express our support for Nashville School of Excellence as you continue shaping and inspiring the next generation. Your commitment to education, character, and community aligns deeply with our mission as a church-to build, uplift, and empower individuals and families through faith, service, and compassionate outreach.

We believe that strong schools and strong churches working together can create a profound impact in the lives of students, families, and the surrounding community. With that heart, Casa de Dios USA would be honored to partner with your school in ways that support your academic, cultural, and community-centered goals. As part of our commitment to this partnership, we are pleased to offer:

Spiritual and emotional support, including mentorship, pastoral guidance, and faith-based encouragement for students and families

Community outreach collaboration, such as family resource events, back-to-school initiatives, holiday support programs, and service projects

Access to church facilities for meetings, educational programs, student activities, or community gatherings when needed

Youth development opportunities, including leadership programs, character-building workshops, and multicultural enrichment activities

Event support, such as partnering in school celebrations, community days, fundraisers, or cultural events

Family engagement initiatives, focused on strengthening homes, promoting unity, and supporting parents in their role of guiding their children

Casa de Dios USA is dedicated to being a light in our city, and we deeply value the work Nashville School of Excellence is doing to cultivate excellence, integrity, and opportunity for its students. Together, we can help create an environment where young people thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or a member of your leadership team to discuss how we can best serve and support your mission. Please feel free to reach out to us at (615) 262-2511 at your convenience.

Thank you for the incredible work you are doing for our community. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with

you and standing alongside Nashville School of Excellence in building a brighter future for every student.

In Christ's love,

Josue Rodriguez
Pastor

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 11:07 am
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Unique ID:	1494438532
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

My name is Brett Lawson, and I serve as President/CEO for Lawson Consulting LLC. Additionally, I am the Sr. Dir. of Operations at Leadership Memphis, a former teacher/principal/ILD of Memphis-Shelby County Schools, Executive Director of a Charter CMO. I am writing to express my full support for the approval of Memphis School of Excellence's application to expand their network with a new Charter School in Nashville.

I have served alongside the Executive Director of Memphis School of Excellence in many aspects of Charter work over the years. I have also had direct contact with many of their staff and Board members. I can attest to the high level of rigor they are able to implement daily in their classrooms. Their data is incredibly strong, as you will see in their application.

Beyond the academic data, I can attest to their love for the community. During the pandemic, Memphis School of Excellence led the way in responsiveness to actual needs. When face shields were in short supply, the leaders of the school put their 3-D printers to use making them and donating them to front line workers. I am truly proud to know the leaders of this school.

I wholeheartedly support Memphis School of Excellence and the positive impact it will have. Lawson Consulting, LLC is eager to partner with Memphis School of Excellence to help the school achieve its mission and vision for students and the Nashville community. A denial of their application would certainly be a missed opportunity for the children and families they seek to serve.

In partnership,

Sincerely,

Brett Lawson
President/CEO, Lawson Consulting, LLC

Written Comment

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Barefoot Republic, we are pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposed Nashville School of Excellence (NSE). As an organization dedicated to building unity, bridging communities, and empowering young people through inclusive programs and experiences, we believe NSE's mission aligns closely with our values and the needs of families in Nashville.

After learning more about the Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) network - the model upon which NSE is founded - we are encouraged by its strong academic performance, commitment to STEM education, and long-standing record of supporting student growth. MSE has demonstrated success through high achievement outcomes, strong character development, and a culture that prepares students for college and meaningful future opportunities.

We believe the expansion of this school model into Nashville will provide families with an additional high-quality public school option, especially in an area where many students would benefit from greater access to rigorous academics, intentional support systems, and STEM-focused pathways. NSE's dedication to serving a diverse student population also resonates deeply with Barefoot Republic's commitment to building community across racial, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds.

Once the school opens, we look forward to exploring future collaboration opportunities - including enrichment programs, community engagement initiatives, and youth development partnerships that support students and families.

For these reasons, Barefoot Republic is pleased to support the opening of the Nashville School of Excellence and believes it will be a positive addition to our community.

Sincerely,

Larea Kwakye, D.Min.
Community Center Director
Barefoot Republic Community Center

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Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 11:14 am
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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am writing with great enthusiasm to express my full support for the establishment of the Nashville School of Excellence (NSE). As a current student at Vanderbilt University and a proud graduate of a public charter school, I have personally experienced how charter schools can transform lives through opportunity, innovation, and caring mentorship. NSE's vision represents the same values that shaped my own educational journey.

What excites me most about NSE is its commitment to serving the Nashville community through specialized and high-impact programs. From a rigorous STEM curriculum and integration of educational technologies to ongoing staff development and strong postsecondary support systems, NSE is designed to meet students where they are and help them soar to their full potential. These are exactly the kinds of programs that helped me prepare for college and thrive once I arrived at Vanderbilt.

I also deeply value NSE's focus on college readiness and holistic student growth. Its dedication to guiding students-particularly those from first-generation and low-income families-toward 100% college acceptance reflects an unwavering belief that every student can achieve greatness with the right support. That belief changed my life, and I am confident it will change many more through NSE.

As someone who is both studying and living in Nashville, I truly want to see this city continue to grow through schools that empower students, inspire teachers, and strengthen communities.

The Nashville School of Excellence represents that future, and I wholeheartedly support this effort to expand educational opportunity for all.

Sincerely,

Azeeza Syeda

Undergraduate Student, Vanderbilt University

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Al-Huda Islamic Center, I am writing to express our strong support for the Nashville School of Excellence's application to open a public charter school in South Nashville.

Al-Huda Islamic Center has served the Nashville and Hermitage communities for many years, working closely with families from diverse cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Through our educational, social, and civic engagement programs, we have seen firsthand the urgent need for high-quality public educational options that promote academic excellence, character development, and inclusive community values.

After reviewing available information, we believe that the Nashville School of Excellence has demonstrated a clear commitment to rigorous academics, student-centered learning, and equitable access to education for all students. We are particularly encouraged by the school's focus on serving underserved communities and its intention to foster a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where students can thrive academically and socially.

South Nashville is home to a growing and diverse population, including many immigrant and refugee families who seek strong public schools that prepare their children for success in higher education, the workforce, and civic life. We believe that the Nashville School of Excellence will play a vital role in meeting these needs and strengthening the broader community.

We respectfully urge you to give this charter application full consideration and approval. Please feel free to contact us should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ibrahim Caynaan
President
Al-Huda Islamic Center of Nashville

Written Comment

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Rhema Apostolic University Midet, it is with great joy that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Nashville School of Excellence on your continued growth and the impact you are making in our community. As a Christian institution committed to academic excellence, spiritual development, and community service, we believe in supporting schools that share the vision of raising future leaders grounded in strong moral and ethical foundations.

We would be honored to partner with your school through a sponsorship relationship designed to enhance both academic and spiritual development. Our university is dedicated to serving the community, and we are pleased to offer support through the following initiatives:

Educational support, including tutoring programs, academic workshops, and faculty- or student-led mentorship
Faith-based activities, such as chapel support, youth ministry resources, and spiritual development seminars
Student leadership and character-building programs, rooted in biblical values and Christian leadership principles
Assistance with school events, including sponsorship for academic fairs, sports days, or community outreach activities
Access to university facilities for seminars, conferences, or student enrichment initiatives
Pathway opportunities, such as career guidance, early college exposure, or scholarship information for future graduates

We believe a partnership between Rhema Apostolic University Midet and Nashville School of Excellence will help cultivate a Christ-centered environment where students can grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or a member of your leadership team to discuss how we may best support your school's mission and needs. Please feel free to contact us at (615) 262-2511 at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this partnership. We look forward to walking alongside Nashville School of Excellence as you continue building a community where students are empowered to learn, lead, and serve.

In His service,

Josue Rodriguez
Pastor and Director

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 11:26 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
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Unique ID:	1494445838
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Peace Bridges Center, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Nashville School of Excellence, a proposed public charter school that seeks to provide a high-quality, STEM-focused, college-preparatory education for students in grades 6-12.

Our organization works directly with families, youth, and diverse cultural communities in Nashville, and we see every day how access to strong educational opportunities can change lives. Many of the families we serve are seeking safe, academically rigorous schools that also provide support, enrichment, and pathways to future careers. Nashville School of Excellence aligns with those needs.

We believe this school has the potential to:

- Expand high-quality learning options for Nashville families
- Provide STEM-focused programs that prepare students for college and the modern workforce
- Support immigrant and underserved families through parent engagement and community outreach
- Strengthen Nashville's future by investing in students' academic and social success

Peace Bridges Center values any effort that promotes educational equity, family support, and opportunity. For these reasons, we are pleased to support the Nashville School of Excellence and its mission to serve Nashville's students. Please feel free to contact us if further information is needed. We look forward to the positive impact this school will bring to our community.

Sincerely,
Afgan Akbarov
Director,Treasurer

Written Comment

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Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 11:30 am
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Unique ID:	1494447380
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing on behalf of PromoHounds to express our support for the proposed Nashville School of Excellence. We believe that opening a high-quality, STEM-focused public charter school will benefit families and contribute positively to the Nashville community. Throughout our interactions with Mr. Kazim Kizilkaya and his team, we have seen their professionalism, commitment, and strong dedication to serving students. We are confident that the Nashville School of Excellence will provide valuable educational opportunities and become a meaningful asset to the community. We respectfully encourage the approval of this charter application. Sincerely, Kevin Lorange PromoHounds
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/20016097121

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

It is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for the establishment of the Nashville School of Excellence, a proposed public charter school committed to delivering rigorous, college-preparatory education for students in grades 6-12.

As the CEO of ProGeny, an organization dedicated to preparing youth and adults for meaningful career pathways and entrepreneurial success, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with the leadership of Nashville School of Excellence on previous initiatives. Their professionalism, instructional excellence, and unwavering commitment to student achievement have been evident in every partnership we've shared.

Nashville School of Excellence brings a clear and compelling vision to the students and families of Metro Nashville. Their focus on academic rigor, character development, and college readiness aligns strongly with the values we uphold at ProGeny. We believe that expanding high-quality educational options-especially those that invest early in students' future potential-has a direct and lasting impact on workforce readiness, community vitality, and long-term economic mobility.

The team leading this effort has consistently demonstrated a strong capacity to execute, build meaningful community relationships, and deliver culturally responsive programming that supports diverse learners. Based on our past collaborations, I am confident that the Nashville School of Excellence will be an asset to both Metro Nashville Public Schools and the broader community.

For these reasons, ProGeny fully supports the approval and launch of the Nashville School of Excellence and encourages MNPS to consider the value this school will bring to Nashville's students, families, and future workforce.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your commitment to expanding opportunities for Tennessee's youth.

Sincerely,

Rhonnie Brewer
Chief Executive Officer
ProGeny

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 3, 2026 2:10 pm
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	This school would be a great addition to Nashville.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 7:16 am
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Unique ID:	1494692151
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville School of Excellence and I think there is a bright future ahead of them!!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 7:17 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	50.220.210.58
Unique ID:	1494692422
Location:	29.8572, -95.3035

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	This would be an amazing school for the community and culture

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 7:19 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.7922.112 / iOS
IP Address:	50.220.210.58
Unique ID:	1494692753
Location:	29.8572, -95.3035

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As MSE supporter I wish for it to grow and expand to help more families and communities like they do here

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 7:28 am
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Location:	35.0514, -89.9265

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Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Teacher at Memphis School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I think the expansion of the School of Excellence school system could be very impactful for the greater Nashville community. This school community focuses on reaching students in all different walks of life.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 7:30 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / OS X
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Unique ID:	1494694907
Location:	29.8572, -95.3035

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Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Supporter of Nashville School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support this charter because I really believe in the work that this charter can do in Nashville. I work for the Memphis School of Excellence in Memphis, and I have seen firsthand the impact this network has had on students and families - from academic growth to the sense of community it builds. Our students have seen significant gains in reading and math scores. Expanding this model to Nashville would give more families access to the same kind of high-quality education and support that we've provided in Memphis and I believe Nashville students and families deserve that same opportunity.

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Memphis School of Excellence as a whole spreads so much shine and support to the kids in the area. By having MSE Nashville, they will continue uplift kids, and continue spreading that great support in a different city!

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I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville school of excellence

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
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Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville school of excellence

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Memphis School of Excellence as a whole spreads so much shine and support to the kids in the area. By having MSE Nashville, they will continue uplift kids, and continue spreading that great support in a different city!

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Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I am a supporter
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville School of Excellence

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 7:47 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.7977.64 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1494698392
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Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have worked for MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE for 6 years. I started in 2020, the virtual year! MSE navigated the unknown territory of leading teachers and students during the unknown ups and downs of learning during a pandemic, with flexibility and steadfastness. We were supported then and supported now. The administration is dedicated to doing what is best for kids and families. After all, that is the heart of our foundation.

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Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 8:23 am
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Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I think it will be a great asset to the Nashville area

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 9:24 am
Browser:	Chrome 144.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
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Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	A Memphis School of Excellence in Nashville will help the kids in that city thrive and get the best education a school has to offer.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 10:44 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
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Unique ID:	1494754015
Location:	29.8572, -95.3035

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing to express my support for Nashville School of Excellence. I believe bringing this school to Nashville would provide families with another valuable educational option and give more students the opportunity to learn in an environment that encourages academic achievement, personal growth, and success. I appreciate the School of Excellence's commitment to supporting students and families and believe its expansion could be a positive addition to the Nashville community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
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Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	...

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Dear Members of the Authorizing Authority,

I am writing to express my strong support for granting approval and authorization for the opening of Nashville School of Excellence.

As a person, I strongly believe that students deserve access to high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them not only for academic success, but also for college, careers, and the rapidly changing world around them. Based on my knowledge and experience with the School of Excellence educational model, I believe Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to provide exactly that kind of opportunity to students and families in Nashville.

One of the greatest strengths I have observed in the School of Excellence model is its commitment to integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) throughout the teaching and learning process. STEM education is increasingly important because it encourages students to think critically, solve problems, collaborate, investigate real-world challenges, and apply what they learn rather than simply memorize information.

I have seen how a strong academic culture, combined with effective STEM integration, can create meaningful learning experiences and high expectations for students. Schools that provide these opportunities can help students develop the knowledge, skills, confidence, and curiosity they need to succeed in high school, college, and future STEM-related careers.

Opening Nashville School of Excellence would also provide Nashville families with an additional educational choice. Parents should have access to strong school options that meet the academic needs and aspirations they have for their children.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the appropriate authorities and members of the authorizing body to give favorable consideration to the application and grant Nashville School of Excellence the authorization necessary to open and serve the students and families of Nashville.

This is ultimately about creating another opportunity for children to receive a rigorous, innovative, STEM-focused education. I believe Nashville School of Excellence can make a positive contribution to the educational community and provide students with opportunities that can have a lasting impact on their futures.

I strongly support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence, and I respectfully encourage you to approve its application.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to providing quality educational opportunities for Tennessee students.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 2:18 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	146.75.232.78
Unique ID:	1494825776
Location:	26.9335, -80.0909

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am writing to express my support for Nashville School of Excellence. I believe MSE schools that are committed to providing students with a high-quality education, a supportive learning environment, and opportunities for academic and personal growth are essential to our communities. Nashville School of Excellence has the opportunity to positively impact students and families by promoting academic achievement, maintaining high expectations, and ensuring that students receive the support and resources they need to succeed. I support the school's efforts to create meaningful educational opportunities and prepare students for continued success in school, college, careers, and beyond. For these reasons, I am pleased to express my support for Nashville School of Excellence and its continued service to students and families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 4, 2026 4:33 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.7922.112 / iOS
IP Address:	174.212.207.107
Unique ID:	1494861381
Location:	35.1841, -89.8588

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I am a supporter
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville School of Excellence

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 6, 2026 5:56 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	172.225.130.206
Unique ID:	1495183211
Location:	32.7797, -96.8022

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Dear Members of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission, I am writing to express my strong support for Nashville School of Excellence and its continued efforts to provide high-quality educational opportunities for students and families in the Nashville community. Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to make a meaningful difference by offering students a strong academic environment, high expectations, and a supportive school community. I believe that expanding access to quality educational choices is an important investment in the future of Nashville's children. I respectfully ask the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to give favorable consideration to Nashville School of Excellence and to support its efforts to serve students and families in our community. Thank you for your time, your service to Tennessee students, and your careful consideration of this important educational opportunity. Sincerely, Ibrahim caynaan

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 7, 2026 3:53 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	23.148.64.132
Unique ID:	1495392444
Location:	35.3155, -89.9036

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a teacher at Memphis School of Excellence, I'm proud to support the opening of our new school in Nashville. During my time as an ESL teacher, I saw firsthand the passion our staff bring to their work and the real difference our focus on co-teaching makes for students. I watched students who once struggled gain confidence and thrive academically because teachers worked together, shared strategies, and met each learner where they were. That same culture of collaboration and care is what makes me confident Nashville School of Excellence will have the same impact on its students. I'm excited to see this model extend to a new community and give more students the chance to succeed.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 8, 2026 10:47 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	192.249.3.133
Unique ID:	1495614382
Location:	35.9819, -84.0019

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Knox County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Former Dean of Stdudents
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a former Dean of Memphis School of Excellence (MSE), I have witnessed its growing positive impact on the Hickory Hill community in Memphis, TN. Focusing on STEM education, providing a robust ESL program, and investing in student growth have been at the center of MSE's mission and goals. I have seen students who did not succeed in other schools and districts thrive while attending MSE. Multiple alumni have even returned to serve their neighborhood as staff and faculty. Parents regularly drive more than thirty minutes just so their children can attend a school with a 90%+ graduation rate. While I am not a Nashville resident, I firmly believe that Nashville will reap the same benefits that Memphis experiences by welcoming a School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 8, 2026 11:00 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	76.138.98.31
Unique ID:	1495620291
Location:	35.2213, -89.9413

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Germantown Municipal Schools
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	former employee
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	The Read Foundation has operated charter schools with in Shelby County for over 15 years. Over the course of 15 years, they have strategically grown their network and are ready to open a new school in Nashville. The teachers, administrators, and executive leadership across the network want what is best for students. They will work hard in a new environment to make sure they are offering students an opportunity at an exemplary education and additional STEM and workforce opportunities.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 8, 2026 11:53 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 18.7.5 / iOS
IP Address:	174.224.157.41
Unique ID:	1495644371
Location:	35.0514, -89.9265

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Former Employee
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed Nashville School of Excellence and the expansion of the Memphis School of Excellence model to Nashville.

As a former employee of Memphis School of Excellence, I had the opportunity to experience firsthand the school's commitment to providing students with a high quality education, strong academic expectations, and a supportive school environment. My experience with the organization gave me a unique perspective on the dedication of its educators and leaders and the importance placed on ensuring that students have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

One of the qualities I appreciated most about Memphis School of Excellence was its emphasis on high expectations, accountability, and student achievement. The school recognizes that students have different strengths, needs, and learning styles, while maintaining the belief that every student can be successful when provided with appropriate support, effective instruction, and meaningful opportunities to learn.

As someone with a professional background in special education and instructional leadership, I especially value an educational model that recognizes the importance of serving the whole student. Students with disabilities and other diverse learning needs require educators who are committed to collaboration, data-informed decision-making, individualized support, and strong partnerships with families. These practices are essential to creating schools where all students can thrive.

I believe Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to bring these same values to families in the Nashville community. Nashville continues to grow and evolve, and families deserve access to high quality educational options that are committed to academic excellence while also recognizing the individual needs of their students.

My support for Nashville School of Excellence is based not only on my professional experience but also on my firsthand knowledge of the organization's mission and commitment to students. I believe the expansion of this model into Nashville represents an opportunity to provide additional families with an educational choice centered on academic excellence, high expectations, character development, and student success.

I respectfully encourage consideration and approval of Nashville School of Excellence. I am confident that the school can make a meaningful and positive contribution to the Nashville educational

community and provide students with an environment in which they are challenged, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Sincerely,

Ahkim Jones

Former Employee, Memphis School of Excellence

Special Education & Educational Leadership Professional

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:04 pm
Browser:	Chrome 150.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1496086800
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis Shelby County Schools
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	My experience working with the School of Excellence has been extremely rewarding. Since joining the school community, I have been given many opportunities to grow both personally and professionally as an educator. I have gained valuable teaching strategies, strengthened my classroom management skills, and learned new ways to meet the individual academic and social needs of my students. One of the things I appreciate most about the School of Excellence is the strong sense of teamwork and community. Teachers and staff are encouraged to collaborate, support one another, and work toward the shared goal of helping every student succeed. I truly value being surrounded by educators who are passionate about what they do and committed to making a positive impact. I am grateful to be a part of the School of Excellence family and excited to see Nashville School of Excellence continue that same commitment to excellence, student achievement, and a positive school culture.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:10 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1496088690
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis Shelby County Schools
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a current employee of Memphis School of Excellence Elementary Cordova, I have witnessed our network's commitment to providing students with a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment. I proudly support Nashville School of Excellence and its mission to expand these opportunities to even more students and families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:14 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1496090446
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis Shelby County Schools
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As an educator dedicated to our student body, I have seen firsthand how our rigorous academic framework empowers students to achieve high standards and reach their full potential, as well as increasing knowledge of STEM and providing many opportunities for students to grow, not just in the classroom, but outside as well. Opening this new charter school will expand these invaluable educational opportunities, offering even more students access to a challenging curriculum and holistic support. I strongly support this application because it brings a proven model of excellence to more families who deserve quality school choice.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:29 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1496096036
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Teacher/Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

One of the best decisions I have made in my career was choosing to teach at Memphis School of Excellence (MSE). From the beginning, I have felt supported by my co-teachers, my principal, and the school community. What I appreciate most is that MSE takes the time to recognize our successes-not only as a school, but also as a district-while also creating opportunities for us to reflect honestly on areas where we can improve.

There is something special about working in a school where everyone is moving toward a common goal: helping students learn, grow, and become successful. I see that commitment in the teachers, administration, and staff every day. MSE has created an environment where educators are encouraged to collaborate, students are challenged, and successes are celebrated.

My connection to MSE is also personal. My granddaughter attends the school where I teach, and she truly loves being here. She is learning, growing, and being challenged academically. When we were considering schools for her, it was important to our family that she attend a diverse school where she would learn alongside students from different backgrounds and experiences. MSE has clearly met that need.

One of my favorite examples of what MSE can do for a child involves my granddaughter and reading. I have always considered her a reluctant reader, so I was surprised when she asked me what she needed to do to become Reader of the Month. I explained the expectations to her, and she decided to set that goal for herself. She didn't just meet the goal-she exceeded it. She became Reader of the Month twice during kindergarten.

That experience reminded me of what schools are truly supposed to do. Schools should lead, educate, encourage, challenge, celebrate, and build confidence in students. They should help children see possibilities in themselves that they may not have recognized before. I see all of those things happening at Memphis School of Excellence.

As an educator and a grandparent, I believe the MSE model is something worth bringing to Nashville. I would wholeheartedly encourage the development of a Nashville School of Excellence. Nashville's students and families deserve access to schools that are committed to academic excellence, diversity, collaboration, student achievement, and the whole child.

If a Nashville School of Excellence becomes a reality, I could absolutely see myself being part of that school community. I believe strongly in what MSE represents, and I would be proud to see that same commitment to students, families, and educators

established in Nashville.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:36 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6 / iOS
IP Address:	69.138.63.81
Unique ID:	1496098791
Location:	36.3066, -86.6101

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support the establishment of a new charter school that would serve and support the Kurdish community. A school like this would provide children with a strong academic education while also creating an environment where Kurdish culture, language, history, and traditions are respected and preserved. Supporting this school means supporting education, opportunity, cultural preservation, and the future of Kurdish children and families. I believe it would be a valuable addition to the community and an important investment in the next generation. Thank you, Hawar Ahmad

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:44 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1496101634
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Parent of Memphis School of excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I love the memphis school of excellence teachers and staff. My kids have been enrolled since kindergarten and now and 5th grade. The support the provide for the students and parents is wonderfull. I thank for schools like this.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:52 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1496105040
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Parent of Memphis School of excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I love the memphis school of excellence teachers and staff. My kids have been enrolled since kindergarten and now in the 5th grade. The support the school provides for the students and parents is wonderfull. I am so gratefull for schools like this.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 3:56 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1496106369
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Parent of MSEEC
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I'm excited to show support to this new school and all that it represents for the students and community. I am wishing NSE a successful and impactful journey.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 9, 2026 5:13 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	172.226.81.192
Unique ID:	1496130161
Location:	35.1499, -90.0558

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Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Employee
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I believe opening Nashville School of Excellence would be a wonderful opportunity for the community. It would provide families with another quality educational option and give students access to an environment focused on academic growth and success. I fully support the school's approval and would love to see it open.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 10, 2026 6:46 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	146.75.234.48
Unique ID:	1496275092
Location:	33.5226, -86.8033

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Dear Selection Committee,

As an MNPS Art Teacher with 20 years of experience teaching students ages 3 through 15, I have learned that the most successful schools nurture not only academic achievement but also the whole child. That is why I am excited about the vision for Nashville School of Excellence and the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation established by Memphis School of Excellence, which has spent more than 15 years empowering students through rigorous STEM education, individualized support, and strong family and community partnerships. Their commitment to preparing students for success in college, careers, and life aligns closely with my own educational philosophy.

As an Art Teacher, I believe students learn best in a safe, welcoming, and culturally inclusive environment where they feel valued, respected, and inspired to take academic and creative risks. Appropriate class sizes and strong teacher-student relationships allow educators to truly know their students and provide the individualized academic, social, and emotional support that every child deserves. Teaching the whole child means helping students develop not only knowledge and skills, but also confidence, resilience, empathy, and a strong sense of purpose.

I value engaging, project-based learning experiences that encourage creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and innovation. When STEM education is enriched by the arts, students develop higher-order thinking skills, become self-starters, and learn to solve real-world problems in meaningful ways. These opportunities foster curiosity, perseverance, and a lifelong love of learning while helping students envision a hopeful and successful future.

Strong family partnerships, social-emotional learning, supportive administration, and access to qualified substitute teachers are also essential components of a thriving school culture. In many large school districts, including MNPS, educators often face challenges such as increasing class sizes and substitute shortages. These realities can make it more difficult to provide the level of individualized attention students need while also contributing to teacher workload and burnout. Schools that prioritize manageable class sizes, consistent instructional support, and teacher well-being create stronger learning environments where both students and educators can thrive.

What especially excites me about Nashville School of Excellence is the opportunity to bring a proven educational model to our community while maintaining a focus on academic excellence, character development, family engagement, and student support. Having heard positive feedback about Memphis School of

Excellence over many years, and knowing individuals who have been involved with the school since its early beginnings, I have seen how its commitment to students and families has helped it grow into a respected and successful network of schools.

When students, families, teachers, and school leaders work together, they create a community where everyone can succeed. I believe Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to develop compassionate, creative, and confident lifelong learners who are prepared to make a positive impact on their communities and the world around them.

Sincerely,

Maria Petersson
MNPS Art Teacher
20 Years of Teaching Experience

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 10, 2026 12:56 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.5 / iOS
IP Address:	128.177.169.10
Unique ID:	1496411349
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville School of Excellence and its appeal. I believe families in Nashville should have access to strong educational options that support students' learning, growth, and future success.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 10, 2026 2:07 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	153.66.103.146
Unique ID:	1496440273
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Memphis School of Excellence is the best school in the surrounding area and they truly care about every child

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 10, 2026 2:13 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	172.59.88.164
Unique ID:	1496442668
Location:	38.1866, -85.6529

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	This is a great opportunity to expand and provide education.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 10, 2026 2:26 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.7977.64 / iOS
IP Address:	73.2.170.149
Unique ID:	1496447699
Location:	35.0324, -89.8145

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a mother of a student who has been at Memphis School of Excellence since kindergarten and is now in fifth grade, I highly recommend this school system. Over the years, the school has proven to be wonderful, standing out for its excellent academic standards, constant communication with parents, and dedicated attention to the children in a safe and rigorous environment. Seeing firsthand the great results and the strong support they provide to students makes me fully support this project so more families in Nashville can have access to this same opportunity.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 10, 2026 4:01 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	146.75.234.49
Unique ID:	1496483612
Location:	33.5226, -86.8033

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Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Nashville school of excellence will be a great support for our community

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 8:19 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	146.75.164.207
Unique ID:	1496651131
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I Think this would be awesome to expand MSE to the Nashville Area this is a great school the Teachers and Staff really care about their students! My grandkids Love going to MSE and this is the first year attending. They offer so many wonderful programs so I highly recommend expanding.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 8:29 am
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.222.212.115
Unique ID:	1496653833
Location:	35.1063, -89.941

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What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Memphis School of Excellence, Network Office Employee
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Ten years ago, when I was interviewing at multiple schools, the executive director of Memphis School of Excellence set up a phone call for me with a current teacher. The teacher's positive experience at the school was the reason I ended up accepting the job at MSE. I taught at MSE for 7.5 years before transitioning to a coaching role, and the teacher who spoke to me ten years ago is now an instructional coach as well. One of the reasons I chose to stay at MSE all these years is because I saw the impact of the school on the community. Throughout my time teaching, the student body at my campus increased from less than 10% to 40% ESL students. Once, I asked a parent what brought them to the school, and they shared that many community members in the local Latino community had recommended the school to them. I have been fortunate enough to teach siblings in the same family year after year, and the parents have told me they appreciate that they already know me and are familiar with my classroom. There is a reason that teachers stay. There is a reason that families stay. Every year, I see the staff work to better our network to best benefit our students, and it's an organization that I am proud to be a part of.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 10:46 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	161.45.253.252
Unique ID:	1496697867
Location:	35.8437, -86.3881

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Colleague
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

To the Members of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission:

I write in support of the Nashville School of Excellence application. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Engineering Technology at Middle Tennessee State University, where I direct the Autonomous Systems and Quantum Intelligence Laboratory. I submit this comment in my personal capacity and not on behalf of my university.

My comment rests on what I see from the receiving end of the STEM pipeline. Every semester I teach circuit analysis to students arriving from high schools across Middle Tennessee, and the gap between students who had sustained, hands-on exposure to engineering and computing before college and those who did not is stark. It shows up in retention, in confidence, and in whether a student persists past the first difficult semester. Middle Tennessee is absorbing serious investment in advanced manufacturing, automotive electrification, semiconductors, and data infrastructure. The binding constraint on that growth is not capital. It is the number of students prepared to enter engineering and computing programs. South Nashville families deserve a seat in that economy.

A 6-12 school built around a sustained STEM focus addresses this directly. Seven years is long enough to build the mathematical foundation that engineering coursework demands, which a two-year high school enrichment program cannot do. The Read Foundation's Memphis campus has already demonstrated the feature of this model that matters most from where I sit: an active partnership with a public university that expanded student access to advanced coursework. That is a template worth replicating in Middle Tennessee, and it is one I would personally welcome the chance to support through laboratory visits, student mentorship, and engagement with the school's STEM faculty.

I would add one point about what approving this application does and does not do. A public charter school is a tuition-free public school, open to every student who applies, and accountable to the state for its results. The question before the Commission is whether South Nashville families should have one additional public option organized around the subjects that will define this region's economy for the next thirty years. I believe they should, and I ask the Commission to overturn the district's denial.

Respectfully submitted,

Mohammad Arif Hossain, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Engineering Technology

Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 2:22 pm
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IP Address:	174.252.137.90
Unique ID:	1496783808
Location:	36.1187, -86.2626

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Wilson
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence. I believe this school will be an important and valuable addition to our Nashville community. Our families deserve access to more high-quality educational opportunities and the ability to choose the learning environment that best meets the needs of their children. Opening this school will provide families with another strong educational option while encouraging academic excellence, student achievement, and greater opportunities for our children's future. As our community continues to grow, it is important that our educational options grow with it. A strong community begins with strong schools. I believe Nashville School of Excellence can make a positive and lasting contribution to our students, families, and the entire Nashville community. I respectfully encourage approval of this school and fully support its opening.

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Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 2:39 pm
Browser:	Safari 26.5 / OS X
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1496789565
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a member of Nashville community and a parent who deeply cares about our children's education, I am proud to support Nashville School of Excellence. We believe in supporting our schools here in Nashville and working together to make sure our children have the opportunities, resources, and support they deserve. We stand with Nashville School of Excellence and its students, parents, and educators!

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Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 2:45 pm
Browser:	Safari 26.5 / OS X
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1496791686
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Como madre de dos hijos, apoyo a Nashville School of Excellence porque quiero que mis hijos tengan acceso a una educación de calidad con un fuerte enfoque en STEM. Creo que un currículo que integre ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas puede preparar mejor a nuestros hijos para la universidad y sus futuras carreras. Por esta razón, me gustaría ver Nashville School of Excellence en nuestra comunidad y apoyo su aprobación.

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Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 2:47 pm
Browser:	Safari 26.5 / OS X
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1496792564
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Tengo dos hijos que están en los grados 6.º y 7.º, y apoyo a Nashville School of Excellence. Creo que esta escuela sería una excelente opción para mis hijos y para muchas otras familias de nuestra comunidad. Sería maravilloso tener una nueva oportunidad educativa como Nashville School of Excellence en Nashville. Por favor, consideren aprobar esta escuela para nuestra comunidad.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 3:02 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1496797117
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

On behalf of Radio Vida 1130, 1210, and 910 AM, I am pleased to extend our warm greetings to Nashville School of Excellence as you continue your inspiring mission of serving students and the broader community. As a locally committed radio network dedicated to uplifting education, youth development, and community growth, we value forming strong partnerships with institutions that share our passion for empowering future generations.

We would be honored to collaborate with your school through a sponsorship partnership designed to support your academic, cultural, and extracurricular goals. Radio Vida is proud to come alongside schools to provide:

- On-air recognition for school events, announcements, and student achievements
- Educational outreach, including media literacy opportunities or radio station tours
- Support for school programs, such as arts initiatives, sports teams, or academic enrichment
- Community event promotion, helping the school connect with families and local stakeholders
- Collaborative projects, including student radio segments, talent showcases, and fundraising campaigns

In return, we welcome opportunities for mutual visibility through your newsletters, event programs, and community outreach. Together, we can build a partnership that enriches your students' educational experience and strengthens community engagement.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you or a member of your leadership team to explore sponsorship opportunities best suited to your school's needs. Please feel free to contact us at (615) 262-2511 at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this partnership. We look forward to supporting Nashville School of Excellence and contributing to the continued growth and success of your students.

Warm regards,

Josue Rodriguez
Pastor and Radio Director
Radio Vida 1130, 1210 & 910 AM
Phone: (615) 262-2511

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IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1496797177
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Phone	(615) 262-2511
Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

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Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 4:11 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	24.11.240.54
Unique ID:	1496817029
Location:	36.1714, -86.662

Name	Bawar Faraj
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support Nashville School of Excellence because our community needs more strong STEM-focused educational opportunities. I believe this school would be a valuable option for Nashville families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 4:56 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	146.75.234.49
Unique ID:	1496827806
Location:	33.5226, -86.8033

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby county
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I'm so proud to be a part of helping bring a new school to life! ☐☐♥ It takes a community coming together, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of our children and their future. Here's to new beginnings, new opportunities, and a bright future! ☐☐☐☐☐☐

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Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 8:51 pm
Browser:	Safari 26.5 / OS X
IP Address:	174.219.134.79
Unique ID:	1496864113
Location:	35.9819, -84.0019

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a parent and community member, I believe preparing students for college should begin long before senior year. Nashville School of Excellence's focus on college and career readiness is one of the main reasons I support bringing this school to Nashville.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 9:39 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	97.245.52.123
Unique ID:	1496869269
Location:	36.0595, -86.6592

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am a strong supporter of the new school planned by the Nashville School of Excellence in the Nolensville area, about 25 miles from my home. I believe this school would be an excellent fit for my daughter in the near future. And if it is established, I see it as the future for my children.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 9:42 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	67.173.191.156
Unique ID:	1496869584
Location:	42.0096, -87.6928

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	. I would like to see Nashville School of Excellence approved because many families are looking for a smaller school environment where students can be known personally, supported individually, and feel that they belong.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 9:44 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	24.11.240.54
Unique ID:	1496869715
Location:	36.1714, -86.662

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Our Nashville community includes many families whose children are learning English. I appreciate the attention Nashville School of Excellence plans to give English learner students while making sure they can fully participate in academics, STEM programs, and school activities. I support this school.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 9:45 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	174.212.101.22
Unique ID:	1496869799
Location:	36.1406, -86.7508

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I believe Nashville would greatly benefit from having a school modeled after the success and educational mission of Memphis School of Excellence.

Memphis School of Excellence demonstrates the importance of creating an environment where students are challenged to reach their full potential while receiving the support they need to succeed. So I support having same school system in Nashville."Way to go Nashville School of excellence"

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 11, 2026 9:46 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	97.245.52.123
Unique ID:	1496869934
Location:	36.0595, -86.6592

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have my full support on NSE application. It will be very beneficial to have a school with strong STEM foundation. I have witnessed their success in Memphis and I would like to see this school system in Metro Nashville too. I am a strong supporter and I will be very happy to do anything for their establishment.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 12, 2026 7:34 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	70.24.87.254
Unique ID:	1497016365
Location:	44.2569, -76.4717

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Ontaria
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Teacher
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	2-College and career preparation is very important to us as parents, and we are always doing our best to provide strong opportunities for our children. Having Nashville School of Excellence in our community would be a great benefit for Nashville families. We understand that the Memphis School of Excellence network has achieved a 100% graduation rate and 100% college acceptance rate. These are the kinds of outcomes parents want for their children. Please consider approving Nashville School of Excellence so more families in Nashville can have access to this opportunity.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 12, 2026 9:32 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.8010.24 / iOS
IP Address:	72.190.77.143
Unique ID:	1497027908
Location:	39.4364, -94.1951

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a father of two children, I place a very high importance on my children's education. We are looking for a school with a small, family-like culture where students can receive strong support and attention. We are familiar with Nashville School of Excellence and the work they have been doing in the community. We would be very happy to have this school here in Nashville. I believe it would be a great option for many parents and families, and I strongly hope you will approve Nashville School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 13, 2026 10:50 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	207.213.187.4
Unique ID:	1497101789
Location:	35.4471, -97.5595

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	1. Kurdish Parent - Educational Opportunity As a Kurdish parent living in Nashville, I am writing to express my strong support for Nashville School of Excellence. Nashville has a large and growing Kurdish community, and our families care deeply about providing our children with a high-quality education and a successful future. We want our children to receive strong academics while also attending a school where their families, languages, and cultures are respected. I believe Nashville School of Excellence can provide an important additional option for our community. Its focus on STEM education, college preparation, character development, and family involvement is especially important to me. Many Kurdish families want their children to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, healthcare, and other professional fields, and strong preparation needs to begin early. I respectfully ask the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to consider the voices of Kurdish families who want more educational opportunities for their children and to support Nashville School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 13, 2026 3:23 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.7922.112 / iOS
IP Address:	73.59.179.206
Unique ID:	1497150266
Location:	35.1274, -90.0403

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As MSE supporter I wish for it to grow and expand to help more families and communities like they do here

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 8:06 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.4 / iOS
IP Address:	69.245.54.87
Unique ID:	1497286558
Location:	36.1579, -86.8608

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence's charter school application. Our community deserves more high-quality educational options that give students the opportunity to succeed in a safe, supportive, and academically focused environment. Nashville families should have meaningful choices when it comes to their children's education. I believe Nashville School of Excellence can make a positive difference for students and families by providing strong academics, dedicated teachers, and a commitment to student success. I encourage the appropriate authorities to support and approve this charter application and give Nashville families another excellent educational option.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 8:55 am
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	162.203.185.127
Unique ID:	1497301742
Location:	36.0664, -86.9659

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I think this school is highly needed as it helps our children integrate within the community. The director is dynamic and knowledgeable person and I think he can turn this project into a positive reality.

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Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 8:58 am
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	70.90.146.30
Unique ID:	1497303006
Location:	36.1081, -86.7738

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Rutherford county
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Supporters, STEM education, college and career preparation, individualized support, English Learner support.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 9:32 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.8010.24 / iOS
IP Address:	73.59.223.45
Unique ID:	1497316102
Location:	35.0514, -89.9265

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	on the opening of this new school! ☺☺ It takes a strong, supportive community to build a successful future for our children. Wishing the students, teachers, staff, and entire community growth, success, and endless possibilities! ☺☺❤

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 10:17 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.8010.24 / iOS
IP Address:	73.59.223.45
Unique ID:	1497334538
Location:	35.0514, -89.9265

Name	Devin Mayberry
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	on the opening of this new school! ☺☺ It takes a strong, supportive community to build a successful future for our children. Wishing the students, teachers, staff, and entire community growth, success, and endless possibilities! ☺☺❤

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Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 1:51 pm
Browser:	Chrome 151.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	108.249.136.140
Unique ID:	1497426948
Location:	36.1579, -86.8608

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	This will add alot of benefit to the community of nashville.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 4:21 pm
Browser:	Chrome 148.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	24.125.46.150
Unique ID:	1497483448
Location:	33.7043, -84.3742

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support the Nashville School of Excellence. I believe Nashville would benefit greatly from having more high-quality educational options for families and students. As a parent, I am very interested in sending my child to a school like this if given the opportunity. I believe this school could provide a positive learning environment and make a meaningful difference in the community. I fully support the approval and development of this charter school in Nashville. Best regards, Ahmet Bugra Dogan

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Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 8:51 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	174.188.0.27
Unique ID:	1497547440
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Not every student will follow exactly the same pathway after high school. Students should have opportunities to learn technology, problem-solving, career skills, and prepare for college at the same time. Nashville School of Excellence would provide another strong option for families looking for this kind of education.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 9:06 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	174.188.0.27
Unique ID:	1497550019
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

Name	Basoz Samin
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Technology is part of almost every career today. Our students deserve schools that prepare them for the world they will enter after graduation. I support Nashville School of Excellence and its emphasis on technology and STEM education.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 14, 2026 9:56 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	172.58.146.228
Unique ID:	1497557695
Location:	36.1671, -86.7861

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Families know their children best. I believe Nashville parents should have more high-quality educational options, and Nashville School of Excellence should have the opportunity to serve our community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 15, 2026 1:01 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	71.236.63.171
Unique ID:	1497598035
Location:	36.1868, -86.5067

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Strong schools need strong partnerships with parents. I support Nashville School of Excellence because parent involvement is an important part of its plan.

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Submission Time:	September 15, 2026 1:03 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	71.236.63.171
Unique ID:	1497598547
Location:	36.1868, -86.5067

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Phone	(256) 698-5608
Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Every child learns differently. Some students need additional academic intervention, while others need more challenging opportunities. I support Nashville School of Excellence because its model includes individualized student support and regular monitoring of student progress.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 15, 2026 1:09 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 18.7.5 / iOS
IP Address:	174.252.131.233
Unique ID:	1497600098
Location:	36.1187, -86.2626

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Nashville is a diverse community, and our schools should be places where students from different languages, cultures, and backgrounds feel welcome. I believe Nashville School of Excellence can contribute positively to that goal, and I support its approval.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 15, 2026 1:12 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 18.7.5 / iOS
IP Address:	174.252.131.233
Unique ID:	1497600773
Location:	36.1187, -86.2626

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Students often learn best when they can connect classroom lessons to real-life problems. I especially appreciate the hands-on STEM and project-based learning approach proposed by Nashville School of Excellence. It can make learning more meaningful and engaging for students.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 15, 2026 8:50 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	73.203.131.184
Unique ID:	1497954271
Location:	35.0514, -89.9265

Name	Kelin Alvarenga
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Me encanta esta escuela, 100% recomendada mis hijas estudian el las diferentes locaciones y tienen muy buen aprendizaje y mucha disciplina.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2026 12:39 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 18.7.5 / iOS
IP Address:	70.136.142.101
Unique ID:	1498156739
Location:	29.8323, -95.736

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Tulsa
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Partner Schools
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I work in a public charter school serving %87 low income students and my role is the chief college and career officer. Our school is took the first place in Oklahoma state and other school inTulsa took second place in Tulsa and 8th place in Oklahoma State. I definitely support this school application since it will help students succeed.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2026 12:49 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	164.58.9.21
Unique ID:	1498160989
Location:	35.2144, -97.4536

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I want better options for my kids

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2026 1:35 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1498179718
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Soy padre de un estudiante de sexto grado y apoyamos a Nashville School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2026 1:38 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1498180744
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I want this school for my two kids.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2026 1:47 pm
Browser:	Safari 26.5 / OS X
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1498184318
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

Name	Sairo Ramos
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Hola, conozco la Nashville School of Excellence y estoy familiarizada con el trabajo que están realizando. Es muy importante para nuestra comunidad. Apoyan a los estudiantes que están aprendiendo inglés , y me gustaría que esta escuela pudiera abrir aquí en Nashville.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2026 8:12 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	108.254.151.12
Unique ID:	1498294934
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am a parent in Nashville, and I strongly support the Nashville School of Excellence. As a parent, I am looking forward to having a STEM-focused public school option available for Nashville families. I believe our children deserve access to innovative education, strong academics, and opportunities that prepare them for the future. Having more high-quality public school choices is important because every child is different, and families should have options that meet their children's individual needs and interests. A STEM-focused school would provide an exciting opportunity for students who are interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics while giving families another choice within the public education system. I respectfully ask the Tennessee Charter School Commission to consider the needs and voices of Nashville families and support the Nashville School of Excellence. As a parent, I would welcome the opportunity to have a school like this available to our community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 16, 2026 8:50 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 18.3 / iOS
IP Address:	108.240.72.152
Unique ID:	1498301562
Location:	35.0706, -106.5066

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I strongly support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence (NSE). Charter schools provide families with important educational choices and create more opportunities for students to succeed. I believe NSE will bring a strong commitment to academic excellence, student growth, and preparing students for college and their future. Please support the approval and opening of Nashville School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 17, 2026 10:47 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.8010.24 / iOS
IP Address:	147.0.137.82
Unique ID:	1498488155
Location:	39.2351, -84.4582

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
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What is your resident district?	Mayfield SD
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Relationship to Application/District	Other
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What is your relationship to the application?	Friend
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I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
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Written Comment	I am pleased to express my support for Nashville School of Excellence and its leadership. I have personally known one of the individuals involved with this effort and have seen his strong commitment to education, students, and the community. He is dedicated, hardworking, and genuinely cares about creating opportunities for young people to succeed. I believe that families benefit from having access to high-quality educational options and educators who are committed to helping students reach their potential. I respectfully ask the Commission to carefully consider the vision, dedication, and community commitment behind Nashville School of Excellence as it reviews this appeal. Thank you for the opportunity to share my support.
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Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 17, 2026 1:16 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 151.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	108.236.13.178
Unique ID:	1498555343
Location:	27.6776, -97.3651

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Texas
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Subject: Support for Nashville School of Excellence Dear Commission Members, I strongly support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence. Nashville families need quality educational options, and this school will provide an important opportunity for students and the community. I respectfully ask you to approve the school's appeal and allow the school to open and serve students. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Serhan Ertem

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 18, 2026 9:21 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.2 / iOS
IP Address:	172.59.88.161
Unique ID:	1498794138
Location:	38.1866, -85.6529

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am a parent at the mendenhall location & i love it. my daughter teacher is amazing & a lot of friendly faces.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 18, 2026 1:58 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1498893399
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Como miembro de la comunidad de Nashville, me complace apoyar a Nashville School of Excellence. Me entusiasma especialmente el fuerte enfoque de la escuela en la educación STEM. Brindar a los estudiantes oportunidades para explorar ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería, programación y otras áreas de STEM los ayudará a prepararse para la universidad y sus futuras carreras. Creo que este tipo de oportunidad educativa sería una gran adición para nuestra comunidad de Nashville, y apoyo firmemente a Nashville School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 18, 2026 2:00 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1498894298
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a parent of a 10th-grade student, I would be very happy to see Nashville School of Excellence here in Nashville. I support the school because of its strong focus on STEM education and college and career preparation. These opportunities can help students develop important skills, explore their interests, and be better prepared for life after high school. I believe Nashville School of Excellence would be a valuable option for Nashville families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 18, 2026 2:57 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	97.77.188.197
Unique ID:	1498912921
Location:	29.4231, -98.5705

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Texas
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Educational Training Partne, Previously Co Worker
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Dear Tennessee Public Charter Commission,
I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed opening of Nashville School of Excellence.

I have had the opportunity to work with the proposed principal, Mr. Kizilkaya, and have witnessed his dedication, professionalism, enthusiasm, and commitment to serving students and families. He has made tremendous efforts, alongside members of his district team, to prepare for the successful opening and operation of this school.

Over the past two years, I have participated with Mr. Kizilkaya in several professional development programs designed to prepare school leaders. We were also partners in Relay leadership training, a comprehensive and rigorous program that equips administrators with the knowledge and skills needed to lead, improve, and sustain successful schools. Throughout this training, Mr. Kizilkaya was consistently active, engaged, and committed to his professional growth.

Although Nashville School of Excellence has not yet opened, I have been impressed by the careful planning and extensive preparation undertaken by Mr. Kizilkaya and his team. His ability to speak multiple languages will also be a valuable asset in communicating with families, building trust, and engaging parents from diverse backgrounds.

Based on my professional experience with Mr. Kizilkaya and my knowledge of the school's preparations, I believe Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to provide students with a safe, academically focused, and character-centered learning environment. I respectfully support its proposed opening and commend the leadership team for its commitment to making this vision a reality.

Mehmet Ozdem, M.Ed | Principal
Harmony Science Academy-Waco | HPS North Texas District
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Written Comment

<https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/20076810373>

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 18, 2026 7:51 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	141.98.255.217
Unique ID:	1498975939
Location:	55.6078, 12.9982

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Former Administrator
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have had the pleasure of serving Memphis School of Excellence as a 7th grade science teacher from August of 2015 to to February of 2020. During that time I also served as an 11th grade Criminal Justice teacher and as a Science Instructional Coach. My former experience as an attorney and native Memphian uniquely positioned me to address the vulnerable populations present in Memphis. Memphis School of Excellence exceeded my expectations for meeting the social, economic, and most importantly, the academic needs of our Title I students in our community. Beginning in the Spring of 2020, I assumed the role of Dean of Academics during the onset of the pandemic and witnessed and contributed first hand to the innovative and crucial adaptation to novel learning environments that consumed our community both here in Memphis and nationwide. MSE enabled those most capable to spearhead radical learning during this turbulent time to ensure the continuation of learning for our students. Beginning in the fall of 2021 I had the privilege to serve as Principal until 2024. During this period, MSE continued to achieve 100% college graduation and 100% college acceptance rate for our graduating class. I can attest that Nashville School of Excellence would continue this long, tried, and true tradition of individualized STEM learning for those prospective students in Nashville.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 18, 2026 10:46 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	99.51.245.133
Unique ID:	1498993362
Location:	35.9828, -86.5186

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Nashville School of Excellence is a place where students are encouraged to learn, grow, and reach their full potential. The school focuses on education, respect, and building a strong future for every student. It is a community where teachers, students, and families work together to create a positive and successful learning environment.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 19, 2026 7:40 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	76.92.134.225
Unique ID:	1499143277
Location:	39.214, -94.5826

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I know the administrators and system. I believe they will make contributions to the society

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 21, 2026 7:48 am
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1499444965
Location:	36.0711, -86.7196

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of allowing our school to expand and serve students and families in Nashville. I currently serve as a member of the school board, but my relationship with this school began long before I ever held that position. My daughter became a student here in the eighth grade, during only the school's second year of existence. At the time, I was simply a parent who wanted the best education and opportunities possible for my child. I had no idea that this school would eventually become such an important part of not only my daughter's life, but my own. During those years, I was dealing with health issues that eventually prevented me from continuing to work and led to my retirement. I suddenly had much more time on my hands, and rather than staying home feeling discouraged about the changes in my life, I began volunteering at the school. I helped teachers wherever I could, spent time with students and staff, and gradually found a community and a new sense of purpose.

What began as volunteering grew into years of service. I helped establish our PTO and have served as PTO president multiple times. Because I spent so much time in the school and built relationships with our families, teachers, and staff, I was eventually invited to serve on the school board. In that role, I have tried to be a voice for the parents and teachers whose experiences I understand because I spent so many years alongside them. I also had the privilege of watching my own daughter thrive here. She graduated as valedictorian, but her experience was about much more than academics. She participated in National Honor Society, track and field, Science Olympiad, an ACT high-score club, and even had the opportunity to study Turkish. Those experiences challenged her, exposed her to opportunities she might not otherwise have had, and helped prepare her for college and the success she has experienced since graduating.

My commitment to this school did not end when my daughter walked across the graduation stage. I remained involved because by then I had seen what this school could do for children and families. Years later, I now have the privilege of watching my own grandchildren attend the same school. I have gone from being the mother of a student, to a volunteer, PTO leader, board member, and now the grandmother of students. Few people have had the opportunity to see this school from so many different perspectives or across so many years. That is why I believe so strongly that families in Nashville deserve the opportunity to experience what our families have experienced.

This school provides children with much more than a classroom

education. Students have access to programs such as Science Olympiad, robotics, athletics, language clubs, and other extracurricular opportunities while also being surrounded by a culture that places a strong emphasis on academic achievement and college readiness. These opportunities matter, especially for children in communities where families may not always have easy access to them elsewhere. I have watched this school grow from its earliest years. I have watched students enter its doors as children and leave prepared to pursue college and their futures. I have watched teachers pour into their students, parents become part of the school community, and families (including my own) benefit from what this school provides.

For me, supporting an expansion into Nashville is not simply a decision I am making as a board member. It comes from years of firsthand experience as a mother, grandmother, volunteer, PTO president, and member of this school community. I know what this school gave my daughter. I know what it continues to give my grandchildren and so many other students. I believe families in Nashville deserve the opportunity to receive those same experiences, resources, expectations, and support. I hope you will give this school the opportunity to bring what we have built and experienced in our community to another generation of students and families.

Sincerely,

Patty Farmer
Board Member
Former PTO President
Parent and Grandparent

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 22, 2026 6:23 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	68.52.179.152
Unique ID:	1500026045
Location:	36.2646, -86.702

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Nashville School of Excellence offers a lot of benefits to the district, students, and families. Their model has proven to be successful in other areas and offers promising hope to the Nashville community as well. I hope to see the board approve this application. As a young college student myself, I want to see schools that optimize and enhance the educational experience of students and prepare them for success later in their educational journey. The leaders from Nashville School of Excellence are beyond qualified, dedicated, and passionate about education for all and ready to lead this great initiative!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 22, 2026 9:31 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	66.141.118.83
Unique ID:	1500062913
Location:	38.2539, -85.76

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Collierville, TN
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

I am writing to express my sincere support for the opening of Nashville School of Excellence.

I have a personal connection to this school and its mission. As a former teacher and a current board member of Memphis School of Excellence, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand how this type of school can make a difference in students' lives.

As a teacher, I saw how students can grow when they are given high expectations, encouragement, and opportunities to explore STEM and real-world learning. It is rewarding to see students become more confident, curious, and excited about their education.

As a board member of Read Foundation, I have had the opportunity to see the school from a different perspective. I have witnessed firsthand the dedication of the directors, faculty, staff, and everyone involved in this process. What stands out to me most is how genuinely they care about the students. They are working hard, often behind the scenes, to build a school where students will feel supported, challenged, and valued.

I truly believe Nashville School of Excellence can bring those same opportunities to Nashville students and families. A STEM-focused school can help students build skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics while also teaching them how to think critically, solve problems, work together, and prepare for their futures.

For me, this is more than simply supporting the opening of another school. It is about giving more students an opportunity to discover what they are capable of and providing families with another educational choice.

Having experienced this work as a teacher, I believe in the mission and the positive impact this school can have on the Nashville community. I sincerely hope Nashville School of Excellence is given the opportunity to open its doors and serve Nashville students.

Thank you for considering my support.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 23, 2026 2:30 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	170.203.123.9
Unique ID:	1500303975
Location:	29.7388, -95.8309

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have been a board member of Memphis School of Excellence since 2019. MSE delivers high-quality STEM and College Prep education to students in Tennessee with proven results. I am proud of supporting MSE as a board member. I highly recommend Nashville School of Excellence. I am confident it will bring the results Nashville is looking for.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 2:27 pm
Browser:	Chrome 153.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1500687392
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support providing Nashville students and families with additional high-quality public school options, particularly schools that offer a strong focus on STEM education. Students deserve access to innovative learning environments that prepare them for the careers and opportunities of the future. A STEM-focused school can provide students with meaningful opportunities to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, collaboration, and real-world skills while building their confidence and interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Families should have access to high-quality educational choices that meet the diverse needs and interests of their children. I believe this proposed school has the potential to expand those opportunities for Nashville students and contribute positively to the community. I encourage the Tennessee Charter School Commission to support giving Nashville families another high-quality public school option focused on preparing students for future success.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 2:29 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	50.220.210.58
Unique ID:	1500687868
Location:	27.8672, -82.3503

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I want this school to open soon

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 2:36 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.8010.24 / iOS
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1500690764
Location:	41.864, -88.0671

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I believe families benefit from having access to strong educational options that focus on academic growth, student success, and a positive learning environment. Every child deserves the opportunity to receive a high-quality education in a school where they feel supported, challenged, and encouraged to reach their full potential. I appreciate the commitment Nashville School of Excellence is making to serve students and families in the Nashville community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 2:51 pm
Browser:	Chrome 144.0.0.0 / Chrome OS
IP Address:	174.230.149.125
Unique ID:	1500696028
Location:	35.056, -89.8598

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby County Tennessee
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Teacher at MSE Mendenhall
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	This Charter program is excellent! I've worked as a Music Teacher for 8 years and love it!

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 2:56 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.232.178.34
Unique ID:	1500697931
Location:	42.2292, -72.7405

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	LEA Staff Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

As a teacher at Memphis School of Excellence (MSE), I feel proud to be part of a school community where teachers' ideas and thoughts are valued. As a fourth-year teacher at MSE, I have personally witnessed the growth in our students' academic achievement as well as the many opportunities provided for them beyond the classroom.

MSE has built strong connections with the community and encourages students to participate in a wide range of activities. Our students have competed in sports, including our middle school basketball team becoming a city runner-up. Students also participate in STEAM competitions through underwater robotics, drone teams, VEX Robotics, and FLL, with students achieving success in these competitions.

I have also seen growth in our students' TCAP performance, with different campuses demonstrating Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5 achievement. Our juniors and seniors have opportunities to visit Ivy League universities, helping them learn more about college and future opportunities. I have personally participated in one of these trips with our students and also run our robotics club.

Another initiative I value is our home visit program. Teachers visit students' homes to connect with families, better understand our students, and strengthen communication between parents, students, and the school.

These experiences have shown me how much can be accomplished when a school invests in academics, extracurricular activities, community partnerships, and strong relationships with families. I am excited to see these experiences and opportunities brought to Nashville through the new school.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 3:06 pm
Browser:	Chrome 153.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.222.212.115
Unique ID:	1500701466
Location:	35.1063, -89.941

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Our mission is empower each student to succeed in college and career through a rigorous, STEM-focused curriculum, a safe and welcoming environment, individualized support, and real partnership with families and communities. That mission shows up in the small decisions as much as the big ones - how we greet a nervous new student on their first day, how we train a first-year teacher, how we sit with a family to figure out what their child needs.

One thing I'm especially proud of: our commitment to STEM isn't just a phrase in our mission statement - it's something our campuses have earned recognition for. Last year alone, two more of our campuses received official STEM designation, joining a third that had already earned it. That means three of our four campuses - 75% of our network - are now formally recognized for the quality of their STEM programming, and we're working hard to bring the fourth along with them.

That same momentum shows up across the rest of our academic program. Our students are showing real, sustained academic growth year over year. We've expanded CTE course and industrial certificate completions, giving students hands-on pathways into real careers. We've grown our college readiness coursework so students leave us prepared, not just eligible. And we've expanded dual enrollment opportunities, letting our students earn real college credit before they ever set foot on a college campus. Taken together, this is a school actively building more doors for its students to walk through, not just talking about it.

What makes MSE work isn't any single program, though - it's the culture underneath all of it. Teachers are coached and supported relentlessly, not just held accountable. Leaders hold every campus to the same high bar. Students are known by name, pushed to reach further than they thought they could, and given the support to actually get there. Families choose us because they trust their kids will be safe, seen, and challenged, all at once. That's the kind of school we want to build in Nashville.

Our vision is that MSE students choose ambitious paths, persist and thrive in those choices, and go on to strengthen their own communities, local and global. Every student deserves a school built around that vision, and I believe Nashville's students deserve the same chance ours have had.

I'd be glad to share anything else that would help.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 3:42 pm
Browser:	Chrome 152.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1500714222
Location:	41.864, -88.0671

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Memphis Shelby County School
Relationship to Application/District	Other
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I looking forward to having a great Charter School for my Grandchildren that live in Nashville, TN

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 4:17 pm
Browser:	Chrome 155.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1500725618
Location:	41.864, -88.0671

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Collierville
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I support providing Nashville students and families with additional high-quality public school options, particularly schools that offer a strong STEM-focused education. Families should have access to educational opportunities that meet the diverse needs and interests of their students. I believe a STEM-focused public school could provide valuable opportunities for students interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 5:12 pm
Browser:	Chrome 153.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	50.229.151.66
Unique ID:	1500741772
Location:	41.864, -88.0671

Name	Todd Taylor
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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Shelby
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	I am a teacher and parent in Tn.
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am an ELA teacher in Shelby County. I have been a school teacher for over 20 years. When I first started teaching at Memphis School Of Excellence Winchester, it was a job, a paycheck, something to advance my private goals. I have been here for 9 years. Not just because it pays well, but also because of the culture. The students are in a system that works and they work to better themselves. The system works. I have been a level 5 teacher for the past 4 years because they allowed me the room to actually teach and move my students in ways that are meaningful and real. Many schools look good on paper, but I work at one of the schools; I know it looks good in person as well.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 24, 2026 10:49 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	104.28.33.66
Unique ID:	1500806679
Location:	32.7797, -96.8022

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Application Staff or Board Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence

Written Comment

Dear Members of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission,

I am writing to express my full and enthusiastic support for the application of Memphis School of Excellence to open a new campus "Nashville School of Excellence" here in Nashville. As a founding member of Memphis School of Excellence who continues to serve on our governing board, I am incredibly proud of the educational foundation we built in Memphis, and I am deeply committed to ensuring that same excellence is brought to the families of Nashville.

My recent relocation to Nashville for family reasons coincided with this expansion, and I'm happy that I have the chance to directly support this expansion and oversee its successful launch. Having a governing board member physically based in the community ensures that our leadership remains intimately connected to local needs, maintains direct oversight, and provides immediate accountability. We also have another board member who lives in Nashville area.

To further embed our mission into the fabric of this city, we have already appointed Kazim Kizilkaya as the dedicated Principal for the Nashville campus. Mr. Kizilkaya has been on the ground for more than a year, actively engaging with local families, community leaders, and organizations to build strong partnerships and gather vital community input.

With a proven educational model, an active board presence in the city, and dedicated local leadership already in place, Nashville School of Excellence is uniquely positioned to serve Nashville students effectively from day one. I respectfully urge the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission to approve our application.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued dedication to high-quality public education in our state.

Sincerely,

Cem Akkus
Founding Board Member, Memphis School of Excellence

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 25, 2026 8:20 am
Browser:	Chrome 153.0.0.0 / OS X
IP Address:	50.234.48.138
Unique ID:	1500879077
Location:	41.921, -87.6454

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	shelby county schools
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	teacher at Memphis School of Excellence
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have bee a teacher at Memphis School of Excellence since 2020. I have had a wonderful experience working for the MSE. I worked for public schools for almost twenty years. I wish I had taught at a Charter School before I decided to make my move in 2019. I feel that it is a more personal community for parents, teachers, staff, and especially our children. We have a tremendous amount of parental support. They participate in all events and support there children to become better students and scholars. Not only do parents in our community trust us but also our teachers. They feel confident enough to allow their children to attend our amazing school. Please consider to accept MSE's application for a charter in Nashville Public Schools. I look forward to finishing my career at Memphis School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 25, 2026 11:27 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 154.0.8037.55 / iOS
IP Address:	174.225.233.231
Unique ID:	1500942408
Location:	35.9819, -84.0019

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I am really concerned about the quality of public schools in our district. I have seen the charter schools have better educations and I feel confident about the nashville school of excellence

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 25, 2026 11:28 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 152.0.7977.64 / iOS
IP Address:	174.252.144.164
Unique ID:	1500942928
Location:	36.0327, -83.8071

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I feel like we are falling in public education. Charter schools have better education and opportunities for my kids

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 26, 2026 12:29 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1501185940
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	The support letter is attached.
Written Comment	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/20106232256

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 26, 2026 3:03 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	99.184.180.88
Unique ID:	1501208649
Location:	31.6629, -106.1371

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Socorro
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	Colleague from Texas
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Every child needs an option. Every family needs an option. Let's give NSE an option to succeed and inspire students.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 26, 2026 9:17 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	72.202.191.189
Unique ID:	1501256597
Location:	35.4971, -97.733

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
What is your resident district?	Edmond
Relationship to Application/District	Other
What is your relationship to the application?	A friend to applicants
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	As a stem/science teacher, I impressed by school's curriculum especially I believe that their plans on STEM education will have great impact.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 27, 2026 10:15 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.8010.24 / iOS
IP Address:	174.252.159.242
Unique ID:	1501323906
Location:	36.0327, -83.8071

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Community Member
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Students often learn best when they can connect classroom lessons to real-life problems. I especially appreciate the hands-on STEM and project-based learning approach proposed by Nashville School of Excellence. It can make learning more meaningful and engaging for students.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 27, 2026 10:19 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.8010.24 / iOS
IP Address:	174.252.159.242
Unique ID:	1501324426
Location:	36.0327, -83.8071

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Nashville is a diverse community, and our schools should be places where students from different languages, cultures, and backgrounds feel welcome. I believe Nashville School of Excellence can contribute positively to that goal, and I support its approval.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 28, 2026 1:02 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1501616164
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

Name	Manuela Lopez
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Mi nombre es Manuela Lopez, soy madre de familia y miembro de la comunidad de Nashville. Escribo para expresar mi apoyo a Nashville School of Excellence. Creo que nuestra comunidad necesita más oportunidades educativas de calidad para nuestros hijos, y Nashville School of Excellence sería una excelente opción para nuestras familias. Algo que considero especialmente importante es el enfoque de la escuela en el desarrollo del carácter. Como madre, quiero que mis hijos reciban una buena educación académica, pero también quiero que aprendan valores como la responsabilidad, el respeto y el buen carácter. Creo que Nashville School of Excellence puede ofrecer tanto una educación académica de calidad como un fuerte desarrollo del carácter. Me gustaría mucho tener esta escuela como una opción para mis hijos y para otras familias de Nashville. Respetuosamente, les pido que consideren la aprobación de Nashville School of Excellence.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 28, 2026 1:07 pm
Browser:	Safari 26.5 / OS X
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1501618028
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have a school age child. We are supporting Nashville school of excellence

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 30, 2026 6:51 am
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	108.248.214.254
Unique ID:	1502161016
Location:	35.9828, -86.5186

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Me siento orgulloso de apoyar a Nashville School of Excellence por su sólido modelo STEM y por las oportunidades que ofrece a través de sus clubes STEM. Estos programas motivan a los estudiantes a explorar la ciencia, la tecnología, la ingeniería y las matemáticas, mientras desarrollan su creatividad, trabajo en equipo y habilidades para resolver problemas. Creo que estas oportunidades ayudan a preparar a los estudiantes para un futuro brillante. - Josue Gomez

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 30, 2026 5:47 pm
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	108.248.214.254
Unique ID:	1502397468
Location:	35.9828, -86.5186

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	I have 3 kids and 2 of them in middle school. I want nse for my kids and we are supporting this school model.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 30, 2026 8:07 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	35.136.227.32
Unique ID:	1502426551
Location:	27.8503, -82.1748

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	It supports education by providing students with valuable learning opportunities and resources while helping strengthen the community.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 30, 2026 8:14 pm
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.2 / iOS
IP Address:	35.136.227.32
Unique ID:	1502429072
Location:	27.8503, -82.1748

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	It is an excellent school with a highly supportive staff and a welcoming environment. We have had a very positive experience and truly appreciate the dedication shown to students and families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 30, 2026 10:08 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	172.56.91.94
Unique ID:	1502448313
Location:	29.3496, -98.5609

Name	Arthur Chavez
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	My family and I are very interested in Nashville School of Excellence and the STEM-focused educational opportunities it plans to provide. We believe a strong STEM program can bring valuable new opportunities to Nashville students and families by helping students develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and preparing them for college and future careers. As parents, we appreciate having more educational opportunities available for our children and for other families across the Nashville community. Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	September 30, 2026 10:41 pm
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 153.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address:	136.60.83.30
Unique ID:	1502452591
Location:	30.3773, -97.71

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Hello, I am a math teacher and a mother of two children. As both an educator and a parent, I believe Nashville School of Excellence could provide valuable opportunities for students, especially through its focus on STEM education, individualized support, and services for English language learners. From my experience as a teacher, students learn best when their individual needs are recognized and they receive the right academic support. I also believe a strong STEM-focused program can help students develop problem-solving, critical-thinking, and technology skills that will prepare them for college and future careers. I believe this school would be a valuable addition to Nashville and could provide another strong educational option for students and families. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	October 1, 2026 10:01 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari 26.6.1 / iOS
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1502579365
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	My name is Dilgesh, and as a member of the Kurdish community and a parent, I strongly support Nashville School of Excellence for my children and for other families in our community. I believe this school is needed because it will provide individualized support and strong ESL support for students. These services can help students succeed academically and help families feel supported and connected to the school. I believe Nashville School of Excellence will be a great addition to our community, and I hope to see it open for our children and families.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	October 1, 2026 10:10 am
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1502583133
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	Non-district Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Mi nombre es Francisca Cal y escribo para expresar mi apoyo a Nashville School of Excellence. Creo que esta escuela será una gran oportunidad para Nashville, especialmente para las familias hispanas y multiculturales. Aprecio el trabajo que la escuela ya ha realizado para conectarse con la comunidad hispana y escuchar a las familias. Me gusta especialmente el apoyo que Nashville School of Excellence planea brindar a los estudiantes que están aprendiendo inglés. Muchas familias de nuestra comunidad necesitan una escuela que comprenda a estudiantes de diferentes culturas e idiomas y que los ayude a sentirse bienvenidos y apoyados. Creo que Nashville School of Excellence ofrecerá una excelente oportunidad educativa para estos estudiantes y sus familias, y me complace apoyar a esta escuela.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	October 1, 2026 10:22 am
Browser:	Safari 26.5 / OS X
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1502588414
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	Conocí al equipo de Nashville School of Excellence en el Consulado de Guatemala, donde tuve la oportunidad de conocer más sobre la escuela y sus planes. Creo que Nashville School of Excellence será una excelente escuela para nuestros niños y un gran beneficio para nuestra comunidad. Apoyamos esta escuela y esperamos verla sirviendo a las familias de Nashville.

Form Name:	New Start Public Hearing Form - Written - Nashville School of Excellence/MNPS
Submission Time:	October 2, 2026 8:36 am
Browser:	Chrome 154.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address:	71.228.213.197
Unique ID:	1502877593
Location:	36.1093, -86.8657

Name	Mehmet Ayaz
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Resident District Status	District Resident
Relationship to Application/District	Prospective Parent
I wish to comment in support of	Nashville School of Excellence
Written Comment	My name is Mehmet Ayaz. I am a member of the Kurdish community in Nashville and a parent of seven school-age children. I am writing to express my strong support for Nashville School of Excellence. As a parent, I want to have strong educational opportunities for my children here in Nashville. I believe in the School of Excellence model so much that I personally visited READ Foundation and asked them to bring this school model to Nashville. I believe Nashville School of Excellence will provide a strong academic program with a focus on STEM education, college preparation, and career readiness. I also appreciate that the school gives importance to character development. As parents, we want our children not only to succeed academically, but also to become responsible, respectful, and successful members of their community. I would be very happy to have Nashville School of Excellence as an option for my children and other families in Nashville. I strongly support bringing this school to our community.



Iglesia De Dios Casa de Restauracion
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November 29, 2025

Nashville School of Excellence
Nashville, TN

Dear Members of the Nashville School of Excellence Community,

On behalf of Iglesia de Dios Casa de Restauracion, I am writing to extend our warmest congratulations to you on the future opening of the new school. We are delighted to welcome such an important educational institution to our neighborhood.

At Iglesia Casa de Restauración, we deeply value the role that education plays in fostering character, wisdom, and community growth. We recognize the immense effort and dedication required to launch a new academic endeavor, and we applaud your commitment to serving the families and students of this area.

Please know that our congregation stands with you as you begin this journey. We are eager to explore ways in which we might support your efforts, whether through community partnership, providing volunteer resources, or simply offering our prayers for a successful and impactful inaugural year. We believe that when schools and local institutions work together, our entire community thrives.

We look forward to witnessing the positive impact the new school will undoubtedly have on our local students. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is any way our church community can be of service to you as you establish your presence here.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Jimenez
Iglesia Casa de Restauración
General Pastor



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Date: 1/24/2026

To: Nashville Metro Public Schools Board

Subject: Letter of Support for Memphis School of Excellence

My name is Brett Lawson, and I serve as President/CEO for Lawson Consulting LLC. Additionally, I am the Sr. Dir. Of Operations at Leadership Memphis, a former teacher/principal/ILD of Memphis-Shelby County Schools, Executive Director of a Charter CMO. I am writing to express my full support for the approval of Memphis School of Excellence's application to expand their network with a new Charter School in Nashville.

I have served alongside the Executive Director of Memphis School of Excellence in many aspects of Charter work over the years. I have also had direct contact with many of their staff and Board members. I can attest to the high level of rigor they are able to implement daily in their classrooms. Their data is incredibly strong, as you will see in their application. Beyond the academic data, I can attest to their love for the community. During the pandemic, Memphis School of Excellence led the way in responsiveness to actual needs. When face shields were in short supply, the leaders of the school put their 3-D printers to use making them and donating them to front line workers. I am truly proud to know the leaders of this school.

I wholeheartedly support Memphis School of Excellence and the positive impact it will have. Lawson Consulting, LLC is eager to partner with Memphis School of Excellence to help the school achieve its mission and vision for students and the Nashville community. A denial of their application would certainly be a missed opportunity for the children and families they seek to serve.

In partnership,

Sincerely

Brett Lawson, President/CEO Lawson Consulting, LLC

BAREFOOT REPUBLIC

COMMUNITY CENTER

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of **Barefoot Republic**, we are pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposed **Nashville School of Excellence (NSE)**. As an organization dedicated to building unity, bridging communities, and empowering young people through inclusive programs and experiences, we believe NSE's mission aligns closely with our values and the needs of families in Nashville.

After learning more about the Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) network — the model upon which NSE is founded — we are encouraged by its strong academic performance, commitment to STEM education, and long-standing record of supporting student growth. MSE has demonstrated success through high achievement outcomes, strong character development, and a culture that prepares students for college and meaningful future opportunities.

We believe the expansion of this school model into Nashville will provide families with an additional high-quality public school option, especially in an area where many students would benefit from greater access to rigorous academics, intentional support systems, and STEM-focused pathways. NSE's dedication to serving a diverse student population also resonates deeply with Barefoot Republic's commitment to building community across racial, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds.

Once the school opens, we look forward to exploring future collaboration opportunities — including enrichment programs, community engagement initiatives, and youth development partnerships that support students and families.

For these reasons, **Barefoot Republic is pleased to support the opening of the Nashville School of Excellence** and believes it will be a positive addition to our community.

Sincerely,

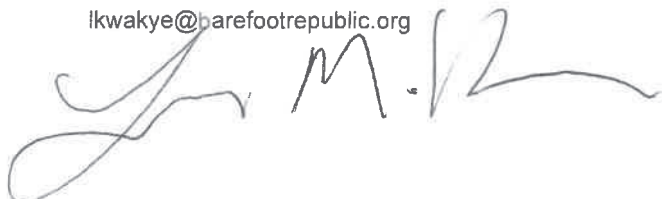
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Community Center Director

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city fund

January 14, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Since 2016, the City Fund board of directors has approved over \$10M in grants to support public education efforts in Nashville. A portion of that budget is allocated towards creating high-performing public charter schools to provide students and families across the city more great public options.

Upon authorization, we are prepared to provide start-up financial support to the Nashville School of Excellence team as they work to create a new public school model for the community. The Nashville School of Excellence team has established a strong track record of results working with students in Memphis since 2009, and we believe that their rigorous academic program will prepare students for college and life beyond.

We are confident in Nashville School of Excellence's academic and financial leadership capacity to launch a high-quality option for kids and families in Nashville, and we respectfully encourage you to authorize the school.

Sincerely,

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Chris Barbic
Partner



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Date: 12/15/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Al-Huda Islamic Center, I am writing to express our strong support for the Nashville School of Excellence's application to open a public charter school in South Nashville.

Al-Huda Islamic Center has served the Nashville and Hermitage communities for many years, working closely with families from diverse cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Through our educational, social, and civic engagement programs, we have seen firsthand the urgent need for high-quality public educational options that promote academic excellence, character development, and *inclusive community values*.

After reviewing available information, we believe that the Nashville School of Excellence has demonstrated a clear commitment to rigorous academics, student-centered learning, and equitable access to education for all students. We are particularly encouraged by the school's focus on serving underserved communities and its intention to foster a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where students can thrive academically and socially.

South Nashville is home to a growing and diverse population, including many immigrant and refugee families who seek strong public schools that prepare their children for success in higher education, the workforce, and civic life. We believe that the Nashville School of Excellence will play a vital role in meeting these needs and strengthening the broader community.

We respectfully urge you to give this charter application full consideration and approval. Please feel free to contact us should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ibrahim Caynaan

President

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Al-Huda Islamic Center of Nashville



Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

Consulado General de Guatemala
en Nashville, Tennessee,
Estados Unidos de América

12/30/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Consulate General of Guatemala in Nashville, TN, we are pleased to extend this letter of sponsorship and support for the establishment of **Nashville School of Excellence**, an educational institution dedicated to academic excellence, cultural inclusion, and community development.

The Consulate of Guatemala recognizes the vital role that education plays in strengthening communities and empowering future generations. This new school represents an important opportunity to serve students and families, particularly those of Guatemalan and Latino heritage, by fostering academic achievement, bilingualism, cultural awareness, and civic responsibility.

Through this letter, the Consulate of Guatemala expresses its full support for the mission and vision of **Nashville School of Excellence**. We believe this institution will provide a safe, inclusive, and high-quality learning environment that promotes educational growth and cross-cultural understanding. The school's commitment to educational equity and community engagement aligns closely with our efforts to support Guatemalan nationals and the broader community abroad.

The Consulate affirms its willingness to support the school through advocacy, community outreach, and collaboration on cultural and educational initiatives when appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you require additional information or confirmation regarding this letter.

Sincerely,


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Iglesia Camino de Santidad

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December 01, 2025

Nashville School of Excellence application team:

Grace and peace to you. As your new school prepares to open, **Iglesia Camino de Santidad** celebrates your mission and extends our sponsorship. Our church is committed to building strong families, supporting children, and encouraging learning—values that align beautifully with your vision.

We are honored to partner with you in creating a safe and uplifting environment for young learners.

Blessings,



Karina Moran

Secretary

Iglesia Camino de Santidad





December 9, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share community interest related to the proposed Nashville School of Excellence charter school serving South Nashville and Antioch.

Our work focuses on sustainability education and professional development for educators in Nashville. If the Nashville School of Excellence were to open in South Nashville/Antioch, we have discussed the availability of existing programming that could support teacher learning through sustainability-focused professional development.

One such offering is *Teaching Sustainability in Nashville*, a 1.5-hour professional development workshop designed for educators, librarians, and school staff who are interested in integrating sustainability concepts into their work. The workshop is hands-on, locally grounded, and designed to fit within a variety of educational settings and subject areas.

Through this training, educators are better able to:

- Understand sustainability and its relevance in educational environments
- Apply practical sustainability strategies in classrooms and schools
- Incorporate standards-aligned sustainability lessons across subjects
- Access local tools, resources, and community connections that support instruction

I appreciate the opportunity to share how community-based educational programming may serve as a resource to future schools in this area.

Sincerely,

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November 23, 2025



Nashville School of Excellence:

On behalf of Iglesia de Dios La Ultima LLamada, it is with great enthusiasm that we offer this letter of support for Nashville School of Excellence and the meaningful work you are doing to serve the children and families of our community.

As a faith-based organization committed to uplifting and empowering our neighbors, we deeply value educational institutions that prioritize academic excellence, character development, and equitable opportunities for all students. Your school's mission aligns closely with our own commitment to nurturing strong, resilient, and compassionate young people who can positively impact the world around them.

Over the years, we have witnessed the positive influence that Memphis School of Excellence has had on students' academic achievement, personal growth, and overall well-being. We are encouraged by your dedication to innovative instructional practices, family engagement, and creating a safe, inclusive learning environment.

Iglesia de Dios La Ultima LLamada is proud to stand alongside your school as a community partner. We look forward to continued collaboration that benefits both our youth and our broader community.

Please accept our full support for Nashville School of Excellence as you continue your important work. If there is any additional way we can be of service, do not hesitate to reach out.

With appreciation and partnership,

Jose Medrano

General Pastor

Iglesia de Dios Ultima LLamada

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December 12, 2025

Dear School of Excellence,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Casa de Dios USA, a Christian multicultural church serving the families and communities of Nashville, it is our joy to express our support for Nashville School of Excellence as you continue shaping and inspiring the next generation. Your commitment to education, character, and community aligns deeply with our mission as a church—to build, uplift, and empower individuals and families through faith, service, and compassionate outreach.

We believe that strong schools and strong churches working together can create a profound impact in the lives of students, families, and the surrounding community. With that heart, Casa de Dios USA would be honored to partner with your school in ways that support your academic, cultural, and community-centered goals. As part of our commitment to this partnership, we are pleased to offer:

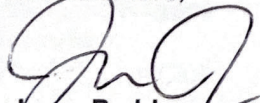
- **Spiritual and emotional support**, including mentorship, pastoral guidance, and faith-based encouragement for students and families
- **Community outreach collaboration**, such as family resource events, back-to-school initiatives, holiday support programs, and service projects
- **Access to church facilities** for meetings, educational programs, student activities, or community gatherings when needed
- **Youth development opportunities**, including leadership programs, character-building workshops, and multicultural enrichment activities
- **Event support**, such as partnering in school celebrations, community days, fundraisers, or cultural events
- **Family engagement initiatives**, focused on strengthening homes, promoting unity, and supporting parents in their role of guiding their children

Casa de Dios USA is dedicated to being a light in our city, and we deeply value the work Nashville School of Excellence is doing to cultivate excellence, integrity, and opportunity for its students. Together, we can help create an environment where young people thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or a member of your leadership team to discuss how we can best serve and support your mission. Please feel free to reach out to us at **(615) 262-2511** at your convenience.

Thank you for the incredible work you are doing for our community. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you and standing alongside Nashville School of Excellence in building a brighter future for every student.

In Christ's love,



Josue Rodriguez
Pastor



August 31, 2026

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Nashville Schools of Excellence Letter of Support

Dear Members of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support for the charter application of Nashville School of Excellence (NSE) as it comes before the Commission. I have followed the school's proposal and community outreach efforts, and I believe NSE would be a valuable addition to Nashville's public education options.

Nashville School of Excellence is built on a mission to empower every student to succeed in college and career through a rigorous, STEM-focused curriculum, a safe and inclusive school environment, individualized academic and social-emotional support, and genuine partnership with families and the community. This model is not unproven: it reflects the track record of the broader network of Schools of Excellence, which has demonstrated strong outcomes including high graduation rates, strong college acceptance rates, and top-tier ACT performance relative to peer schools.

What stands out most to me is the depth of NSE's community engagement ahead of its opening. The school's team has connected with families across Nashville through dozens of community events, festivals, church partnerships, and grassroots outreach, generating hundreds of parent interest forms and dozens of letters of support from local organizations. That level of grassroots demand is a strong signal that Nashville families are seeking the kind of rigorous, supportive, STEM-focused option that NSE proposes to provide.

As a commercial real estate professional working across Tennessee markets, I recognize how much a strong local school option can mean to the stability and growth of the neighborhoods and families it serves. Quality educational choices are foundational to healthy communities, and I believe Nashville School of Excellence is prepared to deliver on that promise with experienced leadership and a proven educational model.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to approve the charter application for Nashville School of Excellence. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Tennessee's students and families.

Respectfully,

Brandon Ingram

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Dear Nashville School of Exelence,

This letter confirms that Iglesia Monte de los Olivos is committed to parthnership with Nashville School of Excellence. Our support will include:

Community outreach assistance

Access to family support services

Spiritual mentorship programs

We pray for your success and stand ready to partner with you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Rolando Viveros

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December 17, 2025

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of **Ministerios La Puerta De Las Ovejas**, we are pleased to provide this letter of sponsorship in support of the establishment of **Nashville School of Excellence**. Our church is committed to serving the community through faith, education, and outreach, and we strongly believe that this new school will be a valuable asset to families in our area.

Ministerios La Puerta De Las Ovejas proudly supports the mission and vision of **Nashville School of Excellence**, which aims to provide a safe, nurturing, and academically excellent learning environment for students. We recognize the importance of quality education rooted in strong values and character development, and we are confident that this school will positively impact the lives of children and families it serves.

As a sponsoring organization, our church is willing to support **Nashville School of Excellence** through prayer, community encouragement, and collaboration when possible. We believe that partnerships between faith-based organizations and educational institutions are essential for building strong, thriving communities.

We fully endorse the efforts of **Nashville School of Excellence** and respectfully ask that this letter serve as confirmation of our support. Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your dedication to education and to the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Luis E. Jibes
General Pastor

Ministerios La Puertas De las Ovejas

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February 5, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

As Chairman of the Tennessee Education Committee, I am committed to ensuring that all Tennessee students have access to schools that promote academic excellence, psychosocial development, and a rigorous curriculum. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Nashville School of Excellence charter school.

I have been a Memphis resident for over 30 years, so I am privy to the success of the Memphis School of Excellence Network. Currently, this organization has an outstanding academic and long-term student success track record. Their commitment to STEM demonstrates their attentiveness to the rising needs within the workforce, while also opening a doorway to endless opportunities for its students.

Expanding this school model to MNPS will increase our total number of high-quality public schools, giving families more access to a higher-quality education. The Nashville School of Excellence plans to serve the Southeast Nashville community, considered underserved, in a safe and inclusive environment. NSE's school model will help our students in that area to be better prepared to complete college and thrive in their chosen professions.

I fully support the opening of Nashville School of Excellence and eagerly await the success stories that will stem from community partnerships and the hard work of the NSE faculty and staff.

Sincerely,

Mark White
Chair, House Education Committee



December 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Memphis School of Excellence

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for the Memphis School of Excellence. As a leader within the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) initiative, I have the opportunity to support schools nationwide on their capacity to implement transformative programs. The Memphis School of Excellence network possesses essential qualities we look for: a vision for powerful learning propelled by technology, a culture of professional learning and coaching, and, most crucially, the human capital to sustain innovation.

Verizon Innovative Learning Schools' goal is not merely to distribute devices, but to bridge the digital divide by empowering educators to teach in new, immersive ways. Memphis School of Excellence has been an outstanding partner and has shown a deep commitment to the Memphis community.

Memphis School of Excellence has been successful in their partnership with Verizon Innovative Learning Schools in the following areas:

- VILS coaches who are intentional in their coaching practices and lead with an impactful coaching model to meet the needs and build the skills of their teachers.
- District leadership that promotes digital equity and focuses on technology innovation as an essential expectation for their students.
- Implementation of strong student tech teams in each VILS school.
- A group of strong teacher leaders who proactively lead, facilitate, and share best technology integration practices in the classroom.

I recommend them without reservation for any opportunity that seeks to invest in high-impact, sustainable educational change.

Sincerely,

Celeste Barretto Milligan (she/her)
Deputy Director, Student Impact
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Dear Tennessee Public Charter Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed opening of Nashville School of Excellence.

I have had the opportunity to work with the proposed principal, Mr. Kizilkaya, and have witnessed his dedication, professionalism, enthusiasm, and commitment to serving students and families. He has made tremendous efforts, alongside members of his district team, to prepare for the successful opening and operation of this school.

Over the past two years, I have participated with Mr. Kizilkaya in several professional development programs designed to prepare school leaders. We were also partners in Relay leadership training, a comprehensive and rigorous program that equips administrators with the knowledge and skills needed to lead, improve, and sustain successful schools. Throughout this training, Mr. Kizilkaya was consistently active, engaged, and committed to his professional growth.

Although Nashville School of Excellence has not yet opened, I have been impressed by the careful planning and extensive preparation undertaken by Mr. Kizilkaya and his team. His ability to speak multiple languages will also be a valuable asset in communicating with families, building trust, and engaging parents from diverse backgrounds.

Based on my professional experience with Mr. Kizilkaya and my knowledge of the school's preparations, I believe Nashville School of Excellence has the potential to provide students with a safe, academically focused, and character-centered learning environment. I respectfully support its proposed opening and commend the leadership team for its commitment to making this vision a reality.

Mehmet Ali Ozdem

Mehmet Ozdem, M.Ed | Principal

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December 3, 2025

Metro Nashville Public Schools
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Re: Letter of Support for Nashville School of Excellence

To whom it may concern,

I write in support of the proposed expansion of the Nashville School of Excellence (NSE). As the CEO of The Nashville Food Project, I lead a nonprofit committed to advancing community well-being through food access, education, and systems-level collaboration. We work closely with schools and neighborhood partners across the city, and I understand the value of public education models that are both responsive and accountable.

NSE brings a strong academic track record, demonstrated operational capacity, and a clear plan for community engagement. Its focus on STEM education aligns with regional workforce needs and addresses persistent gaps in opportunity and access. The network's existing performance — in both academic achievement and fiscal management — reflects a readiness to replicate with quality.

The proposed campus would serve a diverse and underserved population in Southeast Nashville. In a city where demand for high-quality public education exceeds supply, families deserve more accessible, high-performing options. NSE has shown it can deliver results while maintaining a commitment to equity and inclusion.

I support this proposal and urge its approval. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

C.J. Sentell, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

*The Nashville Food Project brings people together to grow, cook and share nourishing food,
with the goals of cultivating community and alleviating hunger in our city.*



**Libreria Cristiana
LEON DE JUDA**

DECEMBER 13, 2025

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of **LIBRERIA CRISTIANA LEON DE JUDA**, we are pleased to offer this letter of sponsorship in support of the opening of **NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**. As a community-based bookstore dedicated to literacy, education, and lifelong learning, we are excited to partner with an institution that shares these same values.

LIBRERIA LEON DE JUDA is proud to sponsor **NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE** by providing support in the form of **books, educational materials, gift cards, discounts, reading programs or other resources**. Our goal is to help foster a strong culture of reading and academic excellence among students and educators as the school begins its journey.

We believe that access to quality books and learning resources is essential to student success, and we are confident that **NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE** will have a positive and lasting impact on the community. We look forward to building a meaningful partnership that supports both literacy development and educational growth.

Please feel free to contact us if additional information or documentation is required. We wish **NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE** every success in its opening and future endeavors.

Sincerely,

**ALBA PEREZ DE JIBES
ADMINISTRATOR - 615-256-7667
LIBRERIA CRISTIANA
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William R. Moore College of Technology
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Metro Nashville Public Schools
c/o Nashville School of Excellence Application Team

Dear Members of the Application Review Team,

As Chief Financial Officer of William R. Moore College of Technology in Memphis, I am pleased to offer my strong support for the establishment of the Nashville School of Excellence, a proposed public charter school that will serve grades 6–12.

Moore Tech has a long history of advancing workforce development and career readiness across the Mid-South, and we recognize the vital role that early exposure to rigorous, college-preparatory education plays in shaping future success. The Nashville School of Excellence's commitment to providing high-quality instruction, fostering character development, and preparing students for both higher education and meaningful careers aligns closely with our mission to expand opportunity through technical and academic excellence.

We believe this initiative will bring significant value to the Nashville community, primarily by increasing access to strong academic pathways for students who may not otherwise have these opportunities. I commend the school's leadership for their vision and dedication to student achievement, and I am confident the Nashville School of Excellence will become a model of innovation and equity in public education.

Please accept this letter as an expression of Moore Tech's full support for the approval of the Nashville School of Excellence charter application.

Sincerely,

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December 3, 2025

Nashville School of Excellence

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the congregation at Jehová Shama Ministerios Elim, I am writing to express our sincere excitement and support for the upcoming opening of Nashville School of Excellence here in Nashville. It is always a joyful occasion to see new opportunities for education and growth being established in our vibrant community. The success of graduation rate, colleague acceptance and academic progress that your schools have in Memphis is well needed in the Nashville community.

We believe that a school is more than just a building—it is a cornerstone for shaping the hearts and minds of the next generation. We are encouraged by your mission to provide character development and community service.

“We are committed to standing alongside you as you build this new community, and we look forward to finding ways to partner together to serve our neighbors in Nashville.”

Please know that our church community will be keeping your leadership, staff, and future students in our thoughts and prayers. If there is any way our church can be a resource or partner as you settle into the neighborhood, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We wish you all the very best as you finalize your preparations. We cannot wait to welcome you fully into the Nashville family.

Warmly,

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Roberto Bustillo
Pastor/Senior Leader
Jehová Shama Ministerios Elim



December 17, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Neighbors in Faith it gives me pleasure to provide you this letter of support for the Nashville School of Excellence. I am aware that in the days to come they will be proposing a public charter school that will be focusing on training future leaders for Nashville and beyond. Their plan as I believe you know is to provide a high-quality, college-preparatory education for students in grades 6-12.

Our organization is focused on building bridges of mutual respect, trust and understanding between different faith communities throughout the city. As such we are familiar with the various neighborhoods along the northern corridor of Nolensville Pike, an area we understand the school is considering in their proposal. Tearing down walls that separate and building bridges toward one another are fundamental to building stronger, healthier communities. Our experience is that immigrant families are naturally adept for such a task.

Furthermore we believe that the Nashville School of Excellence is uniquely equipped as community partners. They have an excellent academic record since 2010 in offering quality STEM-focused programs that build into the student's overall educational DNA beyond reading, writing and arithmetic. Their goal is to see students proficient in foundational literacies, critical thinking/problem solving, and social/emotional skills, just to mention a few. Another strength in their overall educational portfolio is their successful support of immigrant and underserved students.

So it is with confidence, I gladly recommend them to you. And I trust that you will see them as another key player along with other schools in the area, to build a brighter, better future for us all.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. 'Jeff' Holder

Neighbors in Faith, Director

Regions Bank
6200 Poplar Ave. 3rd Fl.
Memphis, TN 38119



November 21, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised Read Foundation dba Memphis School of Excellence has been a client with Regions Bank since 2010. Regions have made multiple loans to Read Foundation for facilities and equipment purchases that have always been paid as agreed. They have always paid as agreed and maintained their business relationship in an exemplary manner. Read Foundation dba Memphis School of Excellence has expanded their business presence in the Memphis market and are viewed as one of the top Charter Management Organizations in the State of Tennessee. This letter shows our support for their expansion efforts in the state of Tennessee.

Please feel free to contact me directly if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Radio Vida 1130, 1210 & 910 AM

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December 12, 2025

Dear Nashville School of Excellence,

Re: Sponsorship Partnership Opportunity with Radio Vida 1130, 1210 & 910 AM

On behalf of Radio Vida 1130, 1210, and 910 AM, I am pleased to extend our warm greetings to Nashville School of Excellence as you continue your inspiring mission of serving students and the broader community. As a locally committed radio network dedicated to uplifting education, youth development, and community growth, we value forming strong partnerships with institutions that share our passion for empowering future generations.

We would be honored to collaborate with your school through a sponsorship partnership designed to support your academic, cultural, and extracurricular goals. Radio Vida is proud to come alongside schools to provide:

- **On-air recognition** for school events, announcements, and student achievements
- **Educational outreach**, including media literacy opportunities or radio station tours
- **Support for school programs**, such as arts initiatives, sports teams, or academic enrichment
- **Community event promotion**, helping the school connect with families and local stakeholders
- **Collaborative projects**, including student radio segments, talent showcases, and fundraising campaigns

In return, we welcome opportunities for mutual visibility through your newsletters, event programs, and community outreach. Together, we can build a partnership that enriches your students' educational experience and strengthens community engagement.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you or a member of your leadership team to explore sponsorship opportunities best suited to your school's needs. Please feel free to contact us at **(615) 262-2511** at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this partnership. We look forward to supporting Nashville School of Excellence and contributing to the continued growth and success of your students.

Warm regards,

Josue Rodriguez

Pastor and Radio Director

Radio Vida 1130, 1210 & 910 AM

Phone: (615) 262-2511



November 14, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of PromoHounds to express our support for the proposed Nashville School of Excellence. We believe that opening a high-quality, STEM-focused public charter school will benefit families and contribute positively to the Nashville community.

Throughout our interactions with Mr. Kazim Kizilkaya and his team, we have seen their professionalism, commitment, and strong dedication to serving students. We are confident that the Nashville School of Excellence will provide valuable educational opportunities and become a meaningful asset to the community.

We respectfully encourage the approval of this charter application.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Lorance
PromoHounds



January 20th, 2026

To: Metro Nashville Public Schools Board

My name is Darrell Cobbins. As Vice Chairman of the Tennessee State Board of Education, a third-generation real estate professional, serving as Founder and President of Universal Commercial Real Estate Group, PLLC, a commercial real estate firm founded in 2007, I submit this letter as my full support for the proposed charter school application from the Read Foundation to open the Nashville School of Excellence.

I have spent many years fighting to make education better for all. I believe that Nashville School of Excellence will provide avenues for students, parents, and teachers in their educational opportunities and life pursuits. Students don't always have options that are viable for their circumstances but Nashville School of Excellence will strive to expose those students to an excellent charter school with strong leaders who are undeniably committed to providing a high-quality education.

I believe the Read Foundation's efforts to expand will provide valuable educational opportunities and tremendous student outcomes as a new option to the Nashville community.

Thank you for your consideration of the Read Foundation's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darrell Cobbins', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Darrell T. Cobbins

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Date: 11/20/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Salahadeen Center of Nashville, we are pleased to offer this letter of support for the Nashville School of Excellence for opening a charter school in southeast Nashville.

After doing some research, and review, we believe this organization is reputable, effective, and well-aligned with the needs of our community. Our findings show that the Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) network—upon which the Nashville School of Excellence is modeled—has demonstrated exceptional academic performance, strong character development, and a consistent record of long-term student success.

As a community organization serving Southeast Nashville, we recognize that our area is in need of improved educational quality, and many families are seeking additional school options that offer higher academic standards, stronger STEM pathways, and better preparation for college and careers. The Nashville School of Excellence would directly help meet this need by bringing a proven, high-performing educational model to our neighborhood.

For these reasons, the Salahadeen Center of Nashville supports opening school by the Nashville School of Excellence to improve the education level of the children

Sincerely,

Salahadeen Center of Nashville
Mohammed Kokoy

Head of Executive Board



December 9, 2025

To the Approval Committee:

This letter is written in strong support of the establishment of Charter School of Excellence to Nashville area. Industry is in need of STEM programs in schools that will lead students to careers in manufacturing and other fields. Nashville School of Excellence will be strategically located in the area where the students will be exposed to local manufacturing plants close by, and also close to organizations that can serve as influencers to the students in STEM programs.

The leaders working to establish Nashville School of Excellence are preparing students for high demand careers. STEM programs and activities are creating opportunities for the children to get involved in real world applications, learn about technologies, initiative, productivity, communication, flexibility, problem solving skills, and other skills needed to be successful in the field.

Comefri USA is a manufacturing business unit of Comefri Group, and the plant is located in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Comefri USA is manufacturing fans used in various applications: air conditioning, ventilation, industrial, and serves markets worldwide.

Comefri USA is looking forward to employ students graduating from STEM programs at Nashville School of Excellence, or provide internships to the deserving students that are seeking hands on experience in the field, and apply what they will learn in the school programs.

Best Regards,

Sylvie Braun

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Radio Vida 1130, 1210 & 910 AM

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December 12, 2025

Dear Nashville School of Excellence,

Re: Sponsorship Partnership Opportunity with Radio Vida 1130, 1210 & 910 AM

On behalf of Radio Vida 1130, 1210, and 910 AM, I am pleased to extend our warm greetings to Nashville School of Excellence as you continue your inspiring mission of serving students and the broader community. As a locally committed radio network dedicated to uplifting education, youth development, and community growth, we value forming strong partnerships with institutions that share our passion for empowering future generations.

We would be honored to collaborate with your school through a sponsorship partnership designed to support your academic, cultural, and extracurricular goals. Radio Vida is proud to come alongside schools to provide:

- **On-air recognition** for school events, announcements, and student achievements
- **Educational outreach**, including media literacy opportunities or radio station tours
- **Support for school programs**, such as arts initiatives, sports teams, or academic enrichment
- **Community event promotion**, helping the school connect with families and local stakeholders
- **Collaborative projects**, including student radio segments, talent showcases, and fundraising campaigns

In return, we welcome opportunities for mutual visibility through your newsletters, event programs, and community outreach. Together, we can build a partnership that enriches your students' educational experience and strengthens community engagement.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you or a member of your leadership team to explore sponsorship opportunities best suited to your school's needs. Please feel free to contact us at **(615) 262-2511** at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this partnership. We look forward to supporting Nashville School of Excellence and contributing to the continued growth and success of your students.

Warm regards,

Josue Rodriguez

Pastor and Radio Director

Radio Vida 1130, 1210 & 910 AM

Phone: (615) 262-2511



November 24, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Peace Bridges Center, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Nashville School of Excellence, a proposed public charter school that seeks to provide a high-quality, STEM-focused, college-preparatory education for students in grades 6–12.

Our organization works directly with families, youth, and diverse cultural communities in Nashville, and we see every day how access to strong educational opportunities can change lives. Many of the families we serve are seeking safe, academically rigorous schools that also provide support, enrichment, and pathways to future careers. Nashville School of Excellence aligns with those needs.

We believe this school has the potential to:

Expand high-quality learning options for Nashville families

Provide STEM-focused programs that prepare students for college and the modern workforce

Support immigrant and underserved families through parent engagement and community outreach

Strengthen Nashville's future by investing in students' academic and social success

Peace Bridges Center values any effort that promotes educational equity, family support, and opportunity. For these reasons, we are pleased to support the Nashville School of Excellence and its mission to serve Nashville's students. Please feel free to contact us if further information is needed. We look forward to the positive impact this school will bring to our community.

Sincerely,

Afgan Akbarov

Director, Treasurer

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September 25, 2026

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission
Nashville, Tennessee

Re: Letter of Support for Nashville School of Excellence

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Building Hope, I am pleased to express our support for Memphis School of Excellence and its proposed expansion through Nashville School of Excellence.

Building Hope is a national nonprofit organization that supports public charter schools through real estate development, facilities financing, and long-term growth planning. Our team has been working with Memphis School of Excellence as it evaluates facility and financing options for its proposed Nashville campus.

Through this engagement, we have been impressed by the organization's thoughtful approach to expansion, its focus on long-term financial sustainability, and its willingness to address facility and operational considerations early in the planning process.

Launching a new school requires careful coordination among academics, operations, enrollment, facilities, and finance. In our experience working with charter schools across the country, successful expansion depends on disciplined planning and strong execution. Memphis School of Excellence has demonstrated a serious and collaborative approach to these responsibilities.

Should Nashville School of Excellence receive authorization, Building Hope looks forward to continuing to support the organization as it develops and implements a sustainable facility strategy for the Nashville campus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dru Damico



President

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November 19, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Read Foundation dba Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) application for TSIN STEM Designation. I direct the West TN STEM Hub, a regional K-12 collaborative focused on increasing students' interest in and preparation for STEM career pathways. We (the West TN STEM Hub) have worked with MSE for several years through interactions with both students and teachers.

MSE has been active with the West TN STEM Hub (Hub), with teachers and school administrators attending professional development offerings of the Hub, including the annual Innovations in STEM conference and the After School STEM workshops during the academic year. The school has also utilized STEM Ambassadors to support classroom STEM activities and to provide professional development regarding the Hub's resources for MSE teachers. For example, this year the Hub is providing Ambassador support for MSE's Fall Eagle Expo at MSE Elementary Cordova. The Ambassadors are serving as guest judges and share insights with students on how their ideas can make a positive impact in the community.

Read Foundation dba MSE is fully committed to providing enriching STEM learning opportunities to their students and embodying the principles established by the Tennessee Department of Education for STEM designation. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at ssalyers@memphis.edu or 901-678-3286.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Ivey, PhD
Director
West TN STEM Hub
Professor
Department of Civil Engineering
University of Memphis

Ahmed Sufi
Undergraduate Student, Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee
November 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Nashville School of Excellence (NSE). As a Vanderbilt University student and someone who has personally benefited from a strong STEM-focused education, I believe NSE will bring tremendous value to students in our community. Schools that emphasize hands-on learning, curiosity, and academic support truly change the trajectory of young people, and I am confident NSE will do the same.

I also want to share that **I am ready and willing to volunteer my time to support NSE's clubs and tutoring programs.** With my background in STEM and my passion for mentorship, I would be honored to assist students through academic tutoring, after-school clubs, and enrichment activities that help them grow both academically and personally.

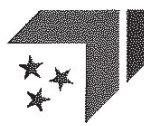
NSE's commitment to high expectations, strong support systems, and inclusive learning aligns with what I believe every student deserves. I look forward to contributing to this mission and supporting the success of Nashville families through this school.

Sincerely,

Ahmed Sufi

Email: ahmedosufi23@gmail.com

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TENNESSEE CHAMBER of Commerce & Industry

TENNESSEE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

January 12, 2026

To whom it may concern,

The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry, a 501c(6) organization, supports the Read Foundation's effort to establish the Nashville School of Excellence in 2026.

The mission of empowering each student to succeed in college and career by mastering a vigorous STEM-focused curriculum, while experiencing a safe, welcoming, all-inclusive environment, receiving individual academic, social and emotional support as they work alongside families and community partners is recognized by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry as being an important part of every student's educational journey.

The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry also serves as the Tennessee Manufacturers Association and is recognized as the state affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, and American Chemistry Council. For over 100 years, we have been the primary voice of business and manufacturing interests on major employment and economic issues facing public policy decision makers in Tennessee.

We are heavily engaged in the areas of education and workforce development and welcome the opportunity to assist the Read Foundation as they expand their nationally recognized and awarded educational institutions.

Sincerely,

Josh Brown
President & CEO
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry