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We would like to thank the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission's charter application review committee and the Executive Director for the thorough review of the amended application of Rutherford Collegiate Prep (RCP) and the professionalism shown throughout the process.

This district is pleased with the Executive Director's findings and the review committee's report to recommend that the Commission deny the amended application of RCP based on a failure to meet the metrics for approval in the academic, operational, and financial sections of the rubric, with noted weaknesses in the following areas:

- Community engagement and support
- Staffing and services for special populations
- Board structure, facilities, and staffing
- Teacher recruitment and licensure
- Financial plan and contingencies for opening

We, as a District, will be committed to continuing to improve communication in regards to charter school applications. To that end, the District is adding a dedicated staff position to handle any charter school applications.

The District thanks the members and staff of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission for its work on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill C. Spurlock'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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