



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**PRE-OPENING UPDATES
AND SY23-24 UPDATES**

JULY 28, 2022

SCHOOLS COMPLETING PRE-OPENING PROCESS

- The following schools are newly opened charter schools that will start in August 2022
- Cornerstone Prep School
 - Located in Memphis
 - Serving grade K
 - Maximum allowed enrollment of 75
- Rocketship Dream Community Prep
 - Located in Nashville
 - Serving grades K-4
 - Maximum allowed enrollment of 450



CORNERSTONE PREP SCHOOL

- Cornerstone Prep School is occupying a previously used school building.
 - Painting and small repairs are completed as of June 23rd.
 - All furniture and materials have been purchased.
 - Commission staff completed the walkthrough of the facility on July 19th. CPS is on track to welcome students in August.



CORNERSTONE PREP SCHOOL



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- Enrollment for Cornerstone Prep School (CPS) is currently 26 students.
 - The Commission team has met with CPS weekly for updates regarding their enrollment.
 - Capstone Education (the network) can support the school as needed within their first year of operation if they do not meet enrollment targets.
 - Commission staff has adjusted the enrollment projections that will be used for BEP allocations to ensure alignment to actual enrollment.
- Cornerstone Prep School is fully staffed for the 22-23 school year in accordance with their current enrollment.



ROCKETSHIP DREAM COMMUNITY PREP

- Rocketship Dream Community Prep is a newly built facility in Antioch, TN.
- Rocketship Dream Community Prep was named by current Rocketship families and new families joining the school.
- Rocketship has encountered facility completion delays. They have currently pushed the start of school back by one day with a contingency plan of a maximum of five days to account for permitting and inspections.
 - Communication has been sent to families and resources have been provided.
 - The Commission has weekly touchpoints that will continue regarding facility updates.



ROCKETSHIP DREAM COMMUNITY PREP



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- Enrollment for Rocketship is currently 285 students.
 - The Commission team has met with Rocketship weekly for updates regarding their enrollment and facilities.
 - Rocketship as a network can support the school as needed within their first year of operation if they do not meet enrollment targets.
 - Commission staff has adjusted the enrollment projections that will be used for BEP allocations to ensure alignment to actual enrollment.
- The school is fully staffed for the 22-23 school year.



ASD TRANSITION SCHOOLS

- The following schools that have transitioned from the ASD and are new to our portfolio as of August 2022:
 - Libertas School of Memphis
 - Cornerstone Prep Denver
 - Lester Prep
- Commission staff oversight included:
 - Staff on site walkthroughs last week of all facilities
 - All are ready to open fully under the Commission this August



SY 22-23 UPDATE

- For the 22-23 school year, the Commission will serve as the LEA for the following schools:
 - Bluff City High School
 - KIPP Antioch Collegiate Prep Elementary
 - KIPP Antioch Collegiate Prep Middle
 - Nashville Collegiate Prep
 - Libertas School of Memphis
 - Cornerstone Prep Denver
 - Lester Prep
 - Rocketship Dream Community School
 - Cornerstone Prep School



PREVIEW OF SY2023-24



SY 2023-24

- The Commission has two schools already approved to open in SY2023-24.
- KIPP Antioch College Prep High School
 - Approved to serve grade 9 in Year 1
 - 8th grade students at middle school will matriculate to high school
 - Have identified a temporary location while it works through permanent location purchase/renovation
- Rutherford Collegiate Prep
 - Approved to serve grades K-5 in Year 1
 - RCP opted to delay opening from SY22-23 to SY23-24 under T.C.A. § 49-13-110
 - ReThink Forward and NEI are currently looking for a suitable facility option that will support the school in the short-term and the long-term in the northwest area of Rutherford County (per approved application)
 - ReThink Forward and NEI are providing regular updates to Commission staff on progress toward identifying a facility and hiring school leadership





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