



# TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**LEA SCHOOL &  
OPERATIONAL  
UPDATES**

**JANUARY 26, 2023**

# COMMISSION VISITS ASD TRANSITION SCHOOLS



# PRE-OPENING UPDATES

- Pre-Opening Process has begun for:
  - KIPP Antioch High School
  - Tennessee Nature Academy
  - Rutherford Collegiate Prep
  - Nashville Collegiate Prep Facility Pre-Opening
- Each school has had their initial pre-opening kick-off meeting. Staff will continue to touch base with each school monthly throughout the pre-opening process.
- Trent Carlson will be managing the pre-opening process for these schools in collaboration with the LEA team.



# BLUFF CITY HIGH SCHOOL

## PLAN OF CORRECTION UPDATES

Commission staff visited Bluff City High School in person in November and met earlier in January for plan of correction meetings with leadership. Some high-level findings include:

### Strengths

- 9th grade and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are approaching median growth and the school is on track to meet the mission-specific goal.
- Students are moving out of Tier III (highest intervention status) at a higher rate than previously.
- School culture - hallways are calm and students are attentive and participating in class.
- Enrollment gains in comparison to last year. Tracking through recruitment efforts to meet yearly enrollment goals.
- Lower suspension rates and students receiving Tier II and Tier III behavioral supports. 15 students have been dismissed from social work services.

### Challenges

- Staffing continues to be a challenge by finding the right teacher fit for certain positions.
- Internal benchmark data indicates that 4.6% of students are on track to be proficient in math and 8.3% of students are on track to be proficient in ELA on TNReady in the spring. ELA is currently not trending to meet standard for comparative performance.
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade growth is not being seen at the same rate as 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Chronic absenteeism continues to be a challenge at 52.7%
- Loan agreements have gone into default status due to academic probation and not meeting all loan covenants.



# KIPP ANTIOCH COLLEGE PREP ELEMENTARY INTERIM REVIEW

KACPE is within its 5th year of operation which means they will participate in an interim review (T.C.A. § 49-13-121). The interim review process includes:

1. School's submission of an interim report (received).
2. An extended interim site visit spanning 2 days including:
  - Additional interviews with staff, leadership, parents and students
  - Additional classroom observations
  - Performance evaluation based on not only the current year's data but performance of the school of the last five years
3. Commission staff creates an interim review report for the school determining if the school is on track or off track for renewal in five years.
4. Commission determines if any corrective action is warranted based on the outcomes of the report.



# SITE VISIT PLANNING

- All site visits for 2023 have been scheduled:

School	Date
KACPM	February 2, 2023
KACPE (Interim Visit)	February 7-8, 2023
NCP	February 22, 2023
Rocketship	February 28, 2023
Cornerstone Prep School	March 6, 2023
Cornerstone Prep Denver	March 7, 2023
Lester Prep	March 8, 2023
Libertas	April 4, 2023
Bluff City High School	April 5, 2023



# SITE VISIT PLANNING

- All schools have had site visit kick-off meetings and will be submitting documentation ahead of the visit that includes:
  - Recent internal assessment data
  - Reflection on strengths and challenges during the year so far
  - Interview schedules with all stakeholders including school leadership, parents, students and governing board chair.
  - School schedules - Commission staff observes a variety of classes and grade levels throughout the day.
- Site visit reports will be provided for each school outlining the performance and findings from the visit.



# 3RD GRADE RETENTION & SUMMER BRIDGE CAMPS

## ■ **3rd Grade Retention**

- TCAP retake option in May
- Summer camp and high dosage tutoring remediation
- Parental notification requirements and appeal windows
- Reviewed requirements with all schools
- Shared exemplar resources across the portfolio

## ■ **Summer Bridge Camps**

- Must be offered for students in grades 4-8
- Intervention option for 3rd grade remediation
- Checked in with all schools individually regarding their plans
- Most schools planning to offer their own camps







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