



TO: Business Operations Committee, Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

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SUBJECT: Charter Commission Budget Updates

FY23 Budget-to-Actuals Update

- We have included our current budget-to-actuals for FY23. We are currently under budget across all expenditure categories.
- Based on the February ADM true up, we have decreased our authorizer fee revenue assumptions slightly. There was an increase in Metro Nashville's overall ADM, which decreased the per pupil estimate for schools geographically based in Metro Nashville. Additionally, several schools' enrollment is under their initial enrollment projections for FY23.
- We have not received grant carryover from the Achievement School District for schools that transitioned to the Commission from the Achievement School District, though we believe some funding should be transitioning soon. This will likely impact our grant passthrough funding actuals at the end of the year.
- We are still projecting meeting or exceeding our \$650,000 reversion target, which we consider our minimum, to reflect the clear expectation from the General Assembly that our primary revenue source for our agency operations is the authorizer fee and that we should revert as much of our state funding as possible.

FY24 Budget Update

- Our request to add three staff positions was included in the Governor's budget. Two of these positions would be dedicated to supporting expanded LEA operations and one would support our authorizing functions as we scale.
- We have also received initial TISA projections for current grades at existing district schools. Importantly these projections do not include:
 - Additional local contribution estimates (approximately 20-40% of total school funding depending on the resident district)
 - Projections for new schools
 - Projections for expanding grade levels at existing schools
- While we hoped to be able to provide an amended FY24 budget at this meeting for approval, we are still waiting on several significant pieces of information to be able to update the budget meaningfully, including critical TISA data and staffing levels. We will bring an amended budget for the Committee's review at our July meeting.