

KILLEEN ISD CALL FOR QUALITY SCHOOLS

Texas Partnership Update

Tuesday, January 20th, 2025





Context & Purpose

Texas Partnership Overview

In fall 2025, Killeen ISD initiated the process to become a charter authorizer. Additionally, the administration shared the authorizing framework and initial partnership opportunities with the Board of Trustees, including an overview from Third Future Schools.

The district has taken action to update governance policies, adopt an authorizer mission and vision, file its intent to request 1882 benefits with TEA, and launch an official Call for Quality Schools.

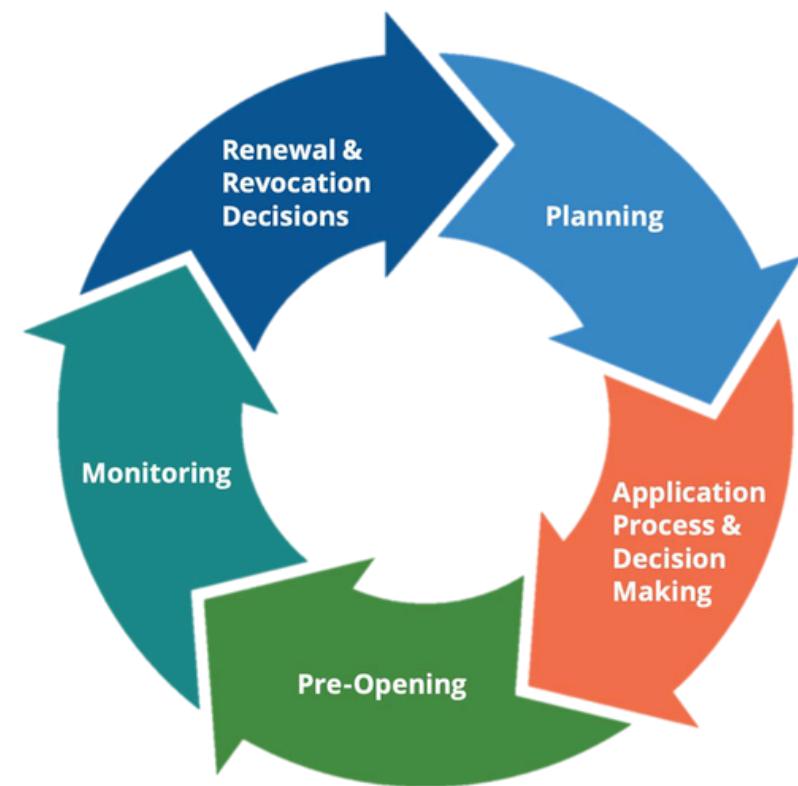
Tonight's update shares the progress of our Call for Quality Schools.



Five Phases of Quality Charter Authorizing

Phase 1 - Planning

- Uses **performance data** to guide strategic school decisions
- Establishes **mission/vision** aligned to district goals
- Maintains clear **board policy** to govern authorizing actions
- **Engages community** for feedback and **transparent communication**



Phase 2 - Application Process & Decision Making

- Issues a **clear application** that aligns needs with operator capacity

- Uses **rigorous criteria** and **trained evaluators** to review submissions
- Conducts **due diligence** and **capacity interviews**
- Provides an evidence-based **recommendation to the board**

A red arrow pointing to the left, indicating the flow from Phase 2 back to Phase 1.

**We Are
Here**



Application Evaluation

Identifying an Operating Partner

- Since the last Board update, no additional Letters of Intent were received, and the Call for Quality Schools application window closed on January 9, 2026.
- Killeen ISD received one application through the Call for Quality Schools process.
- The application was submitted by Third Future Schools on January 8, 2026.
- The application review period will occur from January 12–30, 2026.



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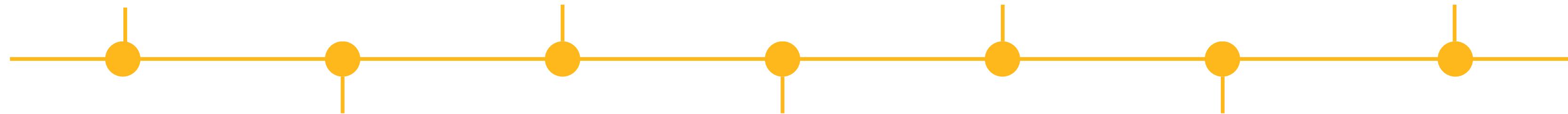
Charter Authorizing Timeline

Operating Partner
Application
Due Jan. 9th

Capacity Interview for
Operating Partner
Jan. 30th

Board Approval of
Operating Partner
Feb. 17th

Application for SB
1882 Benefits
Due Mar. 31st



Training for Application
Evaluators
Jan. 22nd

Recommendation &
Partner Presentation
Feb. 10th

Performance
Contract
Negotiations
Feb. 18th - Mar. 13th

Next Steps in the Charter Authorizing Process

Following Board recommendation and approval of a charter partner in February, the next update on the authorization process will be provided on March 31, 2026.



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

