

## **Lamar CISD Schools of Choice, RFQ #11-2025TB**

Lamar CISD issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify organizations capable of developing and operating innovative choice schools aligned with district goals for academic excellence and family engagement. Two organizations, Alpha Premier Academy and the YMCA, submitted applications and participated in the full evaluation process, including a capacity interview with district leadership.

Each organization was assessed in three core areas based on their submitted applications:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Academic Program</b>	<b>Financial Readiness</b>	<b>Organizational Structure</b>
<b>Alpha Premier Academy</b>	Meets	Partially Meets	Partially Meets
<b>YMCA</b>	Partially Meets	Partially Meets	Meets

In addition to the application review, both organizations completed a structured capacity interview. The results of these interviews are as follows:

- **Alpha Premier Academy:** Average Interview Score – 26.6 out of 45
- **YMCA:** Average Interview Score – 29.6 out of 45

The interview process evaluated the applicants across nine questions covering academic planning, financial sustainability, and organizational leadership. While both organizations demonstrated strengths and areas for growth, the committee found that each organization brings a unique and complementary vision for choice school partnership.

**Recommendation:** Based on the evaluation of both the written application and capacity interview, the Lamar CISD administrative team recommends that **both Alpha Premier Academy and the YMCA be approved as qualified potential partners** for future development of schools of choice in Lamar CISD.