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Dear Charter School Applicant:

The Richland Parish School Board (RPSB) is releasing its 2015 Request for Applications (RFA) for Types 1 and 3 charter schools. The RFA materials are currently posted to the District website.

RPSB's RFA is an open process for applicants proposing to start a new charter school or to convert an existing District school to a charter school. Groups intending to start a new school located in the District must apply for a Type 1 charter. Those intending to convert an existing school to a charter school must apply for a Type 3 charter. Applicants who are denied approval for a charter by RPSB are subsequently eligible to submit a Type 2 application for consideration by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

RPSB is interested in school proposals that comprehensively address any or all of the following priority areas:

- Effectively serving low-income students who are performing significantly below grade level
- Effectively serving students learning English as a second language
- Providing innovative and effective alternative education opportunities for expelled and/or overage/under-credited students

Applicants familiar with the State Department of Education's RFA for Types 2 and 5 charters should find the District's requirements to be identical in most key areas. The updated timeline is posted on our website www.richland.k12.la.us.

Thank you for your interest in serving Louisiana's children.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Jones
Superintendent
Richland Parish School Board