



ISSUE: TRANSPARENCY IN THE CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL PROCESS

To reduce confusion, misunderstanding, and accusations of a lack of transparency the charter contract renewal process needs a few clarifications. First, to clarify who has the responsibility for initiating the process of renewal – the authorizer or the school board. Second, to add transparency to the informal hearing process in the non-renewal process given that currently there is no requirement for a written record of those proceedings.

SOLUTION: TRANSPARENCY IN CONTRACT RENEWAL DECISION PROCESS

To address these issues in the process of charter contract renewals, the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools proposes legislation to clarify that;

First, it is the responsibility of the charter school’s board of directors to formally submit a request to the authorizer to renew the charter contract by the date set in the contract.

Second, when the school requests an informal hearing with the authorizer related to a non-renewal of the school’s charter the hearing must be open to the public.

Third, the informal hearing regarding non-renewal must be recorded by video or a court reporter.

Fourth, the recording of the informal hearing must be preserved for three years from the date of the final decision of the authorizer and be made available to the public in accordance with MN Statute 13.

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