

Charter School Applications

Public Hearing - May 6, 2025



Charter School Application Process

- Douglas County School District welcomes high quality charter school applications that will add to student and parent choice and increase the diversity of educational offerings in the District.
- Applications have been received from three (3) Charter Schools for this application cycle
 - Two (2) Replication Applications
 - One (1) New Application (from an existing DCSD authorized Charter School)
- All applicants have:
 - Submitted their application for review by April 1, 2025 at 4:00pm
 - Participated in a Capacity Interview where the full CARTeam was present
 - Prepared a short (15 min) presentation for the DCSD Board of Education

Charter School Application Process

- In Alignment with DCSD [Board Policy LBD-R-1](#), all Charter Applications to the District are Reviewed in Accordance with Colorado Revised Statute (CRS 22-30.5-106).
- Components of the Application for a Charter School are:

Executive Summary	Mission and Vision	Goals, Objectives, and Pupil Performance Standards	Evidence of Support	Educational Program
Plan for Evaluating Pupil Performance	Budget and Finance	Governance	Employees	Insurance Coverage
Parent and Community Involvement	Enrollment Policy	Transportation and Food Services	Facilities	Waivers
Student Discipline, Expulsion, or Suspension	Serving Students with Special Needs	Dispute Resolution Process	School Management Contracts	

Charter Application Review Team (CART)

- **From Board Policy LBD-R-1: The District's CART Membership shall include:**
 - One person with demonstrated knowledge of charter schools; regardless of whether that person resides within the school district;
 - One parent or legal guardian of a child enrolled in a charter school in the school district (preferably a parent/guardian of a child who is a member of the DAC)
 - At least two individuals who are members of the DAC
 - At least one individual who is a member of the Board's FOC
 - At least one individual who is a member of the Board's LRPC
 - Representative District Department leaders
 - An independent third party reviewer with demonstrated knowledge of charter schools
 - One person who is a charter school leader from a District authorized charter school

Process and Next Steps



- **April 22** - Capacity Interview for Applicants
- **May 6** - Public Hearing #1
 - Public Comment Opportunity for the Public
 - Presentation to the DCSD Board of Education by the Applicant(s)
- **May 27** - Public Hearing #2
 - Public Comment Opportunity for the Public
- **May 27** - DCSD Staff Recommendation (Following Cabinet Approval)
- **May 27** - DCSD Board of Education Meeting: Board Vote by Resolution to Approve or Deny the Application(s)

Presentation by Renaissance PK-12 Charter School



15 Minute Presentation

15 Minute Questions and Answers by the Board of
Education



*Education is not
the filling of a
pail, but the
lighting of a fire.*

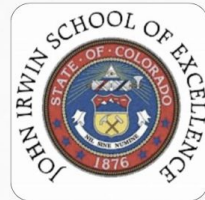
-Commonly attributed to W.B. Yeats



RENAISSANCE
SECONDARY SCHOOL



FAMILY FAVORITES



EXCELLENCE



mission

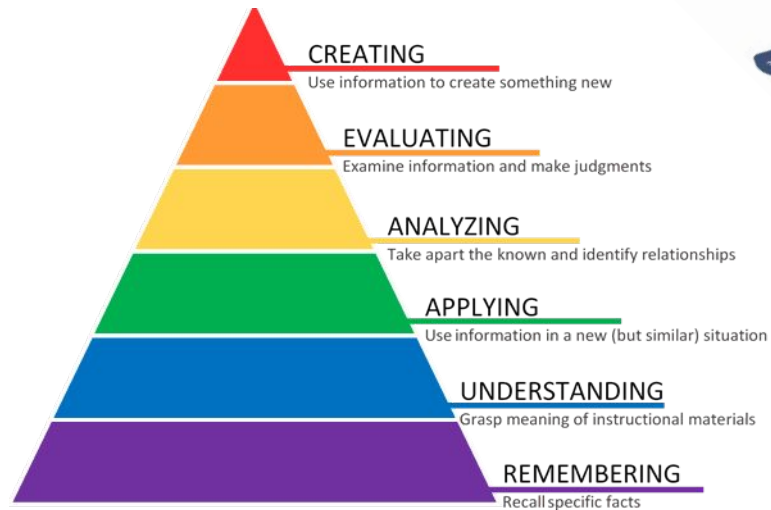
..to **empower** students to
become **modern learners** who
are:

- Critical thinkers
- Problem solvers
- Communicators
- Collaborators
- Creative innovators who
contribute to the world
around them.





deeper learning





C•R•E•W



*We are crew, not passengers - and
strengthened by acts of consequential
service to others.*

-Kurt Hahn, Outward Bound Founder



Adventure





Crew in Action (Video)



What's next...

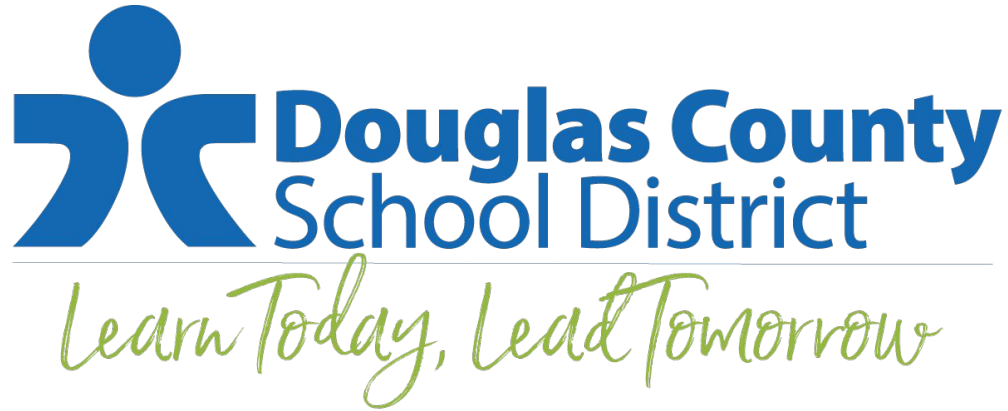


Questions?





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Presentation by Leman Academy of Excellence



15 Minute Presentation

15 Minute Questions and Answers by the Board of
Education

Leman Academy

*offers a rigorous
Classical education
where all the
disciplines are
interrelated*



Leman Academy

*allows
scholars
to think
independently
and critically*



Leman Academy

*purposes to
partner with
supportive parents*



Leman Academy

*provides a safe
and challenging
environment*



Leman Academy

*instills morals &
values in pursuit of
wisdom & virtue
in order to produce
tomorrow's leaders
today.*



Leman Academy

+Experience with
replication &
construction

+Consistently growing
demand

Stroh: 1,200

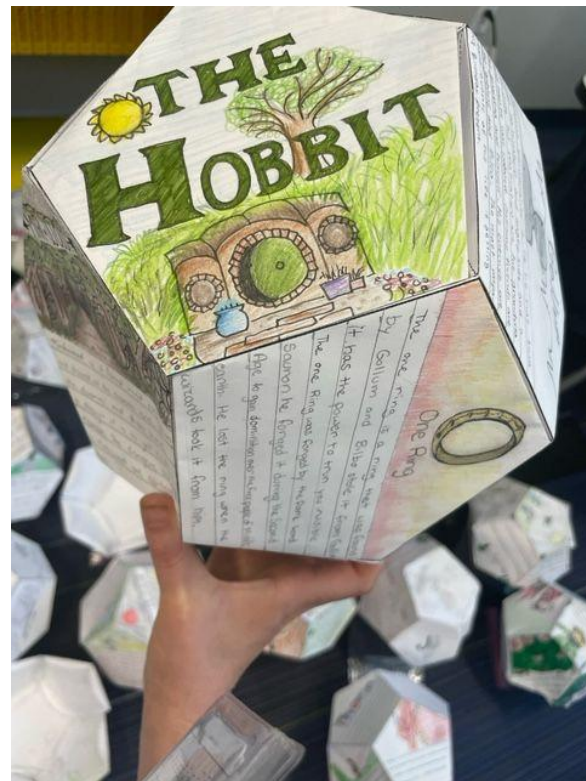
Bayou Gulch: 500

+SSN program



Leman Academy

*+10.4 % of scholars in our
general ed population have
IEPs (Special Education needs)*



Leman Academy

- +*Broad appeal—not a niche program*
- +*Only Pre-K through 8th grade to help feed strong students into DCSD's High Schools, supporting enrollment*



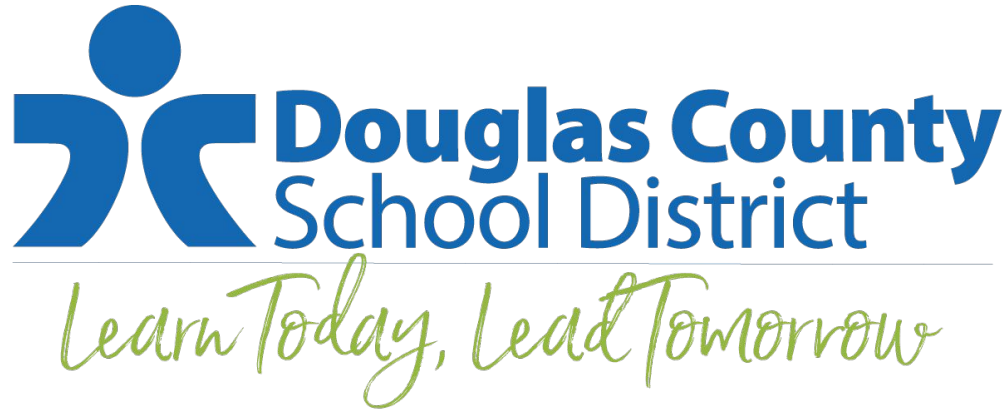
Leman Academy

Thank you!





Questions?



Presentation by KOSON Schools/STEM School



15 Minute Presentation

15 Minute Questions and Answers by the Board of
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THRIVE LEAD SUCCEED

THE NEED FOR A PREK - 8TH GRADE KOSON SCHOOL



DCSD BOARD MEETING | MAY 6, 2025

FROM VISION TO EXECUTION

1
THE KOSON WAY

2
THE RIGHT SCHOOL - AT THE RIGHT
TIME

3
READY TO EXPAND

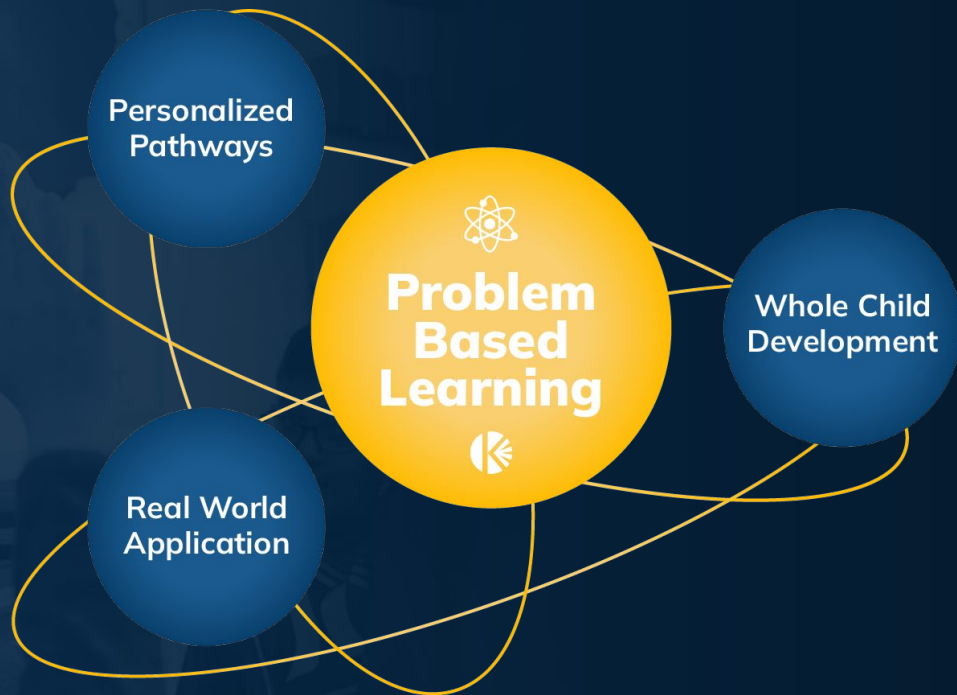
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PROPOSED TIMELINE

REDEFINING EDUCATION

THE KOSON WAY

KOSON Schools is the network behind STEM School Highlands Ranch—Colorado's top-ranked, problems based, STEM-focused charter school. By focusing on real world problems students develop a strong sense of self as they experience successes and failures while creating innovative solutions that do good in the world. This approach creates meaning and passion in their lives which translates into students who thrive, lead, and succeed in their lives and in their communities. Our model doesn't just prepare students for the future—it equips them to solve real-world problems, lead with confidence, and overcome in a ever changing world.

OUR PROGRAM MODEL



WHO ARE WE?

PROBLEM BASED LEARNING REAL WORLD PROBLEM SOLVING

We are a skilled group of passionate leaders and teachers who deeply care about creating a safe environment where all students have equal value and an opportunity to redefine their limits and unleash their potential as a learner, but more importantly as a person.

OUR WHY

SO STUDENTS CAN...

**THRIVE
SUCCEED**



LEAD



STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH KOSON FLAGSHIP CAMPUS

#11

Largest Charter School
in Colorado of 262

#1

Public Elementary &
Middle School in DCSD

#1

Most Diverse School
in DCSD

88
%

K-2 Students Above
Grade Level in Math

86
%

K-2 Students Above Grade
Level in Reading

11%

SPED Students

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST YEAR



**Revitalized Leadership
Team Driving Impact**



**Enrollment Turnaround Reflects
Renewed Community Trust**



**Significant Gains in
Teacher Retention**



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Teacher Retention**



**Strong Academic
Performance and
Assessment Metrics**



**Strategic Planning with
Clear Vision for the
Future**



**Recognized for
Excellence Through
Strong Ratings**



THE RIGHT SCHOOL AT THE RIGHT TIME

- Douglas County's Population Growth Demands New School Options
- The Workforce Needs Are Urgent — and Students Need Early Exposure
- Charter Offerings Are Narrow — Families Deserve Expanded Choice

OPPORTUNITY BEGINS WITH OPTIONS

14

CORE KNOWLEDGE & CLASSICAL

Includes Parker Core Knowledge, American Academy, Sky View, Ben Franklin, and Leman

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PROGRESSIVE

Includes STEM School Highlands Ranch

3

OTHER

Includes Parker Performing Arts and DCS Montessori

2

LANGUAGE

Includes World Compass and Global Village

THE RIGHT SCHOOL AT THE RIGHT TIME

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Require a New Kind of School Culture
- The Workforce Needs Are Urgent — and Students Need Early Exposure
- Douglas County's Population Growth Demands New School Options



 **EXPANDING ACCESS** **EXPANDING FUTURES**

A PROVEN MODEL READY TO

Expands Learning
Opportunities for all
Students

Encourages Diverse
Approach To Learning,
Using Different, Proven,
And Innovative
Teaching Methods

Provides Parents And
Students With
Expanded Choices

Built On Strong
Community Involvement

Compelling Academic
Model That Has Demand
Nationally And Locally

Strong Governance
Structure

Financially Secure

Experienced and
Passionate Leadership
Team



OUR TEAM STRUCTURED TO EXPAND



OUR TEAM READY TO LEAD

24

Average Years Of
Professional Experience

9

Successfully Launched
New Schools

17

Educational Facilities
Constructed Under Our
Leadership

10

School Teams Recruited
And Trained

4

Custom Academic Curricula
Designed And Implemented

PROPOSED TIMELINE



TIMELINE RATIONALE

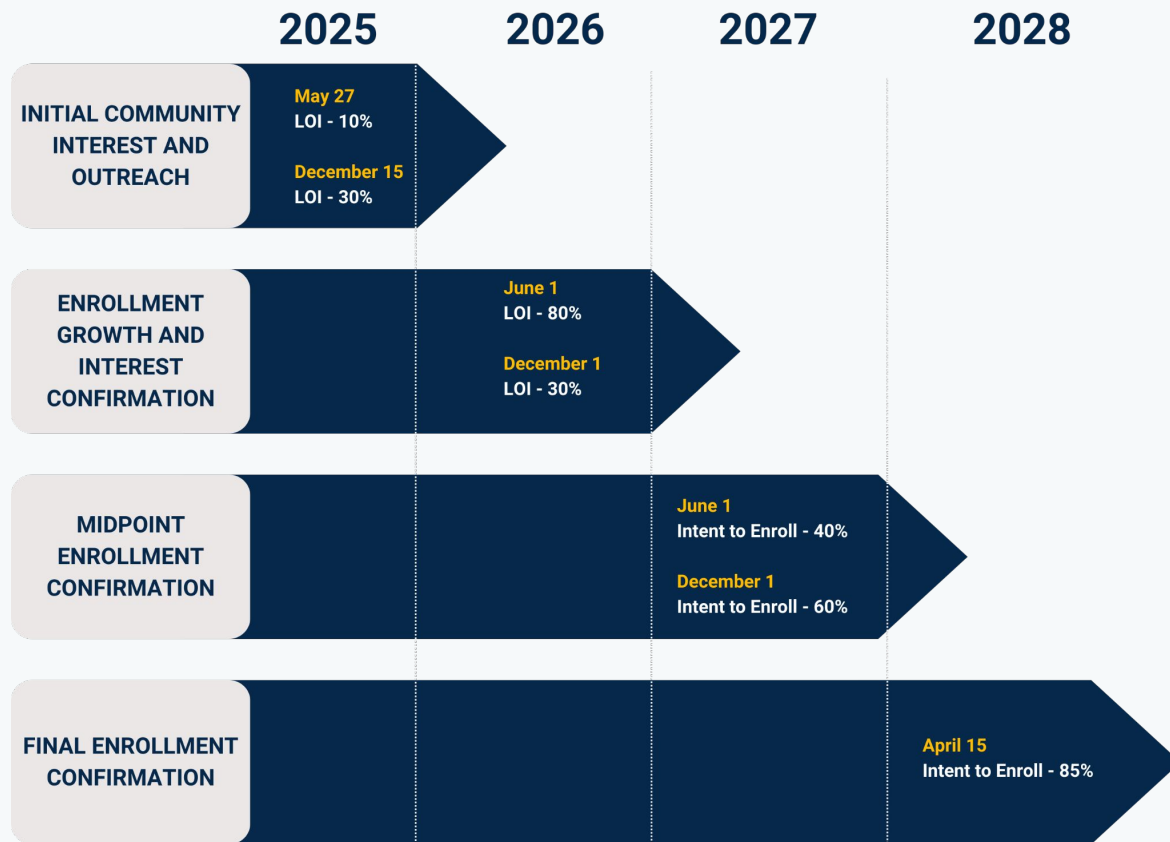
- Aligns **Strategically With Douglas County Growth Projections** And The Need For Schools In Growth Areas
- Allows For **Efficient Land Acquisition** And Facility Planning
- Provides Time To Address **Design And Construction** Needs
- Enables **Deep Community Engagement** And Builds **Enrollment Momentum**
- Strengthens Organizational **Capacity And Readiness** For Launch



FACILITIES MILESTONES

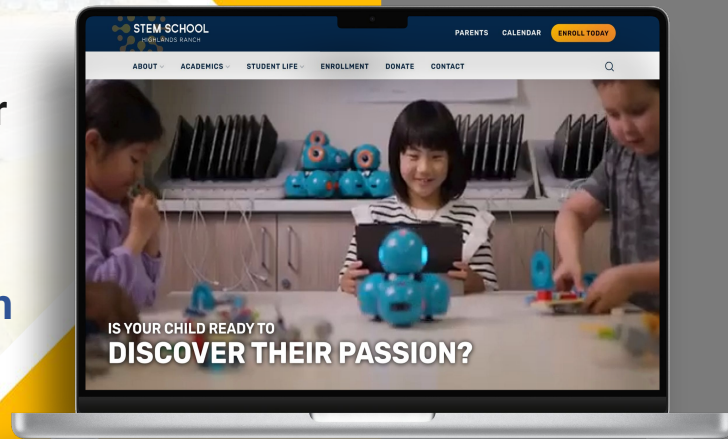


ENROLLMENT MILESTONES



READY TO EXPAND

- We've **Revitalized** Our Identity and Vision for the Future
- Our Leadership Team Is **Proven and Ready**
- We Have a **Trusted** Relationship with Our Authorizer
- Our Academic Model Is **Established and Effective**
- We Are Financially Sound and Positioned for **Growth**
- The Demand — **Nationally and Locally** — Is Clear





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