

**Overall Recommendation:**

27J Schools District Accountability Committee met on August 18, 2019 to do a paper review of the Capstone application. This group evaluated this application against the following criteria: Vision and Mission, Goals/Objectives/Pupil Performance Standards, Educational Program, Student Discipline/Expulsion/Suspension, Evaluating Pupil Performance, Serving Students with Special Needs, and Parent/Community Involvement. The CDE charter evaluation criteria was used to rate the application. The entirety of this rubric can be found in the Superintendent’s office and each section is scored and offers specific feedback for each relevant section.

Overall the application scored Partially Developed. We, the DAC group, believe that the National Heritage Academy will provide support, a system for success, and financial backing to ensure Capstone success. We also felt as if this application represented a general application completed by the National Heritage Academy and not specific enough to Capstone Academy. We recognize that NHA has created two successful schools within 27J. Both Landmark and Foundations provide parental choice and NHA options for 27J students, but we are unclear of how this choice would be any different than what our families already have. We also struggle to believe everything within this application would happen because of our perceptions of Foundations and Landmark, specifically:

- How will Capstone support students with disabilities, those who are gifted, ELL students, or populations of students who fall outside of the norm? We believe the plan, but haven’t observed the practice.
- How will Capstone encourage enrollment that is similar to 27J Schools?
- How will discipline of students be more restorative and helpful to students and not punitive or pushing students out of the school?

In reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of this application. We don’t believe that 27J Schools needs another of the “same” charter school, and we didn’t read enough in this application to see that Capstone would be any different than the NHA charters that we already have. We recommend that the BOE deny the Capstone Academy Charter.

**Recommendation**

Approve (complete the proposed conditions/milestones below if applicable)

Deny (do not complete the proposed conditions/milestones below)

**Proposed Conditions** (to be fulfilled before execution of the contract and based on identified weaknesses in the proposal)

**Proposed Milestones** (to be fulfilled after execution of the contract and before the opening of the school and based on identified weaknesses in the proposal)