

Overall Recommendation:

27J Schools’ Executive Team rated the Capstone Academy application against the criteria provided in the CDE Charter application document. The Capstone application rated either fully developed or mostly developed on every application sub-section.

Capstone’s management partner, National Heritage Academies, has a long history of collaboration with 27J Schools. This application further details and clarifies their relationship with the Charter Board of Capstone Academy and 27J Schools. Their application is easy to understand and connects all of the essential elements of a quality school:

- Student Centered
- Data Driven
- Rigorous Academic Curriculum
- College and Career Ready Preparedness
- Parental Partnerships
- Safe and Welcoming Environments
- Moral Development
- Responsive Teaching for Students Who Will Require Support
- Strong Financial Plan and Supports for their Plan
- Effective HR Practices
- Nutrition Partnerships with 27J Schools

Beyond the naming of essential elements, National Heritage Academies has the necessary articulations, structures, and organizational supports to ensure the accomplishment of these elements. They have earned the trust of our Executive Leadership Team through their successes and our interactions with Foundations and Landmark, both NHA Schools.

We recommend that the board accept the Capstone application with the proposed conditions below.

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)

- The Capstone Academy will match the demographics of the 27J neighborhood schools
- The Capstone Academy will open no later than September of 2021

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)