

Overall Recommendation:

27J Schools District Accountability Committee met on August 18, 2019 to do a paper review of the STEAD 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 application fell short of being thorough enough for implementation, and fell short in the following specific areas:

- The entirety of the academic programming is dependent on teachers, and the dynamic nature of the program seemed too much for a teacher to be able to deliver on, especially the first couple of years.
- The staff development for these teachers is too aggressive in that these programs will require time and development and a quick one-day training would not be enough to have teachers fully prepared.
- There was little plan toward scaling this program across years, and slowly building into this vision. There was only a description of the vision, and not the steps to get to it.
- Our group was so overwhelmed by the multiple programs, and demands for program integration, that we couldn’t find the focus or the plan to deliver on this application.

We recommend that the board deny the STEAD application. We love the theories, research, and concepts that this school is proposing, but don’t see the path to success in this application.

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)

- We would be willing to review an application again in 2020 if they were to continue to work on the details of implementation.

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)