



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Charter School Applicants  
FROM: Thomas B. Fordham Foundation (Sponsorship)  
DATE: May 15, 2014  
RE: Expedited Application Process  
Action item: Please review.

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### **Introduction**

To assist with the expansion and/or replication of high performing public charter schools, the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation will implement the following expedited application process for qualified candidates.

### **Factors Considered**

To qualify for the expedited application process, the following criteria must be met.

1. At least one of the applicant's schools has been sponsored by Fordham for at least 3 years;
2. All schools sponsored by Fordham are meeting the terms of Exhibit IV (Academic and Organizational Accountability Plan);
3. The model for the proposed school is substantially similar (as determined by Fordham staff) in academics, finance, and governance to the applicant's existing schools.

### **Process**

The above information is reviewed by Fordham staff. Staff then makes a recommendation on to a committee of the Fordham Foundation's board. The committee discusses the merits of the recommendation, and makes recommendations to the Fordham Foundation's board of directors. If the Fordham Foundation's board of directors approves the committee's recommendation, a contract for sponsorship is drafted and executed.

## **Timing**

Qualified applicants may submit the following application materials in accordance with the timeline as set forth below.

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Task</b>
No later than August 1, 2014	Complete and submit Fordham's Expedited Application. Applications are available from, and should be submitted to, Miles Caunin at <a href="mailto:mcaunin@edexcellence.net">mcaunin@edexcellence.net</a>
August – September 2014	Staff reviews the application and criteria listed above.
October 2014	Staff makes recommendations regarding approvals to Fordham's board committee, Fordham board votes on recommendations.
By October 31, 2014	Applicants are notified of decisions on new contracts
By January 31, 2015	Sponsorship contracts drafted
February 1 – February 28, 2015	Parties review draft contracts
By March 15, 2015	Contracts submitted to Ohio Department of Education

## **Questions**

Please contact Miles Caunin, at [mcaunin@edexcellence.net](mailto:mcaunin@edexcellence.net) or 937-227-3368, with questions or requests for additional information.