

Placeholder

**Recommendation:**

After months of thoughtful evaluation of Westgate Community School's renewal application, the District Accountability Committee for charter review provides the following recommendation for the Adams 12 Board of Education members to consider when making their decision for authorization:

The DAC recognizes the tremendous improvement efforts Westgate has made over the past few years, and appreciate how they have clarified their mission and vision to meet the needs of their students; it the recommendation of the DAC that the Adams 12 Board of Education authorize the charter for Westgate Community School for the next five years.

**Strengths of the Application:**

Below are strengths noted by the committee:

- The DAC very much appreciated the fact that Westgate has achieved such tremendous growth over the past three years. Notably, they are in the top 1% of all schools in the state recognized for their growth.

Year	% of Possible Points	Status
2017	83.4%	Performance
2016	68.2%	Performance
2015*No School Performance Frameworks or ratings were issued in 2015		
2014	73.7%	Performance
2013	77.2%	Improvement (SPF data was lowered due to test administration)
2012	57.5%	Improvement
2011	60.6%	Performance

- The DAC commended addition of staff positions created to support their mission. The dean of culture, instructional coach, assessment coordinator, and the environmental education teacher to name a few.
- The committee members appreciated the fact that this local board is comprised of parents who hold a vested interest in the success of the school.
- The professional development work in creating a guaranteed and viable curriculum appears to be a major driver in elevating their academic performance.
- The committee very much appreciated the access offered to students through the concurrent enrollment program Westgate offers their high school students. The DAC

## Charter School Renewal Process

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1. August 1-School notifies district in writing they intend to renew their contract
2. No later than December 1-school submits renewal paperwork
3. By February 1 (Or in this case, February 7, 2018) -Westgate staff presents to the BOE on 1/17/2018, and BOE votes on renewal

### Submissions for Renewal aligned to Renewal Rubric:

- ❖ Most recent SPF and UIP with Executive Summary to include the following:
  1. A preface that includes the school's mission and vision and brief program description, including the demographic makeup of students.
  2. Achievement of goals and objectives
  3. Growth Gaps
  4. Major Improvement Strategies to address gaps
  5. Progress toward unique educational outcomes
  6. Post secondary readiness including a summary of graduation rate (if applicable), dropout rate (if applicable)
  7. Professional Learning Plan, that is aligned with school's instructional strategies, as well as to Educator Effectiveness las
  8. Student discipline policies outlined in the school's handbook, and student discipline data for two years (referrals, suspensions, expulsions)
  9. List of parents who serve on the School Accountability committee with calendar of meeting dates
  10. A one-page description of services offered for students with special needs and students who are on a 504 plan, to include number of students served and staff aligned to those services
  11. A one-page description of services offered for second language learners including number of students in the program, number of students who opt out and staff aligned to those services

12. List of schools BOE members, copy of board bios, including all financial policies, and copy of the Board's strategic plan including goals
13. Number of complaints that went to the board, and were resolved at the board level, including any OCR complaints and resolutions
14. Any climate and culture surveys administered over the past 3 years involving staff, students, or parents
15. Administrator evaluation process, and a evidence of succession planning
16. % of highly qualified staff members, including qualifications for business staff and human resources