

**Impress Charter Academy**

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**The Background:**

Impress Charter Academy submitted an initial charter application to Shelby County Schools. After reviewing the application, Shelby County Board of Education voted to deny the charter proposal at the regularly scheduled board meeting held June 26, 2013.

On July 25, 2013, Impress Charter Academy sponsors submitted an amended application to address the deficiencies cited in the initial application. At the August 20, 2013 meeting of the Shelby County Board of Education, the board voted to deny the amended application.

On August 28, 2013, sponsors of the Impress Charter Academy appealed to the State Board of Education. A hearing was held on September 30, 2013 at the Shelby County Board of Education.

**The Recommendation:**

The Executive Director recommends that the State Board of Education affirm the decision of the Shelby County Board of Education. This recommendation is based on the attached findings and recommendation of Dr. Nixon.