Technical Assistance to Potential Charter Applicants

Florida Authorizer Bootcamp
Agenda

• Why provide technical assistance to potential applicants
• How to provide technical assistance to potential applicants
• Discussion
Objectives

- Authorizers will understand the benefits of providing technical assistance to potential charter applicants in their district.
- Authorizers will begin to understand how they might offer technical assistance to potential applicants.
What is technical assistance?

- Sharing knowledge, expertise, instruction, skills training, or consulting services
- Technical assistance to applicants is supporting them through application process
  - State requirements
  - Timelines
  - Application components
Why provide technical assistance to potential applicants?

- Helps to predict the number of applicants you expect to receive
- Minimizes non-substantive corrections needed
- Results in stronger applications
How to provide technical assistance to potential applicants

Let’s Discuss

• When is the best time to provide technical assistance to potential applicants?

• What might be some of the most important information to cover?

• What is the end goal of providing this technical assistance?
Technical Assistance Topics to Cover

• District Background
  • Number of current schools, choice options, enrollment trends

• Overview of Florida Model Application and Florida Evaluation Instrument

• Application Submission Requirements
  • Page limits and formatting, attachments required, assurances, forms, addendums

• Application Process and Timelines

• Other Areas of Concern for Your Specific District
Some Examples

- **Hillsborough County Public Schools**
  - Potential Application Orientation
  - Intent to Apply Notice
  - Submit Application

- **Miami-Dade County Public Schools**
  - Applicant Orientation
  - Applicant Instructions
  - Final Application

- **Polk County Public Schools**
  - Orientation
  - Letter of Intent
  - Submit Application

- **School District of Osceola**
  - New Charter Applicant Orientation
Additional Support for Potential Applications

- **Charter Support Unit: Building Hope**
  - CSU can help you or school leaders with an array of resources, services and counsel at no cost thanks to funding from FDOE.
  - Chris Fuller, Director of Charter School Operations
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Questions? Reactions? Ideas?
Follow-up Professional Development Opportunities
Thank you!