



## County Charter School Petition Process

**Two weeks prior** to submission of a county charter school petition to the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE), petitioners must schedule an appointment with the Orange County Department of Education's Charter Schools Unit to have Charter School Appeal Package verified for completeness.



Petitioners submit a complete County Charter School Package to OCBE at a regularly scheduled board meeting.



The Charter Schools Unit petition review team begins analysis of the charter petition.



Within **30 calendar days** of submission, OCBE holds a public hearing to gauge the level of interest and support for the charter school.



Clarification and capacity meeting scheduled with charter school and the Charter Schools Unit petition review team.



**Five business days** prior to OCBE decision, the Charter Schools Unit submits a recommendation to approve or deny the petition to OCBE and the lead petitioners.



Within **60 calendar days** of the charter school petition submission, OCBE will make a final decision either approving or denying the charter petition, unless a **30-day extension** is agreed upon by the charter school and OCBE.



If OCBE denies the charter petition, the petitioner may appeal the denial to the State Board of Education.