



Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the upcoming school year. We know that it will be a year filled with excitement, memories, and great success for our students. For the 2020 – 2021 academic school year, KIPP Believe, KIPP Booker T. Washington, KIPP Central City and KIPP Morial will be up for charter renewal consideration by the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB). We look forward to engaging with OPSB through this process and learning new ways to improve our school for your children. Based on our hard work and the impact we have had in our students' lives, we are confident that our charters will be renewed.

As a part of the New Orleans Public school system, all charter schools participate in a routine evaluation process during the last year of their charter operating agreement, which is often referred to as "renewal." A charter school "renewal" refers to the renewal of the charter operating agreement to operate the school for a determined amount of time dependent on meeting the standards set forth by OPSB. The charter operating agreement is between the school's charter governing board and the OPSB.

Each year, schools are given a school performance score (SPS) by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) which informs schools of areas of improvement and how students are performing.

The 2018 LDOE SPS scores for our schools are:

- KIPP Believe - 62.7
- KIPP Booker T. Washington – 69.6
- KIPP Central City – 66.9
- KIPP Morial – 63.7

The routine evaluation takes into consideration the school's academic performance, organizational effectiveness and financial compliance. The OPSB uses the Charter School Accountability Framework as the foundation for our renewal decisions, as well as reviewing how well schools have complied with federal, state and local law and policy. You can learn more about OPSB's renewal standards on pages 5-8 of the [Charter School Accountability Framework](#) or please visit <https://opsb.us/schools/charter-school-performance-framework/> for more information.

We appreciate your partnership; thank you for trusting us with the education of your children. On behalf of all of KNOS, we are committed to honoring your confidence in our process, school and teachers.

Regards,

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Chief Executive Officer, KIPP New Orleans Schools