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Dear Cyber Charter School Applicant:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has developed the attached Cyber Charter School Application to meet the requirements of the Charter School Law. Please note that the application to establish a cyber charter school must be submitted to the Department by October 1 of the school year proceeding the school year in which the cyber charter school plans to begin operations.

In addition, as per Section 1745-A (f), applications to establish a cyber charter school will be evaluated by the Department based upon the following criteria:

1. The demonstrated, sustained support for the cyber charter school plan by teachers, parents or guardians and students;
2. The capacity of the cyber charter school applicant, in terms of support and planning, to provide comprehensive learning experiences to students under the charter;
3. The extent to which the programs outlined in the application will enable students to meet the academic standards under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 4 (relating to academic standards and assessment) or subsequent regulations promulgated to replace 22 Pa. Code Ch. 4;
4. The extent to which the application meets the requirements of Section 1747-A; and,
5. The extent to which the cyber charter school may serve as a model for other public schools.

Should additional questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact the Division of Nonpublic, Private and Charter School Services at 717-705-8019. Thank you for expressing your interest in the Charter School Program of Pennsylvania.