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DPS receives 19 new school proposals

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Nineteen submissions for charter schools or innovation schools were received by Denver Public Schools under the district's request for proposal process, officials announced today. The proposals range from a math, science, engineering school run by the Denver Classroom Teachers Association to a high school focused on medical training.

Final proposals are due May 16.

The district had issued a formal request for proposals last month, specifically seeking high-quality middle year programs and alternative schools.

The programs will likely be for the 2009-10 school year. The district was seeking charter school proposals and also innovative schools, which will fall under the district's purview.

Final decisions on which schools will be selected will be made in July.

Eight of the submissions are charter schools and eight are innovation schools. Three are unknown.

Here is a list of the charter school submissions:

Concerned About You Academy (9-12) from Central Missionary Baptist Church; Global Prep Academy (6-12) from Donnell-Kay Foundation; West Denver Preparatory High School (9-12); Rite of Passage: Denver Youth Training Academy (9-12) from Ridge View Academy; Logan School for Creative Learning Replication (K-5); Edison Schools (K-8); Excel Early College (9-12) from Rocky Mountain Early College Network; E.P.I.C.entre (6-12); Southwest Neighborhood Academy (K-8) from Classic Schools, Inc.

Here is a list of innovation schools:

Denver Public Schools Distance Learning (6-12); STEM Leadership Academy (ECE-8) from Denver Classroom Teachers' Association; Northeast Community Congress for Education School (ECE-8); Northeast Denver Language Immersion (ECE-5); Educational Services of America (6-12); Urban League of Metropolitan Denver (6-12); Reggio-Inspired Early Childhood Education (ECE-K)

Here are the submissions that are not clearly defined as either charter or innovation:

Mile High Academy (6-12) from HOPE Online; Colorado Diagnostic Center (6-12) from Mile High Medical Academy; Questar Academy (6-12) from Front Range Academy.

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