

Reviews for: South Region MS #3

	Reviewer	Recommended?	Comments
Applicant Institute for Environmental Science at Walnut Park MS	A	I recommend this proposal to operate on the campus.	The proposal is almost identical to that of School For Social Justice and Service Learning and development teams are the same. I believe they will collaboratively develop good schools with different focuses for kids to engage and be motivated by.
	B	I recommend this proposal to operate on the campus.	PBL seeks to contextualize student learning beyond textbooks and assessments. This research based approach is especially effective with urban school students who often lack the aspirational capital to make direct connections between their education and life goals. The PBL approach proposed by this school seeks to do this while also improving the community it serves.
Applicant Preparing for Success in STEM Academy (LD 6)	A	I recommend this proposal to operate on the campus.	Excellent application with great detail and plans.
	B	I recommend this proposal to operate on the campus.	Design team has a STEAM focus for the proposed school. STEM education is a much needed pedagogical approach needed within urban communities. Intervention is a formal structure at the school, it is embedded within the instructional day and beyond. Various stakeholders, outside of the community, are partnering with the school to fulfill its vision. This approach of shared accountability is producing great results for urban youth nationally (Harlem Children's Zone Strive Partnership)
Applicant School for Social Justice and Service Learning at Walnut Park MS	A	I recommend this proposal to operate on the campus.	Project based learning, if planned carefully, aligned with standards and a well developed systems of accountability, can significantly impact the educational outcomes of urban youth. In addition to contextualizing learning for all students, project based learning empowers all stakeholders within a school community to act upon the various challenges facing urban communities. This applicant team specifically seeks to develop the social capital of the community it plans to serve. Around the nation, "Promise Neighborhoods" such as the Harlem Children Zone has experienced a great deal of success in educating its students because of its ability to enhance the participation of crucial stakeholders; parents and community members outside of the school
	B	I recommend this proposal to operate on the campus.	The team has outlined a strong comprehensive plan to improve the learning and quality of life in the surrounding community by providing a school that incorporates high academic expectations and a structure that values service learning and opportunities to get involved in one's community.
	C	I recommend this proposal to operate on the campus.	Development team has a clear vision of what they want the school to be and how to help students. Know and understands the community needs well. Team has solid experience as educators but may encounter challenges in management.