

Protect the Process: Let Great New Public Schools Grow

TEA only allows public charter schools to grow if they're high-quality. The expansion process is rigorous—and it works. With **58,000+** Texas students on waiting lists, let's keep delivering for families. Let's **#ProtectTheProcess**.

The Current Process is **WORKING**

Only public charter schools with a proven track record of great results are approved to expand by TEA.

Among the public charter districts permitted to expand since 2016-17:

95%

of districts earned acceptable ratings in 2022.

97%

of campuses earned acceptable ratings in 2022.

And **86% earned an A or B rating.**

60%

of campuses under standard accountability earned at least one designation of academic distinction in 2022, placing them among the highest performers in the state.

Most impressively, **40% of these campuses** received distinction designations in ELA/Reading, compared to 25% of campuses statewide.



The Current Process is **RIGOROUS**

- 1** Public charter districts that want to serve more students must ask for permission from the Texas Education Agency.
- 2** Only the highest-performing public charter schools qualify for an expedited expansion review. Applicants must have:
 - An A or B district rating;
 - At least 75% of campuses also rated A or B; AND
 - None of its campuses are F-rated.
- 3** State law and TEA rules set rigorous criteria for all other expansion reviews. Applicants must have:
 - An Academically Acceptable rating;
 - 90% of campuses also rated Academically Acceptable; and
 - Satisfactory ratings on the Charter FIRST and Charter School Performance Framework.
- 4** In practice, TEA has set an even higher standard and typically only approves expansion requests for public charter school districts rated A or B.

Families Want These Opportunities

26,000

student names are on waiting lists for these new public charter schools.

74%

of expanded public charter campuses opened since 2016-17 are fully-enrolled and have a waitlist.



Protecting the Process Puts Students Over Politics

Some politicians want to give the SBOE new power to veto TEA-approved, high-quality schools for our public education system. But the expansion process is rigorous and it's working.

Let's **#ProtectTheProcess** for the **58,000+ Texas students** on public charter school waiting lists.

A New SBOE Veto of TEA's Expansion Approvals Would Put Politics Ahead of Students:

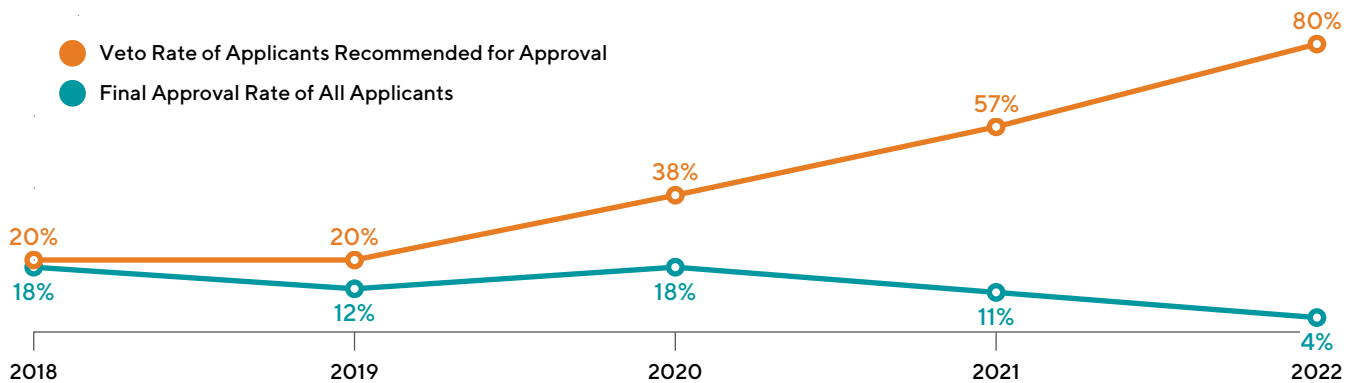
The SBOE **already has the power to veto** new public charter schools from opening in Texas for the first time—even after they're extensively vetted by TEA and independent experts, then recommended by the Commissioner of Education.

Unfortunately, those vetoes have become political, not based on what is best for students. Some SBOE members vote to **reject any and all applications**—regardless of community need, parent support, and the quality of the application.

We'd unfortunately see **fewer opportunities for families** if politicians give the SBOE new power to veto TEA's expansion approvals.

The SBOE Now Vetoes Almost Every New Public Charter School

SBOE Veto Rate and Final Approval Rate



The SBOE veto rate of new public charter schools has increased steadily over the last five years to an **80% veto rate** in 2022.

That is why TPSCA opposes a new SBOE veto over TEA expansion approvals, which would inject politics into the process and prevent new opportunities for families and students.

TEA's rigorous approval process adds high-quality schools to our public education system.

That's what we all want. Let's **#Protect the Process**.

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