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FY26 Out-of School Time (OST) RFA Pre-Proposal Conference

Participant Questions and Answers

Question 1: I'm reaching out with a question about the FY26 Out-of-School Time (OST) RFA, specifically regarding site eligibility. As noted in the RFA, Southwest Baltimore Charter School is among the schools eligible for OST funding. However, we understand that at the end of this month—marking the close of FY25/SY25—Southwest Baltimore Charter will revert from a charter school to a traditional, district-run school. This was determined by the Baltimore City School Board of Commissioners in January 2025.

Given this change, we're wondering if there is an opportunity for another West Baltimore-based Community School to be considered in its place. KIPP Baltimore, for example, operates two public charter schools on a shared campus at the former Walbrook High School and is a committed Community School site, with existing infrastructure for OST and strong alignment to the RFA's goals.

Could you advise whether KIPP Baltimore—or another charter school in West Baltimore—might be eligible to apply in light of the change at Southwest Baltimore Charter?

Answer: Thank you for sharing that information. We were informed that Southwest Baltimore Charter will revert to a traditional school in School Year 2025-2026. The resources for Out-of-School Time (OST) programming will remain for that school community. Please feel free to bookmark our website for future [funding opportunities](#).

Question 2: Augusta Fells is listed in the RFA but not listed here. Is it eligible?

Answer: Yes