



**Department
of Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Great River Connections Academy
Attn: Dr. Dean Goon, Board Chair
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Sent Via Email Only

Dear Dr. Goon:

Ohio Revised Code 3314.013 allows for no more than five new internet-based or computer-based community schools to open per year. All new community schools of this nature or existing community schools wishing to begin operation as internet-based or computer-based schools must receive approval from the superintendent of public instruction, based on measures outlined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3301-102-09.

All new internet-based or computer-based community schools were required to submit applications and supporting documents by Jan. 21, 2018. Based on the information received and reviewed by the Ohio Department of Education, the request for Great Rivers Connections Academy, to open a statewide internet-based community school for the 2018-2019 school year and serving no more than 1000 students is **approved**.

Great River Connections Academy does not need to submit further documentation to the Department at this point. The Ohio Council of Community Schools will work with the community school to adopt and execute a preliminary agreement and community school contract for the 2018-2019 school year. These documents will be submitted to the Department by the sponsor. If you have any questions about the contract process, please work with your sponsor and the Office of Community Schools.

Sincerely,

Paolo DeMaria
Superintendent of Public Instruction

CC: Ohio Council of Community Schools, Sponsor
RaShaun Holliman, Ohio Department of Education, Office of Community Schools