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

All proposed new internet- or computer-based community schools were required to work with a sponsor to submit an application and supporting documents via Epicenter by January 15, 2019. Based on the information submitted and reviewed by the Ohio Department of Education, the request for Ohio Digital Learning School to open a statewide internet- or computer-based community school for the 2019-2020 school year serving no more than 1,000 students is approved.

Ohio Digital Learning School does not need to submit further documentation to the Department at this point. The school’s sponsor, Ohio Council of Community Schools will work with the community school to adopt and execute a community school contract for the 2019-2020 school year. The sponsor will submit these documents to the Department following the timelines outlined in statute. If you have any questions about the contract process, please work with your sponsor and the Office of Community Schools.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Public Instruction
cc: Ohio Council of Community Schools, Sponsor
   Karl Koenig, Office of Community Schools
   Colleen Grady, Unit of School Options