

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 8, 2022 4:56 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.6.1 / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.167.122
Unique ID: 1007392513
Location: 36.1876, -86.6119

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Organization N/A

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below Sumner County schools provide and meet the needs of all students in Sumner county. The county does not have a need for a charter school. It would actually not be beneficial to the students that "supposedly it would help" because it would put a larger burden on the families.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 13, 2022 1:53 pm
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 96.4.9.70
Unique ID: 1009172121
Location: 36.4198, -86.7946

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Organization None

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I am an educator with 30 years experience in the classroom, a Ph.D., and almost 10 years of private and international school administration; two of my years (the worst ever) were in Tennessee Charter schools. Never in my career had I witnessed and experienced blatant disregard for educational best practices, "shifty, questionable" use of public tax dollars, and complete disregard for student expression and exploration. Furthermore, there is no "real, hand-on" accountability, once a charter is approved.

To say the least, I now am opposed to ANY and ALL future Charter Schools in Tennessee, without more involved, hands-on, and direct oversight.

All decisions should remain at the local level and all those decisions should be upheld.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 13, 2022 11:39 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.6.1 / iOS
IP Address: 73.108.205.89
Unique ID: 1009372595
Location: 35.9243, -83.9965

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Organization	None - Tennessee citizen
I wish to comment on behalf of	Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville
Please provide your written comments below	<p>I'm a 49 year old life-long Tennessee citizen with a graduate degree. My nephew just graduated from Hillsdale College this year. It was a wonderful experience and a balanced, truth- seeking education. I'm confident that any charter school associated with Hillsdale will be a wonderful option for Tennessee students. Our state should support giving our parents and children a choice in education and allowing them to use their hard-earned tax dollars to finance that education rather than limiting them to only the one-size fits-all government schools.</p>

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 14, 2022 9:24 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.100 / iOS
IP Address: 107.77.232.215
Unique ID: 1009808603
Location: 37.751, -97.822

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Organization Self

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below As a public school educator, I am asking you to deny Hillsdale College this charter. I teach in Hendersonville. We have great public schools and a great relationship with parents and community sponsors.

Charter schools create division in communities and threaten funding for public schools. I'm originally from Indiana. Charter schools pulled tax dollars away from public school systems there, resulting in the closure of my alma mater, along with many other public schools. After promising parents great results, these schools performed lower than public schools on standardized assessments.

Sumner County Schools are not broken. Parents seeking a Christian school have private options available. Private schools don't need competition from an out of state charter that does not understand the needs of our community. Please do not fall for promises to fix a system that isn't broken.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 16, 2022 4:35 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.164.168
Unique ID: 1010665139
Location: 36.0571, -86.6729

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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	As the parent of two dyslexic children in Sumner Co Schools I know just how spread thin support positions are in our county and to introduce charters schools to the county diverting funds when in actuality we need MORE funding is crazy. I firmly support bettering our public schools instead of lining the pockets of a business not held to the same standards as public schools and not required to accept all students. Charter schools have no place in Sumner Co.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 16, 2022 5:21 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.129 / iOS
IP Address: 70.185.19.232
Unique ID: 1010681468
Location: 30.4198, -86.628

Name Jackie Thompson

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Organization None

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

Opening a charter school will drain much needed money from our public schools here in Sumner County. We do not need an out of state management company to open a charter school and profit off our tax dollars.

Please focus your efforts on fully funding Sumner County Schools, and paying teachers and other staff an appropriate salary so we can fill all the job vacancies.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 16, 2022 6:27 pm
Browser: Safari 15.0 / OS X
IP Address: 209.30.113.3
Unique ID: 1010704497
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization alumna, parent, community member, employee

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

There has always been an alternative to public schooling in Sumner County--private schooling. To suggest that any school, funded by public tax dollars is anything other than a public school is a matter of semantics. If current Tennessee public schools and teachers were sufficiently funded and supported, innovation would be possible within all existing public schools.

The difference between charter schools and public schools is the equivalent of a magnet school: choice and parental ability to provide transportation. Sumner County's public school system already has several of these "choice" schools: Merrol Hyde Magnet School, Union Elementary, Middle College High School, Middle Technical College, and E.B. Wilson. I wager they are much better. It is the parental investment in a child's education that makes the difference--not what a charter school does that a traditional public school does not.

Consider: how does data from these "choice" schools in Sumner County compare to data for Founders Classical Academy Schools?

Sumner County has strong schools, strong scores (see TN Ready scores from our district compared to state--including Founders Classical Academy schools), and choice built into its existing school system. There is no need for a charter school in Sumner County.

For those who want more choice can apply to the existing choice schools; they can submit out of zone applications; or they can attend one of the many private school or homeschool co ops in the area.

A desire for more options isn't a bad thing, but a demand that would penalize a high-performing public school system with explosive growth for an experimental gamble such as FCA is selfish and short-sighted.

I support our Board's rejection of the FCA charter application.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 10:40 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 65.114.207.182
Unique ID: 1011372528
Location: 39.7058, -104.7071

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Organization	Consultant
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I believe there is a place for Charter Schools in systems where there are underperforming schools. In Summer County our schools are all performing well. The addition of a Charter School would have the effect of creating two school systems. That would mean higher total costs or less money for the Sumner County school system.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 6:02 pm
Browser: Safari 14.1.1 / OS X
IP Address: 69.138.43.226
Unique ID: 1011593398
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization None

I wish to comment on behalf of Other

Please provide your written comments below

Parents need a choice for schooling their children here in Sumner county. The public school system is failing the children with wit and wisdom. Parents need a choice to move away from the government overreach that is indoctrinating and not educating the children of Sumner county. I am in favor of Founders Classic Academy. Let's give our children a chance at a curriculum that actually teaches academics.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 7:41 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 99.60.0.30
Unique ID: 1011624689
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

Name	Jessica Norris
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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Sumner County schools are doing great without any charter schools.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 8:16 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.79 / Android
IP Address: 73.88.165.229
Unique ID: 1011633576
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

Name	Brian Robertson
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Organization	Tennessee taxpayer
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I vehemently do not want, or think it is appropriate, that any if our Tennessee schools should have anything to do with Hillsdale. Furthermore, I do not believe that taxpayeroney should be funding private schools whatsoever.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 8:20 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 24.11.253.196
Unique ID: 1011634543
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	None
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I do not want my tax dollars supporting charter schools.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 8:27 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.102.243
Unique ID: 1011636229
Location: 36.1187, -86.2626

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Organization	N/A
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Sumner County Schools need to invest in the existing schools. Charter schools are not what this county needs and will pull resources from schools that are already struggling the fill positions. Schools need to serve the entire community, not just the elite. No charter schools.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 8:34 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 99.106.43.74
Unique ID: 1011637901
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Public schools

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

This attempt to override the decision and allow a charter school in our county is inappropriate and offensive. Our public schools must be supported in practice and with appropriate funding - funding which must remain in our public school system and not siphoned out to charter schools. These schools have no proven track record of achievement and should not be considered as a viable option in our county.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 8:49 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.79 / Android
IP Address: 71.142.230.247
Unique ID: 1011641471
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization	Myself
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	No charter schools in Sumner Co. Our public school system is does just fine without them. Sumner Co Schools should get more money and more support when it comes to educating our children.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 8:52 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 209.30.114.179
Unique ID: 1011642354
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Sumner County Schools do an excellent job getting by with the funding they have. But we cannot afford and do not need to split the pot with a private school. As a tax payer I do not want to subsidize private education.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 9:00 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 107.77.234.122
Unique ID: 1011644138
Location: 37.751, -97.822

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Organization	Self
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I am writing in strong opposition to the charter school application from Founder's Academy for Sumner County, TN. I am a Sumner County parent and taxpayer and I do not want my tax dollars going to fund schools that are not accountable to our elected school board. This school will be diverting money from our cash strapped school system. Furthermore this application was already rejected by our elected School Board and an unelected state board should not be overriding a local decision.

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Submission Time: September 19, 2022 9:21 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 98.193.137.195
Unique ID: 1011648690
Location: 36.1789, -86.8035

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Organization	Citizen of Sumner County
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Sumner County does not need a charter school. Keep all funding in the public school system.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 10:10 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 73.58.220.94
Unique ID: 1011658789
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Sumner County does not need a Charter School. I strongly oppose Charter Schools in Sumner County!

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 10:18 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 99.75.84.90
Unique ID: 1011660397
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Sumner County does NOT need charter schools! We moved here for the outstanding schools. Public school here is great. No to charter school!

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 10:39 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.4 / iOS
IP Address: 99.60.3.19
Unique ID: 1011664328
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Self - parent and sumner county resident

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I would like to request that you deny the appeal from Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville. Our schools have already proven to be highly successful and a huge draw for Sumner County. We just had 24 schools named reward schools this past year alone, which is incredible. We don't need any of the school funding to be take away from this very successful program.

Please leave our outstanding school system alone. The school board knew what they were doing when they denied the application. Leave these decisions up to the local schools boards - you know, smaller government and all. Isn't that what is always touted? It's time to put that into practice and let the individual school systems decide what is best for them and their students.

Thank you for your time,

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Submission Time: September 19, 2022 10:39 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.79 / Android
IP Address: 76.18.151.98
Unique ID: 1011664447
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

Name	Jen Yamin
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Organization	Citizen
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	<p>I agree with our local school board's denial of this charter school application. Our education dollars need to stay directed to a system who values educators as professionals.</p> <p>If you overturn this decision you will be placing students with disabilities at a great disadvantage.</p> <p>I implore you to honor the decision of our LOCAL Sumner County Schools Board. They truly have their finger on the pulse of our communities' educational needs.</p>

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 19, 2022 11:13 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 99.163.125.163
Unique ID: 1011671730
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

Sumner schools, while not perfect, is doing their best to provide solid educations for ALL the children in this county. Basic education is not a good one service to be bought and sold; it is the foundation of society. Regardless of who you are, how old you are, or your socioeconomic status, a population with a fundamental education benefits all members of the community and society as a whole. By diverting money from public schools that cannot turn a student away to charter schools that can, you are setting the stage for increasing educational divides that will greatly impact the future of this county.

Form Name:	Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time:	September 20, 2022 9:57 am
Browser:	Safari 15.6 / OS X
IP Address:	172.9.196.223
Unique ID:	1011813022
Location:	36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Myself
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below I support Sumner County Public Schools. I do not want my tax dollars used in Charter for profit systems.

My parents chose a private parochial school for my education. This choice was made while they continued paying taxes for the public system. They had no negative view of the taxation. It was a choice, freely made. I chose a combination of Public and private education for my children. I paid my taxes and tuition without regret. I was supporting growth in my community.

Charter schools have too many easy outs available to them when accepting or retaining students. The money from our local system will be diverted to a system that picks its own population. Thus, it deprives some of those most in need of special education programs.

Parents can continue to make this choice of private schools, but as a society we need to support our public education system.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 20, 2022 10:27 am
Browser: Safari 15.5 / OS X
IP Address: 156.146.47.205
Unique ID: 1011828770
Location: 33.844, -84.4784

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Organization NA

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

Hi! I'm a minority mom & my family and I want there to be choices for education in Sumner County. The Wit and Wisdom curriculum has failed TN standards twice and is full of social emotional learning that causes suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety, racial conflict & much more in our children.

The current public school system is failing our children. Founder's has a good track record. Plus having a charter school in Sumner County will give good competition for the Public Schools, improving them for all.

I believe in Parent's Choice for education and this would allow it. Plus I want classical teachings over what is being taught in schools today.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 20, 2022 11:59 am
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 76.123.200.223
Unique ID: 1011882333
Location: 36.397, -86.1707

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Organization Hills of Hope

I wish to comment on behalf of Other

Please provide your written comments below

As a parent of students in SCS I do not want any of the money designated for our schools using our tax money to support, build or fund in ANY way a charter school in this county. We have private schools, religious schools and homeschool umbrellas all available in the county already. Despite the screams of the groups like Moms of Liberty who support this charter most of us do not want radical right extremist being supported with our tax dollars. Parents in the county who do not want to attend public schools have a myriad of options already available - DO NOT take our school funds and give them to people who already have options, our public tax dollars belong with our public schools!

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 20, 2022 12:30 pm
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 162.224.144.150
Unique ID: 1011899161
Location: 36.3403, -86.7195

Name	Connie Reeves
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Organization	Parent of a freshman in a Sumner County High School
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I am writing to express that I am AGAINST

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 20, 2022 12:37 pm
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 162.224.144.150
Unique ID: 1011902940
Location: 36.3403, -86.7195

Name Connie Reeves

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Organization Parent of a freshman in a Sumner county high school

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below I am writing to express that I am AGAINST having charter schools in our county.

Having charter schools means less money for our already under funded public schools.

Having charter schools means that public charter schools answer to private entities.

Charter schools can set their own curriculums, which often white wash historical facts, or exclude these historical facts altogether.

I am AGAINST

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Submission Time: September 20, 2022 2:33 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 172.58.146.113
Unique ID: 1011961092
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

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Organization	Manager of financial branch
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	We can not allow charter schools to come in and take money away from already dimally funded schools in Sumner County. This should not be allowed to further line pockets of people that do not live in our area or have any interest in doing what is best for Sumner County Schools

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 20, 2022 7:10 pm
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 99.177.253.36
Unique ID: 1012075421
Location: 36.3403, -86.7195

Name Bob Huss

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Organization resident of Sumner County and Retired and current Educator

I wish to comment on behalf of Other

Please provide your written comments below

Comments regarding Founder's Classical Academy application for a charter school in Sumner County

Founder's Classical Academy compares their students with other students in districts where they have schools. It is wrong to use statistics to compare two groups when they are not randomly drawn from the same population. The students in the Founder's Classical Academy in Sumner County will not be from the same population because Founder's Classical Academy students:

1. Will be self-selected
2. Will not be provided transportation
3. Are threatened with expulsion
4. May be expelled
5. Will benefit from extra per student spending beyond the Tennessee base as evidenced by providing an instrument for every student in seventh grade

Questions:

1. Will all teachers be certified in the subject(s) they will be teaching?
2. Is Founder's Classical Academy promising a better student performance? And if so, by how much?
3. What will the criteria be for determining student performance?
4. Will Founder's Classical Academy use only statistically significant data for comparisons?
5. What will happen if Founder's Classical Academy does not perform as promised?
6. When/how can Sumner County close Founder's Classical Academy?

Submitted by Dr. Bob Huss Retired and Current Educator and Sumner County Resident since 2010

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 21, 2022 11:52 am
Browser: Safari 16.0 / OS X
IP Address: 70.231.117.136
Unique ID: 1012340176
Location: 36.3403, -86.7195

Name Wes Duenkel

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below Please REJECT this charter school proposal.

I attended the hearing yesterday. Clearly, Founders Classical Academy is woefully unprepared to run a school. They just "phoned it in," while Sumner County Schools made clear, factual case that Founders Classical Academy is completely unprepared to open and run a charter school.

If this charter school can't even muster the effort to navigate the application process without major omissions and mistakes, how can we trust them to run a charter school full of human beings?

Please REJECT this charter school proposal.

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Submission Time: September 21, 2022 6:46 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 162.196.34.203
Unique ID: 1012532246
Location: 41.1683, -87.8779

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Organization Sumner County Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

It is clear to me that the founders classical academy has zero interest or respect for the people of Sumner county. Their proposal for a charter school does not show any proof that they understand our County or the needs of our children. Their presentations have been filled with careless errors. I would not trust them to educate my children and do not want my tax dollars going towards an organization that cannot even put in the time, effort, or energy to put together a decent presentation. If they cannot even properly research the area they want to put School we simply cannot trust them to educate our children?

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 23, 2022 12:11 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address: 68.52.238.194
Unique ID: 1013241445
Location: 36.0571, -86.6729

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Organization	Retired
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	My grandson is in the Sumner County school system and we do not need to have a Hillsdale charter school in Sumner County.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 24, 2022 4:23 pm
Browser: Safari 15.1 / OS X
IP Address: 76.114.121.172
Unique ID: 1013787955
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Private citizen and Member of LWV

I wish to comment on behalf of Other

Please provide your written comments below

The Sumner County Board of Education presented a comprehensive and compelling argument to deny this charter application. After listening to their initial report and the follow up at the hearing, I totally agree.

The need for a charter school in the Hendersonville community was not well established. The plan for curriculum, financing and implementation was sorely lacking in the charter application. The representation of local interests was nowhere indicated. There will always be a few families in a community that feel their school system is not meeting their particular interests. This does not justify taking tax dollars from well-established and successful schools to fund charter schools with special interests and agendas.

The charter application grossly misrepresented the achievement statistics of Hendersonville schools and all of Sumner County. This should be investigated further. This application should be denied.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 26, 2022 8:21 pm
Browser: Safari 16.0 / OS X
IP Address: 76.122.222.135
Unique ID: 1014578238
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Sumner County Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

As a mom to four current Sumner County students and a sitting Sumner County School Board member I ask the commission to uphold the decision made at the local level and reject the charter application for Founder Classical Academy of Hendersonville.

As a parent I have witnessed first hand the investment and opportunities afforded to Sumner County students. We are leading the state in CTE offerings, provide numerous AP courses beginning with freshmen, dual enrollement options partnering with Vol State and MTSU, and offer many schooling options including a magnet school, demonstration schools, numerous STEM schools, Middle College, Middle Technical College, and virtual high school. My oldest child is currently a senior and it has been eye opening to tour colleges and hear about opportunities they promote to incoming students that we already offer to our students. I believe that the information provided in the application for Founder Classical Academy of Hendersonville indicates that they will provide a subpar education compared to that which is currently offered to Sumner County students.

As a board member I believe it is important for the commission to know that not one time when the application was being considered before the school board did anyone from Founders come to speak on their behalf. The first time I heard from anyone at Founders was at the September 20th hearing. Per their testimony, Founders has zero experience being a charter school and is seriously lacking in their plans to operate a school efficiently and effectively. With zero community commitments, no confirmed location, significant gap in proposed funding, no Sumner County citizens on their board, and little to no interest from those in Sumner County with school age children Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville is NOT in the best interest of students.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 26, 2022 8:54 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 76.205.128.250
Unique ID: 1014588747
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization Concerned Citizen

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I do not believe that Founders Classical Academy meets the rigorous academic standards currently in place in Sumner County. The basic failings of their original application speaks volumes about their lack of seriousness in providing a quality education to our children. Their failure to speak to Sumner County's substantive criticisms during the recent presentation shows that they believe they can get a rubber stamp to operate here. This is not the attitude or institution we want instructing our students.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 26, 2022 9:15 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 71.128.165.199
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Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	none
I wish to comment on behalf of	Other

Please provide your written comments below

I do not believe Hendersonville needs a charter school. This school will primarily benefit better-off families who want a private-school education at the the taxpayers' expense.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 26, 2022 9:15 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 102.0.5005.125 / Android
IP Address: 172.58.146.41
Unique ID: 1014594894
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

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Organization Private citizen

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

As a private citizen and parent of students in Summer County Schools, I urge the commission to deny Founders Classical Academy's application and appeal.

Summer County Schools offers choice schools, including STEM and academic magnets, technical and vocational options, and more. Current budgets are already stretched thin. Diverting funds for a charter school, which is not held accountable for the same standards, will only harm the majority of the students in the county and serve to dilute current educational resources.

Please do not approve FCAs application appeal. Thank you.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 26, 2022 9:34 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
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Unique ID: 1014600439
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization not on behalf of any organization

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below My comment pertains to the claim that a charter school is needed to give students access to "classical education." Classical education includes the rigorous study of languages, philosophy, literature, history, and mathematics. These subjects are all already available to students enrolled in the Middle College program. Thank you for considering my comment.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 26, 2022 9:35 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 99.106.41.121
Unique ID: 1014600829
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Sumner County CASA
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I am wholeheartedly opposed to a charter school being allowed to exist in Sumner County. I do not feel it is in the best interest of our students and will negatively impact the our education system. Charter schools do not meet the needs of our most vulnerable students and are not a good use of public school funds.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 26, 2022 10:24 pm
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 99.96.221.198
Unique ID: 1014613078
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Parent of 2 children in Sumner County Schools
I wish to comment on behalf of	Other

Please provide your written comments below

I am writing a comment on behalf of myself, a parent to two children who have been enrolled in Sumner County Schools since 2012.

I am asking that the Public Charter School Commission deny the appeal of Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville.

Sumner County Schools followed the proper review process and came to the valid conclusion that Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville is not prepared to operate a charter school in our district in the manner as specified in its application. Approving the application is not in the best interest of Sumner County or the families and students enrolled in Sumner County Schools.

The Academic Plan Design & Capacity partially met or did not meet the standards in 11 out of 12 categories. The application lacks evidence of community support, significantly under-represents special population students in the enrollment projections, lacks CTE and post-secondary education opportunities, and overall lacks the rigor of existing Sumner County Schools.

Of particular concern is the under-representation of special needs students in the projections. As a public school, Founders Classical Academy would be legally bound to provide a free and appropriate education (FAPE) to ALL students enrolled, including those with 504 and IEP plans. However, by under-representing the number of special needs students, the school is not going to be prepared to hire and pay for an appropriate number of special education teachers, aids, therapists, and other support staff. This will inevitably result in difficulties in achieving a FAPE for special needs students and would open the school up to lawsuits from failing to meet the required services in 504 and IEP plans.

The primary aim of a school is to educate students and prepare them for the next stage of their lives. A school that lacks academic rigor, under-represents the needs to education learners with different needs, and lacks CTE and post-secondary education opportunities is a disservice to our community. It would offer an inferior education to the high-quality education that Sumner County Schools is known for achieving.

Further, the application did not offer a realistic plan to operate a fully staffed and safe school by the proposed date of August 2024.

Please do not allow Founders Classical Academy to proceed in Sumner County. It would be a disservice to our community. I am not opposed to charter schools as a principle, and I know several teachers who work in amazing charter schools in Memphis and Nashville. However, I am very opposed to a charter school that has not shown in its application that it is ready to operate a successful school on day 1 of operations. Our children's education is too important to allow this school to proceed in Sumner County.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 1:04 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.50.220.80
Unique ID: 1014644647
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	My family opposes charters & vouchers

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 2:14 am
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 50.248.108.246
Unique ID: 1014655590
Location: 36.7813, -81.7666

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Organization	Parent of students in Sumner County Schools
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

There may be a time and place for charter schools, but that time and place is not now in Sumner County Schools (SCS). Our school district goes to great lengths to try to meet everyone's needs. SCS reopened in Fall 2020 with a plan to attempt to address everyone's needs - allowing families to opt for virtual or going to school. They went above and beyond to try to keep us both safe and educated.

The Founders Classical Academy's specific curriculum is not used in the SCS because it is not approved by the State Department of Education as an approved curriculum. SCS curriculum is better than what FCA is offering. They cherry-picked the number of a 92% rate from one Texas school. They provided no data on how the Founders' Classical Academy curriculum performs nationwide, nor how other classical academies perform in Tennessee. In Las Vegas, a Founders' Classical Academy school had scores of 35% in math for middle school, and 25% for high school. The Nashville Classical Academy states on its website that it has just below 50% for ELA for 3rd through 5th grade. The FCA that appealed for Hendersonville has little to no curriculum slated to help propel students to post-secondary school - whether that is AP for college or CTE courses. The FCA is offering an inferior education and granting their appeal and approving their application will damage our SCS schools, as well as likely increase our taxes in the future. We don't want it, as is shown by the FCA application having zero evidence - absolutely none - to demonstrate that there is any community support. The two people that spoke at the hearing on 9/21 on the FCA's behalf don't even have kids that are school-aged. There is no evidence that parents of school-aged kids want or need the FCA school. But, there is ample evidence that parents of school-aged kids do not want the FCA school. Moreover, all our residents - parents of students or not - are very tax conscious.

The only reason anyone has told me that they want this schools is because they want "school choice." First, it is absurd to think that school choice is a worthy expenditure of tax dollars just to have a choice. Education is not a constitutional right. It is paid for by taxpayers to benefit their communities. Demanding a charter school just to have a choice is about as ridiculous as a handful of people demanding a different color of public transportation because they don't like the color of the public transportation offered.

One commenter suggested that the charter school would offer competition that would improve our quality of education. That is simply not true. First, unless the State Department of Education allows schools to start using the same curriculum that the FCA is offering, then their usage of it would never allow us to use it. Second, the FCA is absolutely not going to be as good as Merrol Hyde. Merrol Hyde has been consistently a top school in the nation and in Tennessee for several years now. When you look at the U.S. News & World Report ranking methodology, it takes into account test scores, student diversity, student to teacher ratio, and student involvement in clubs and athletics. Merrol Hyde provides all the benefits of competition. Students living in the district work hard to pass the test. Even if they pass

the test, though, some opt to stay at their zoned school or go to the Middle College School. Any student living in Sumner County can take the test for Merrol Hyde. Thus, it provides school choice (as do several other schools within the SCS family). A waiting list at Merrol Hyde is not sufficient reason to approve FCA, particularly since FCA has provided not a shred of evidence that they will be able to produce similar outcomes as Merrol Hyde. Without evidence that FCA can and will likely produce the same education outcomes for students at Merrol Hyde, nobody on the waitlist would want to go to FCA. They would be far better off in their zoned school where they will be learning from the same curriculum that is provided at Merrol Hyde. The students at Merrol Hyde often have many hours of homework, which accounts for some of the reason that Merrol Hyde' test scores are high. The people who want school choice of FCA have not demonstrated they would even want to put that much effort into a school. Without being able to produce the same outcomes as Merrol Hyde, FCA cannot substitute or complement Merrol Hyde and, thus, the waitlist there cannot be part of the calculation.

Grandparents with no legal authority to determine where their grandchildren attend but who still want a different curriculum (even though it is uncertain they even know what is actually being taught in the SCS schools) is insufficient to demonstrate a need for a charter in our county. While education is the first and foremost reason for our schools, another skill students learn is to follow rules, even if they don't like all of them. For better or worse, most of us will not have employers cater to our every need and desire. We shouldn't raise our children to expect that they can force an entire taxpaying body to cater to them simply because their parents or grandparents want something different than the high-quality education offered by the school district. Those kinds of changes are accomplished through voting, volunteering, or moving.

This isn't the case where we are in an urban or industrial area that has too few of residents to support a high-quality school. Nor are we overcrowded. Our school administrators are doing an excellent job at providing education. They should be rewarded instead of hindered by usurping our elected officials' vote that the FCA will not benefit our county to authorize a charter school that would like to take \$6-\$10 million (based on the FCA's enrollment goals) of our hard-earned tax revenue each and every year. To do so will certainly hinder the schools in our rural areas and those with low-income students, as their parents are unlikely to take the steps necessary to apply for FCA or, if they do, unlikely to be able to get there every day. One of our schools (Howard Elementary) had the assistant principal driving the school bus. He did it because the students need that transportation. Authorizing FCA to open could also put more pressure on the teacher and support staff shortage that already exists.

People move to Sumner County for our low taxes and our great schools. Please deny the FCA's appeal because its existence will hurt our schools, increase our taxes, and overall deteriorate our great community.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 2:41 am
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Unique ID: 1014660430
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I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I believe sumner county schools are doing a wonderful job educating my children (two graduated, one still enrolled)! Having spent a good bit of time reading the charter school application, watching the hearing that was held last week and discussing it with others I do not believe FCAoH was, is or will ever be prepared to open a school in our area. Frankly, their submission was embarrassing. I can only surmise that their request to appeal be moved forward would only be a political stunt, and would not take into consideration the very obvious voice in opposition that the voters of Sumner county have made clear.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 5:02 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 129.222.0.239
Unique ID: 1014688378
Location: 41.8874, -87.6318

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Organization N/A

I wish to comment on behalf of Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville

Please provide your written comments below As a parent of a child in the Sumner County School District, I would love to have an alternative option to my child's education & the ability to choose where I'd like her allotted tax monies to be invested in her behalf. I believe this would give parents more of a voice over their children's education options, which is desperately needed.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 6:25 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 75.245.184.12
Unique ID: 1014707883
Location: 36.1052, -86.6591

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Organization Sumner County Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below Sumner County Schools are the heartbeat of our communities. No entity works harder to provide a sound education for the students and families. We do not need charter schools to drain money away from the district. Communities need to stay together not divide over silly political ideas meant to benefit few. I strongly oppose this charter school application. Even if I thought this was an option, this particular group offered nothing in terms of evidence to support their appeal. They told half truths. It is simple. They do not deserve to work with our students when they misrepresent their efforts.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 6:43 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.6.1 / iOS
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Unique ID: 1014713236
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Albertsons
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Do NOT want charter. Go away.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 7:06 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 76.205.128.99
Unique ID: 1014719624
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization Sumner County Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

We do not need or want FCA to open in Sumner County. They were ill-prepared and had zero relevant data to support any need for them in our county. FCA had inflated "achievement" number based on a lack of rigor in standards in a state that does not even compare to TN State standards, further, FCA would take funding from the students and families of Sumner County Schools without supporting our mission or vision as a district: students first. They are a business that profits off the community, rather than focusing on student needs.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 7:46 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.5 / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.170.64
Unique ID: 1014730843
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

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Organization I'm a parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I ask that the decision of the school board be affirmed for two primary reasons. First, while I appreciate some of the basic principles charter schools purport to represent with respect to counties with struggling schools, Sumner County schools are not struggling. I have two children in the school system here and have no concerns about their education. The schools here are a beacon that attract growth. They are a reason my wife and I moved from Davidson County. Second, I find it alarming a decision of my county government could be overturned. These are locally elected representatives that conducted an in depth evaluation of the application and the subsequent amended application. The application was found lacking in several areas. The county representatives also know their schools and know the absence of market demand for a charter school. And they are elected by voters to make these type of decisions on our behalf. Reversal of a local decision in the absence of evidence the schools are failing would strike at the heart of the principles of home rule. Thank you for opportunity to comment.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 7:49 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.0.0 / Android
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Unique ID: 1014731804
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Sumner County Commissioner - District 21

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

School operational costs are a variable (i.e. not fixed) per student rate. (Example: the operational costs of educating 20 students is the same as educating 19 students). With a fixed per student amount of state and local tax money being shifted from Sumner County Schools to FCA, I have yet to see a funding model that does not result in higher local taxes. I understand the concept of the choices that a charter school option will bring to the residents of the county, but I simply cannot support it without knowing the real impact on the local funding. It seems to me like the idea of charter schools is a back or side door method of education reform. I'd rather us knock down the front door and do it the right way.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 7:59 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.50.226.177
Unique ID: 1014734885
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Sumner County Resident
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I am a Sumner County resident and voter who has two children who were educated in Sumner County Schools and are now university students, and I am writing to ask that the Public Charter School Commission deny the appeal of Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville.

Sumner County Schools followed the proper review process and came to the valid conclusion that Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville is not prepared to operate a charter school as specified in its application. Approval of their application would not be in the best interest of Sumner County or the families and students enrolled in Sumner County Schools.

Notably, their Academic Plan Design & Capacity only partially met or did not meet the standards in 11 out of 12 categories. The application lacks evidence of community support, significantly under-represents special population students in the enrollment projections, lacks CTE and post-secondary education opportunities, and overall lacks the rigor of existing Sumner County Schools.

The under-representation of special needs students in the projections is also of particular concern. As a public school, Founders Classical Academy would be legally bound to provide a free and appropriate education (FAPE) to ALL students enrolled, including those with 504 and IEP plans. However, by under-representing the number of special needs students, the school is not going to be prepared to hire and pay for an appropriate number of special education teachers, aids, therapists, and other support staff. This will inevitably result in difficulties in achieving a FAPE for special needs students and would open the school up to lawsuits from failing to meet the required services in 504 and IEP plans.

The primary aim of a school is to educate students and prepare them for the next stage of their lives. A school that lacks academic rigor, under-represents the needs to education learners with different needs, and lacks CTE and post-secondary education opportunities is a disservice to our community. It would offer an inferior education to the high-quality education that Sumner County Schools is known for achieving, as I have experienced personally with my own children here in Sumner County Schools.

Their application also did not offer a realistic plan to operate a fully staffed and safe school by the proposed date of August 2024. Our children here in this county are not Guinea pigs to be experimented on like that by a group that can't even prepare a realistic plan for approval, let alone demonstrate the ability to carry it out.

Given the many issues, I ask you to please NOT allow Founders Classical Academy to proceed in Sumner County. It would be a disservice to our community, to our children, and indeed to any truly qualified, well planned, deserving charter school that might seek to gain approval in the future. This is simply NOT that charter school.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 7:59 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
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Unique ID: 1014734972
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Parent/Homeowner

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below I do not support the addition of this charter school. It will take money from the public school system and it isn't offering a better education. The school system in Sumner County is already strong and doesn't need to compete with a non-established school pulling funds from it.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 8:18 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 99.75.84.42
Unique ID: 1014741463
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization N/A

I wish to comment on behalf of Other

Please provide your written comments below It is not necessary to bring in a charter school that has consistent results of "well below expectations" and "somewhat below expectations" in academic performance in other states.
They have not proven to be a good option in terms of academic performance, graduation rates, serving at risk students, and special needs.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:00 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 76.205.131.67
Unique ID: 1014757131
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization	None
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I absolutely love our schools here in Sumner County and especially Merrol Hyde Magnet School. Their teachers are incredible and the principal and staff always go above and beyond the call to ensure everyone feels safe and heard and welcomed. I also believe each of our teachers deserve a raise!

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:07 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
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Unique ID: 1014759938
Location: 33.9707, -84.3247

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Organization	Self
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	We don't need another drain on school system to teach non-publicly accepted well researched and thought out and not state approved material.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:07 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 23.126.163.185
Unique ID: 1014760154
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Sumner county schools parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below I do Not wish to have charter schools in Sumner county.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:08 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 71.128.165.58
Unique ID: 1014760803
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below I am against charter or private schools receiving public funds. Public schools should be diverse and all ways and serve all children.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:10 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 99.96.220.55
Unique ID: 1014761405
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Definitely not interested in having this charter school in our county. Our school board has already turned it down due to poor planning and that should be respected.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:11 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 24.11.253.190
Unique ID: 1014762096
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Parents
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I do not think the county should approve this charter school. The FCAoH would not bring any kind of community cohesion. With it's more extreme ideas on things, it would only further divide people.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:12 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.161.211
Unique ID: 1014762282
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	My family chooses to live in Sumner County because of the great public schools. Privately run charters are not held to the same standards as our district schools and can threaten school funding. Please uphold the decision made by our locally elected school board to deny this charter application.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:23 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 68.32.110.25
Unique ID: 1014767325
Location: 36.3403, -86.7195

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Organization Citizen

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

As a Tennessee native who lived out of state for several years, I moved back - specifically buying a home in Sumner County - when I had kids to put in school. This school system has a steering reputation, but between Covid and the booming home construction, I can see it starting to get stretched thin. Liberty Creek was a great addition and while I completely support growth and change, charter schools are not the answer. Our public schools deserve our support on all fronts and this would only strip away much-needed resources. I urge you to listen to the people on the front lines. They're clearly telling you what they need - this isn't it.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:24 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.6.1 / iOS
IP Address: 70.231.116.97
Unique ID: 1014767498
Location: 36.3403, -86.7195

Name	Sharon Fleming
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Organization	None
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	This is a travesty. Keep charters out of Sumner County.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:26 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address: 174.212.108.21
Unique ID: 1014768557
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

Name	Greg Hardigan
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Phone	(773) 551-3031
Organization	Citizen
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Please keep our public schools strong. They are excellent schools. Charter schools are businesses. Please do not take taxpayer money from taxpayer-funded schools to prop up businesses.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:27 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 76.18.150.52
Unique ID: 1014768772
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Homeowner in Sumner

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

Please do not divert tax payer funds from our public schools to pay for a charter school that we DO NOT NEED in Sumner County. Please invest in the schools that we have. I do not support ANY charter schools in Sumner County. We have excellent schools already. Please support the children by taking care of the schools they already attend.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:38 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.165.123
Unique ID: 1014774009
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below Public funds have no business being funneled in to private and charter schools. This is modern segregation and a slap in the face to the public education system. NO TO CLASSICAL ACADEMY.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 9:42 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 209.30.115.225
Unique ID: 1014775700
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

Name	David Fann
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Phone	(615) 336-1034
Organization	N/A
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	We do not need a charter school. Please reject this application

Form Name:	Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time:	September 27, 2022 9:50 am
Browser:	Chrome Mobile 99.0.4844.88 / Android
IP Address:	107.77.233.93
Unique ID:	1014779190
Location:	37.751, -97.822

Name	Steven Puckett
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Phone	(615) 855-7481
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Organization	Taxpayers
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I wish to comment on behalf of	Other
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Please provide your written comments below

This charter should not be approved due to its clear history of having to seek waivers after approval for commitments the school claimed to have resources for. The charter made its application in bad faith and with no plan to provide claimed services. The history of systemic waivers in other states demonstrates a clear intent to not provide services committed to and a clear intent to defraud taxpayers. Further, the charter's conduct seems to suggest an expectation of predetermination of decision to have existed prior to engaging the process. Given the history of the applicant and the conduct of the applicant, any approval such applicant will result in citizens contacting the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education to investigate conspiracy to defraud taxpayers involving both the conduct of the applicant and the conduct of the commission. Further, taxpayers will organize to put forward into the Tennessee General Assembly a Constitutional amendment to ban charter schools and voucher programs in their entirety. Defraudment of taxpayers will not be tolerated.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:10 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 96.5.17.7
Unique ID: 1014788671
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

Name	Hollie Alexander
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Phone	(615) 804-8544
Organization	Sumner schools
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	We don't need public dollars going to this academy. We need more more for public schools. This is moving us closer to segregation. Please don't allow this so called school to come.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:16 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.161.139
Unique ID: 1014791572
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

Name Lindsay Doss

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Organization Sumner County Schools

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

As a public school teacher, I have many reasons for being strongly against Founders Classical Academy opening charters across Tennessee. First, public money (taxes) should stay in public schools. Second, I think Larry Arnn's horrible comments against teachers succinctly summarizes how they feel about teachers. I don't want an organization led by someone who feels that way about teachers to have anything to do with education. Education should be the top priority for any society, and leaders should do everything in their power to make sure that every child, regardless of race, socioeconomic class, or gender gets the same educational opportunity. Fully fund public schools and let teachers do what they are trained to do. If charters are allowed to infiltrate the community against the wishes of said community, this will come as a great detriment to that community's public schools. We should not be pulling funding from already underfunded schools to support charters.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:17 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 24.11.253.196
Unique ID: 1014792002
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

Name	Amy Davis
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Organization	None
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I do not want my hard earned tax dollars to be siphoned from Sumner County public schools to private schools. Let Hillsdale raise money the legal way, if they can.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:20 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 170.229.192.9
Unique ID: 1014793789
Location: 36.1769, -86.7339

Name	Margaret White
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Organization	Individual
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I do not wish tax dollars be given to an unprepared charter school in Sumner County. Sumner County schools have proven themselves to be sufficient and provide an excellent education to our children.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:29 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 216.147.126.160
Unique ID: 1014798172
Location: 39.7388, -104.9868

Name	Debbie Riches
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Phone	(928) 600-6488
Organization	None
I wish to comment on behalf of	Other
Please provide your written comments below	Public funds should NOT be used to fund any private or charter schools!

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:31 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 76.18.138.238
Unique ID: 1014799181
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I just wanted to send in a comment on behalf of our public schools. We have been through a lot over the past 3 years but our teachers and staff have worked so hard. I'm so proud to have my child in this school system. I believe in the public schools and I think we need to support them with all of our resources.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:51 am
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 74.119.169.56
Unique ID: 1014808977
Location: 36.1085, -86.7738

Name	Monica Sartain
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Organization	Self
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I do not support this charter school coming to Sumner County. I believe Sumner County does not need Charter schools to supplement offerings by the current public school system. Though not perfect, our school system, and therefore our county, would not benefit from a charter school.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 10:52 am
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 69.138.144.60
Unique ID: 1014809946
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Citizen

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below If FCA were to get tax payer money, they should be held up to the same standards and teach the same exact info as mainstream public schools. Public education is public education. I am not opposed to Charter Schools in theory but am opposed to Founder Classical Academy and Mr. Arrn's personal involvement with the charter. His continued lack of support of our teachers and his feelings about racism in schools should make his and his Charter school's application considered automatically invalid. Thank you.

Form Name:	Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time:	September 27, 2022 10:55 am
Browser:	Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address:	23.121.227.32
Unique ID:	1014811245
Location:	36.3834, -86.4512

Name	Amie Davis
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Organization	Community member
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I am writing to support the hard work and dedicated efforts Sumner County Public Schools staff, teachers, and administrators put into providing a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to all students. In providing funds to this charter school you are allowing for FAPE to be into jeopardy, charter schools have a longstanding history of keeping all students enrolled until the funding is allocated for student pupils. Once the window has passed for funding, any students who pose a need for more interventions or behavioral supports are removed from the charter school and then accepted back into their local public school... the funds to support educating these students are kept with the charter school and not returned to the public school, who then on a shoestring budget does their best to provide the services, education, and support that is needed.

Please support our Sumner public schools and the hard work our educators do everyday by considering the potential implications this decision could have for many.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 11:09 am
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.6.1 / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.99.22
Unique ID: 1014819220
Location: 36.1187, -86.2626

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Organization Myself

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

As a resident of Sumner County with a daughter in Sumner County schools, I respectfully ask that you do not approve the charter for the Founders Classical Academy. Public schools are one of most important establishments in our country. Public schools in Tennessee are already underfunded and taking those funds away will hurt the quality of education for those students still enrolled in public schools. Not every child has transportation available to go to a charter school or the desire to learn religious based instruction. Separation of church and state is a fundamental part of our democracy. Please do not destroy our local public schools.

Thank you,
Sherri Post

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 11:10 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 71.142.229.24
Unique ID: 1014819465
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Organization	N/a
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I don't think a charter school is necessary for our county.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 11:37 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 50.241.202.45
Unique ID: 1014834634
Location: 35.7854, -86.7569

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville

Please provide your written comments below

As a parent with students in Sumner County schools I fully support Founders Classical Academy in Hendersonville. Our only magnet school option is Merrol Hyde and for students who cannot get in there is no alternative to SCS. My wife and I would like to homeschool our children with more classical education, but financially we are unable to since we both work. Having the option of Founders Classical Academy in Hendersonville would be exactly the alternative my family is looking for.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 11:49 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 73.58.223.26
Unique ID: 1014841056
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

Name	Rachel Teal
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Phone	(615) 946-3611
Organization	None
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I have two kids enrolled in Sumner County schools. We do not want a charter school.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 11:56 am
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 23.121.227.201
Unique ID: 1014844865
Location: 36.3834, -86.4512

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Phone	(317) 409-3486
Organization	Kappa Delta
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I am so thankful to have access to great public education for my child. Supporting our public school teachers is priority and is done by ensuring that our taxes are going to our public schools.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 12:23 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.107.88
Unique ID: 1014858318
Location: 36.1187, -86.2626

Name Holly Cruz

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

Hello,
I am writing in support of Sumner County Schools decision to vote no on allowing Founders Classical Academy to join Sumner County schools. As a parent of two elementary aged students it is eye opening listening to the detail that Scott Langford and team have made on this application. They have clearly pointed out the faults of the school as well as why it is not deemed appropriate and where the application is failing. The money our county schools will lose toward a charter school is not something I want to see. Sumner County has proved to our family during the past five years that they care about our students and want the best for them to be successful once leaving the county schools. I support the decision of SCS in denying this request.
Respectfully,
Holly Cruz

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 12:35 pm
Browser: Chrome 105.0.0.0 / Windows
IP Address: 99.106.144.25
Unique ID: 1014863757
Location: 36.0711, -86.7196

Name	Joan Elkins
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Organization	Retired
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	All of our existing schools need help and support. The teachers are underpaid and asked to do more all the time. Classes are too large and some need to be divided. Any support to them is needed, not a new, closed-minded school added to the mix. I want you to support public schools more than you have already, so please do not even consider this proposal. Thank you for all you do.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 12:37 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 24.11.253.190
Unique ID: 1014864802
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

Name	Cameron Clark
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Organization	Parent
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	I really don't think having a charter school in Sumner County is a good idea. I really think the county should deny FCAoH's charter request.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 12:39 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 174.212.170.173
Unique ID: 1014866132
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

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Organization	Myself
I wish to comment on behalf of	Other

Please provide your written comments below

I am writing this comment on behalf of myself, my daughter, and the students of Sumner County Schools. My daughter is in Kindergarten, so we have roughly 12 more years of attending Sumner County Schools. I am also interested in teaching in the school system and previously taught in Knox County.

I am asking the Public Charter School Commission to deny the appeal of Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville.

Sumner County Schools followed the proper review process and came to the correct conclusion that Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville is not prepared to operate a charter school in our district in the manner as specified in its application. Approving the application is not in the best interest of Sumner County or the families and students enrolled in Sumner County Schools. It is a bad faith effort to control our school system, and the company behind the school is not originally a part of Sumner County.

The Academic Plan Design & Capacity partially met or did not meet the standards in 11 out of 12 categories. The application lacks evidence of community support, significantly under-represents special population students in the enrollment projections, lacks CTE and post-secondary education opportunities, and overall lacks the rigor of existing Sumner County Schools. Why would it serve our students to approve a school that has no intention of meeting the bare minimum needed for the school to be relevant within our current framework?

Of particular concern is the under-representation of special needs students in the projections. As a public school, Founders Classical Academy would be legally bound to provide a free and appropriate education (FAPE) to ALL students enrolled, including those with 504 and IEP plans. However, by under-representing the number of special needs students, the school is not going to be prepared to hire and pay for an appropriate number of special education teachers, aids, therapists, and other support staff. This will inevitably result in difficulties in achieving a FAPE for special needs students and would open the school up to lawsuits from failing to meet the required services in 504 and IEP plans.

The primary aim of a school is to educate students and prepare them for the next stage of their lives. A school that lacks academic rigor, under-represents the needs to education learners with different needs, and lacks CTE and post-secondary education opportunities is a disservice to our community. It would offer an inferior education to the high-quality education that Sumner County Schools is known for achieving.

Further, the application did not offer a realistic plan to operate a fully staffed and safe school by the proposed date of August 2024.

Please do not allow Founders Classical Academy to proceed in Sumner County. It would be a disservice to our community. I am very opposed to a

charter school that has not shown in its application that it is ready to operate a successful school on dits first day of operations. Our children's education is too important to allow this school to proceed in Sumner County and it could have devastating consequences for families who would be lured into enrolling into such a farce.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 12:57 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 172.9.196.78
Unique ID: 1014874834
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Self

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below Sumner county schools have done a commendable job given their resources. They are currently the best use of our tax dollars to educate our children. The addition of charter schools such as this one that will pull resources away from our already excellent public schools is an egregious misuse of taxes. Additionally, Founders Classical Academy has no track record of success, and would simply introduce chaos and waste.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 1:37 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 68.52.176.155
Unique ID: 1014908272
Location: 36.1789, -86.8035

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Organization None

I wish to comment on behalf of Other

Please provide your written comments below No Charters in sumner county

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 1:39 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.5195.136 / Android
IP Address: 76.18.151.98
Unique ID: 1014909089
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization	Community member
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools
Please provide your written comments below	Charter schools are notoriously known for discriminating against students with disabilities. Please do not grant this charter school's request.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 1:44 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari 15.6.1 / iOS
IP Address: 71.128.166.60
Unique ID: 1014911843
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

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Organization Concerned Citizen

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below SCS has top-ranked (State & Nationally) publicly funded schools. A charter school option is not needed in Sumner County at this time. Furthermore, FCAH has provided little, if any, significant evidence to show that the community supports its application. Therefore, their application ought to be denied.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 1:47 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 107.77.232.202
Unique ID: 1014913020
Location: 37.751, -97.822

Name Lucinda Peterson

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Organization Parent

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

I am writing to request that the appeal for the charter school be denied. In addition to the many reasons given during the public forum, after reviewing the proposed curriculum, I have concerns about whether it is suitable for publicly funded schools. While there are important aspects to a "classical education" (or "traditional education" as the originator of the Founders curriculum prefers), we have evolved curriculums to encompass a more comprehensive collection of studies that better represent the history and literature of our diverse communities.

There is much talk of morality being taught in the charter information, yet advocates for the charter school have voiced concerns to guided conversations concerning such topics as Ruby Bridges. This is obviously concerning to some who live in a state in which many can remember living under the Jim Crow laws of the south. The leaders of support for the charter school have made it clear that the way history is taught is one of their main concerns, as evidenced by their SOS meetings and comments at the public forum. For our children to have a chance at developing the sincere respect for our country that Founders indicates is so important to their development, they must first know that their country respects their intelligence and moral compasses enough to trust them with the truth, which is most accurately acquired by taking into consideration a wide variety of historical and literary accounts. Hopefully it is Founders intent to provide this, but it seems more assurance would be preferable in regards to any school funded with taxpayer dollars. Thank you.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 1:56 pm
Browser: Chrome Mobile 105.0.0.0 / Android
IP Address: 50.220.43.210
Unique ID: 1014918333
Location: 37.6653, -77.5364

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Organization Sumner County parent/resident/taxpayer

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

Please deny this appeal, and uphold Sumner County's rejection of Founders Classical Academy's application. There are certain situations in which certain charter schools are appropriate and beneficial. However, in this specific instance, Founders Classical Academy has not demonstrated why they would be appropriate or beneficial to Sumner County. Furthermore, what they *did* demonstrate is an alarming lack of preparation and attention to detail in their application, which is very concerning for the amount of preparation and attention to detail that they would put into their school if this appeal was affirmed.

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 1:59 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 68.53.93.45
Unique ID: 1014919701
Location: 36.3066, -86.6101

Name	Sarah Squires
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Organization	Parent, SCS
I wish to comment on behalf of	Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

My son is in the 5th grade at a Sumner County school and I am begging the commission to deny this charter's application. As Mr. Langford from SCS so eloquently communicated, Founders Classical failed to prove the necessity for a charter school here. would not be a good fit for our community.

First of all, they misrepresented their program on their application. The proficiency metrics shared were from a single school in Texas not the total of their program. And it is my understanding that most of the other schools in their network are poor performers. They also failed to include the correct data for the district's numbers of low-income, special Ed students, and ESL students. If they can't get information correct on the application, then how will they run a school. And finally, they had under 50 "parents" interested in the school. I put "parents" in quotes because they survey was very unofficial and no support was provided for the validity of the results. Most of the people who are pro charter are public school haters, and many do not have kids at all.

Responsive Education Solutions, the connected group and employer of the superintendent of this charter organization has abysmal ratings on glass door.

https://www.glassdoor.com/Reviews/Responsive-Education-Solutions-Reviews-E798001_P2.htm?filter.iso3Language=eng

While SCS is better with the most common complaint being about pay. We are struggling to pay our SCS staff what they are worth now. Siphoning money to this "school" would put us in a more substantial bind especially during record inflation.

I also have a serious problem with these types of schools curriculum. They teach a version of history that is simply untrue and white washed. They teach that slave owners treated their slaves well and that the slaves were "happy" to be

My family moved to Sumner county for the school system, specifically Merrol Hyde. We bought a home here and I run a business here. My child is thriving. As a result, I have become an advocate for the school system running one of two local Facebook groups of parents and community members.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/4259956607426450/?ref=share_group_link I have close friends in all levels of school administration - from central office to school leadership to classroom teaching to the school board. And I recently spoke at the commission meeting to get our school staff increased pay. I love our schools. We do not need this charter.

Thank you,
Sarah Squires

Form Name: Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville Public Hearing Form- Written
Submission Time: September 27, 2022 2:01 pm
Browser: Mobile Safari / iOS
IP Address: 174.212.163.210
Unique ID: 1014921140
Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

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Organization Tennessee citizens

I wish to comment on behalf of Sumner County Schools

Please provide your written comments below

Put more money in the public school system. We have charter schools in the Tennessee education system. They could use the backing and support of local, county and state education funds. If schools are currently so bad it's only because elected officials aren't fully funding schools and teachers salaries. To insult dedicated teachers and staff by shoving them aside to be replaced by this unknown, badly qualified religious school is an insult to tax payers(after all its Our Money) , children and dedicated school teachers. Stop the agenda of demoralization by the rich who want to get richer!! Dumbing down children is unacceptable!
