|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Application Timeline for Schools to Open in Fall 2027-28** | |
| Deadline for ERCO to receive application | August 15th, 2026 |
| * Telephone interview(s)/discussion(s) with ERCO leadership * ERCO due diligence, materials compiled, report prepared * Vetting process of applicants | Can take place prior to, during, or following application submission |
| Advisory Board Interviews, Evaluation of Applications | October 30th, 2026 |
| • School receives written notification of Decision  • Developer receives 9 months Planning Stage (date of written notice through first date of instruction) | November 15th 2026  November 15th to August 15th or later |
| If sponsorship is offered, the following is distributed  to the applicant’s governing authority:   * Preliminary agreement * Orientation materials  (“Start Strong: Things to Know”) * Contract * Contract formatting instructions * Checklist of required appendices and attachments | Within 30 calendar days |
| Deadline for ERCO to submit to ODE:   * Signed preliminary agreement adopting contract * Documentation required by ODE * Board resolution adopting contract | March 15 |
| Deadline to submit to ERCO signed, completed, formatted contract  with attachments and appendices | May 1 |
| Contract reviewed for completion,  information requested to correct deficits, if any | May 1-May 14 |
| Deadline for ERCO to submit signed, completed contract  to ODE Office of Community Schools | May 15 |
| Opening Assurances Site Visit | By appointment- Summer |
| Deadline for ERCO to submit opening assurances to  ODE Office of Community Schools | 10 – 20 business days prior  to the first day of instruction |

**Please submit the completed application and associated materials:**By postal mail to: **Educational Resource Consultants of Ohio, Inc.   
 Attn. Sonya Lunsford  
 3401 Hamilton-Mason Rd. Suite A  
 Hamilton, Ohio 45011**

**Any questions regarding this application, please contact ERCO at 513-771-4006**