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| **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 2026November 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.
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 3401 Hamilton-Mason Rd. Suite A
 Hamilton, Ohio 45011**

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