OBJECTIVE CRITERIA TO BE USED BY A SPONSOR TO DETERMINE IF IT WILL SPONSOR NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ORC 3311.87 School sponsorship; assessment of district and community schools.
(A)(1) Objective criteria to be used by a sponsor to determine if it will sponsor new community schools located within the municipal school district. Beginning with any community school that opens after July 1, 2013, each sponsor shall use the criteria established under this division to determine whether to sponsor a community school in the municipal district.

1. The school’s proposed mission, vision and educational philosophy are clearly articulated and demonstrate a design for the school that will likely lead to successful student outcomes within the municipal school district, tied to the district’s student populations and the communities it serves.

2. The school’s intended market, location and instructional design are clearly articulated and demonstrate a likelihood of educational and financial success. Specifically, the school’s intended student population, market needs, school location and instructional program design are tied to the needs of the district’s student populations and the communities it serves.

3. The school’s process for vetting and hiring a school leadership team is likely to result in high-quality leaders who are capable of implementing the design for the school, with ongoing accountability to the governing authority.

4. The rubric the sponsor uses demonstrates alignment with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers school standards and principles for quality authorizers, in evaluating a new school application.

The goal of the Cleveland Plan is to ensure every child in Cleveland attends a high-quality school and every neighborhood has a multitude of great schools from which families can choose.