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## Central approves charter school application

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Central York School Board unanimously approved a charter school application this week for York Academy Regional Charter School.

The application was made by YorkCounts, a nonprofit quality-of-life group that wants to put a K-12 school near Sovereign Bank Stadium in the city.

"This academy will provide another opportunity to our students not currently being offered within this district," said board President Eric Wolfgang.

YorkCounts officials want to convert the Smyser-Royer complex, part of the Northwest Triangle redevelopment, into a school. The academy would have an International Baccalaureate program, which is intertwined into teaching methods.

Subjects are taught in an interdisciplinary fashion, with an emphasis on students' asking questions to drive instruction.

York Suburban has already approved the school's application. York City is set to vote on it on Monday.

"We're thrilled to have the support of the Central York School Board for something that will

benefit all of York County. And the strength of the board's support was pretty remarkable," said YorkCounts spokesman Dan Fink. "Typically, school boards don't support charter schools, let alone approve them unanimously. So we're doing some groundbreaking work here."

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