

## ***BCHF receives “effective” sponsor rating***

Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) earned an overall rating of “effective” on the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE) 2017-2018 sponsor evaluation, the results of which were recently released.

BCHF scored the maximum four points in both the compliance and quality practices components, earning “exemplary” and “meets standards” respectively. BCHF earned one of four points (“D” rating) for the school academic performance component.

More than half of the 34 sponsors evaluated received “effective” ratings. Only one sponsor – the Marion City School District – was rated “poor.” No sponsors earned the highest “exemplary” rating.

As a result of implementation of the sponsor evaluation, the number of sponsors has decreased significantly. For the 2015-2016 school year, 65 sponsors were assessed; in the following year, that number decreased to 45.

“I’m proud of our team and pleased to have earned a summative overall rating of “effective,” said Peggy Young, director of BCHF’s Education Division. “It’s a laborious process, and I’m grateful to our staff and our schools which dedicated significant resources to providing the required documentation.”

“High-quality sponsors are the foundation for an effective community school system,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria in a press release announcing the release of sponsor evaluation results. “The sponsor evaluations are an important piece of Ohio’s accountability system, driving continuous improvement and helping to ensure Ohio’s families have quality school choice options.”

