Ohio Revised Code
Section 3313.413 Priority consideration of high-performing community schools in sale or lease of real property or school facilities.
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(A) As used in this section, "high-performing community school" means either of the following:

(1) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that meets the following conditions:

(a) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b) or (c) of this section, the school both:

(i) Has received a grade of "A," "B," or "C" for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code or has increased its performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code in each of the previous three years of operation; and

(ii) Has received a grade of "A" or "B" for the value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code on its most recent report card rating issued under that section.

(b) If the school serves only grades kindergarten through three, the school received a grade of "A" or "B" for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code on its most recent report card issued under that section.

(c) If the school primarily serves students enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program as described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code, the school received a rating of "exceeds standards" on its most recent report card issued under section 3314.017 of the Revised Code.

(2) A newly established community school that is implementing a community school model that has
a track record of high-quality academic performance, as determined by the department of education.

(B) When a school district board of education decides to dispose of real property it owns in its corporate capacity under section 3313.41 of the Revised Code, the board shall first offer that property to the governing authorities of all start-up community schools, the boards of trustees of any college-preparatory boarding schools, and the governing bodies of any STEM schools that are located within the territory of the district. Not later than sixty days after the district board makes the offer, interested governing authorities, boards of trustees, and governing bodies shall notify the district treasurer in writing of the intention to purchase the property.

The district board shall give priority to the governing authorities of high-performing community schools that are located within the territory of the district.

(1) If more than one governing authority of a high-performing community school notifies the district treasurer of its intention to purchase the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall conduct a public auction in the manner required for auctions of district property under division (A) of section 3313.41 of the Revised Code. Only the governing authorities of high-performing community schools that notified the district treasurer pursuant to division (B) of this section are eligible to bid at the auction.

(2) If no governing authority of a high-performing community school notifies the district treasurer of its intention to purchase the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall then proceed with the offers from all other start-up community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and STEM schools made pursuant to that division. If more than one such entity notifies the district treasurer of its intention to purchase the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall conduct a public auction in the manner required for auctions of district property under division (A) of section 3313.41 of the Revised Code. Only the entities that notified the district treasurer pursuant to division (B) of this section are eligible to bid at the auction.

(3) If no governing authority, board of trustees, or governing body notifies the district treasurer of its intention to purchase the property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the district may then offer the property for sale in the manner prescribed under divisions (A) to (F) of section 3313.41 of the Revised Code.
(C) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in sections 3313.41 and 3313.411 of the Revised Code, the purchase price of any real property sold to any of the entities in accordance with division (B) of this section shall not be more than the appraised fair market value of that property as determined in an appraisal of the property that is not more than one year old.

(D) Not later than the first day of October of each year, the department of education shall post in a prominent location on its web site a list of schools that qualify as high-performing community schools for purposes of this section and section 3313.411 of the Revised Code.