



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.1

Meeting Date: May 5, 2011

Subject: Action on Charter School Material Amendment: Sol Aureus College Preparatory (SAC Prep)

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action

Learning Support Unit/Department: Accountability Office

Recommendation: To conference and take action to approve or deny the amendment petition of SAC Prep to add grades Kindergarten through Fourth. Staff report will be presented at the May 5, 2011 board meeting.

Background/Rationale: The district received the amendment petition from SAC Prep on March 1, 2011 and a public hearing was held on April 7, 2011. District staff and legal counsel conducted an extensive review of the amendment petition. The staff report and recommendation are being presented for Board Action on May 5, 2011.



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enrolled in the charter school.

(3) The petition does not contain the number of signatures required by Education Code section 47605, subdivision (a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B). Specifically, subdivision (a)(1)(A) requires that the petition be signed by a number of parents or guardians of students equal to at least one-half the number of students that the charter school estimates will enroll in the charter school

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- (H) Admission requirements, if applicable.
- (I) The manner in which annual, independent, financial audits will be conducted, which will employ generally accepted accounting principles, and the manner in which audit exceptions and deficiencies will be resolved to the satisfaction of the chartering authority.
- (J) The procedures by which students can be suspended or expelled.
- (K) The manner by which staff members of the charter schools will be covered by the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or federal social security.

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Moreover, staff recognizes that petitioners are not required to provide a comprehensive

submitting a material amendment to a charter petition. Instead, Staff has required that petitioners submit reasonably comprehensive descriptions of those provisions that will be impacted by the proposed amendment. The provisions not impacted by the proposed amendment remain unchanged from the current charter that was renewed in 2008.

The governing board of a school district shall grant a material amendment to a charter petition

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Amendment (pages 63-65) does not sufficiently discuss the fiscal impact that the addition of the kindergarten through fourth grade program will have on the Charter School. While the projected student enrollment numbers assume the increased enrollment per year based on the additional grade levels, there is insufficient discussion in the Amendment and explanation of the numbers in the appendices about the financial impact five additional grades will necessarily have on the Charter School. Petitioners need to provide the District with a revised budget discussion, which includes a narrative describing the increased costs of adding kindergarten through fourth grades. There should be discussion and analysis of the costs of furnishings and equipment for the classrooms for each of the five additional grade levels, as well as the costs for textbooks and supplies, and staffing costs for hiring new teachers and subject area instructors.

District staff notes that the estimated revenues for the 2011-2012 school year seem to be overestimated by approximately \$185,658, based on the Governor's current proposal. This is calculated assuming 177 students at a 95% average daily attendance ("ADA") rate. Current

enrollment for Sol Aureus is 75 students for the Fifth through Eighth grade program. The projected enrollment of 177 appears overly optimistic, even with the addition of grades

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3. Revised cost of benefits per employee, or, explanation as to why the currently budgeted amounts for benefits are realistic based upon the Charter School's prior years of operation.

4. Adjusted revenues to be more consistent with the Governor's current proposal.

Condition 2: Petitioners need to supplement and clarify the following elements.

Element A – Educational Program Description

a. Educational Program

District Staff would like to see a more comprehensive discussion of the educational program, curriculum, course of study, and instructional plan for the proposed charter school.

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particular. Staff recommends that petitioners clarify how they intend to identify ELL students in the new grade levels. Further, Staff recommends petitioners provide a more comprehensive description of the different ELL levels of placement or any specialized curriculum or supplemental materials that may be available to ELLs at each of these levels. Moreover, Staff

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to issues that may result in revocation of the charter. The Amendment must clearly state that the District has the right to initiate revocation proceedings without going through the dispute

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3. Petitioners shall provide a copy of the Sol Amicus Emergency Procedures Manual as

referenced in the Amendment at page 40.

acknowledging the District's right to pursue revocation without first utilizing the dispute

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING SOL AUREUS COLLEGE OPERATORY

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CHARTER SCHOOL'S PETITION TO AMEND THEIR CHARTER

WHEREAS, the Governing Board ("Board") of the Sacramento City Unified School District ("District") of Sacramento County met for the purpose of considering the Sol Aureus College

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