



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FROM: Kirsten Vital, Chief of Community Accountability
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DATE: August 8, 2007

RE: Leadership Public School
Material Revision to Charter (4 month extension)

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the request allowing Leadership Public School (LPS), an Oakland 9-12 charter school opened in 2005 with a three year charter, to materially revise their charter to include an extension of the end date of its current charter from February 24, 2008 to now reflect an end date of June 30, 2008.

This approval request is to revise the originally approved charter term to be extended for a period of approximately four months and to accept the school's submission of a revised charter renewal date as a material revision to their current charter. Any subsequent material revision of the provisions of this charter may be made only with the approval of the District as charter authorizer (Education Code 47607(a)(1)). Any material revision to any charter component must be proposed and considered according to the standards and criteria in Section 47605 [Education Code 47607(a)(2)].

The term of the Leadership Public School charter was approved for three years, to expire on February 24, 2008. This approval request seeks to revise those terms, such that the charter will be from **February 25, 2004** through **June 30, 2008**. The District will not accept a charter renewal request more than 270 dates prior to the expiration of the charter.

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that the State Administrator approve the request from the Leadership Public School to materially revise their charter as follows:

- a) Extend the term of the approved charter for a period of approximately four months.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

California's Charter Law is very clear regarding the requirements for material revisions of approved charters. The following excerpt is taken from section 47607 (1)(a) of the California Charter Schools Act. This excerpt delineates charter process for revisions.

(a)(1) [] A material revision of the provisions of a charter petition may be made only with the approval of the authority that granted the charter. The authority that granted the charter may inspect or observe any part of the charter school at any time.

(2) Renewals and material revisions to a charter shall be governed by the standards and criteria in Section 47605, and shall include, but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.

DISCUSSION

On July 23, 2007, Leadership Public School agreed to a request on the part of the District to mutually agree to revise their charter petition to extend for a period of approximately four months and submitted that request in writing dated July 24, 2007, based on the following considerations:

- 1) The June 30, 2008 deadline aligns with an over-all goal to establish District standards for the charter petition period that would allow for sufficient time to review all renewal requests as well as allow for schools to take advantage of the appeals process in the event their charter renewal request is denied.
- 2) The June 30, 2008 deadline allows adequate time for the Office of Charter Schools to review the performance data for Leadership Public school, which has only been open for a period of less than three years prior to its required renewal submission.
- 3) The June 30, 2008 deadline will allow the Office of Charter Schools and Leadership Public School to take advantage of a second year of State Testing data to more effectively evaluate the school's performance as measured by their agreed Measurable Outcomes set for in their charter.

Recommendation

This report recommends that the Oakland Unified School District's State Administrator approve the material revision of the Leadership Public School charter under California's Charter School Act.

Article I: Request Dated July 24, 2007 by LPS for Extension of Charter Term