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FROM: Kirsten Vital, Chief of Community Accountability
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DATE: March 19, 2008

RE: Material Revision Charter Terms
Alignment to Academic/Fiscal Calendar

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the material revision of the charter terms for the schools listed in this report to A) expire on the consistent date of June 30th of the academic year in which the charter is currently approved to expire, and B) to provide a revision to the existing charter terms of one approved charter school whose delayed start date will result in a significant reduction of data and school performance analysis at the time of their renewal.

SUMMARY:

In an effort to align the charter school oversight calendar of the District to conduct functions pursuant to its oversight responsibilities in a manner conducive to efficiency and quality, as well as ensure that existing charter schools do not face a charter term expiration that would occur during the middle of an academic school year, staff proposes establishing the expiration date of all currently approved charter terms to consistently fall on the date of June 30th of the academic year their term is approved to expire. This will allow the District the ability to develop a comprehensive set of oversight and monitoring procedures, as well as timelines that can adequately take into consideration the implications of processes like charter renewal and other mandated reporting required by law.

Additionally, recent charter renewal decision-making processes has brought greater interest and a strong argument for the benefits of ensuring that charter schools operate for a minimum period of

time prior to renewal in order to allow for sufficient performance data upon which to measure the school's success. In order to pro-actively apply this emerging understanding, staff proposes that one approved charter school, Civicorps Middle School, which has not yet begun operation, have their charter term revised to ensure the full term allowed under charter law.

Civicorps Middle School, approved on January 9, 2008 received a five year term to begin July 1, 2008 and expire on June 30, 2013. However, Civicorps has made an internal decision, based on recent opportunities to engage in a comprehensive and highly rigorous strategic planning effort with Bridgespan, to postpone the opening of its approved middle school until fall, 2009. This decision to postpone opening was made in the interest of ensuring that the organization could provide sufficient support and resources to the new school prior to opening. It is therefore staff's recommendation to revise the charter term of Civicorps Middle School to begin July 1, 2009 and expire June 30, 2014. This will ensure that the school is in its fifth year of operation prior to renewal, the maximum number of years permitted under charter law.

BACKGROUND:

Under the California Charter Schools Act, authorizers may approve an initial charter term for a period of up to five years. *47607(a)(1) A charter may be granted pursuant to Sections 47605, 47605.5, and 47606 for a period not to exceed five years.*

Past practice by the District has been to establish the start date and expiration date based on the approval date of the charter. However, this is not specifically mandated by law, and does not establish consistency with respect to the oversight of the various charter terms. Analysis by both District legal counsel, as well as the Charter School's Division for CDE have determined that the authorizer may extend the charter term to align with the academic and fiscal calendar as this serves to ensure a school is not in jeopardy of experiencing a mid-year expiration of its charter term.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of staff to **approve** the revision of the charter terms for the charter schools outlined in this report under Attachment A.

ATTACHMENT A: Summary of Material Charter Term Revisions

	School	Current Expiration Date	Revised Expiration Date
1	Cal Prep Academy (Aspire) 01-61259-0108852	May, 11, 2009	June 30, 2009
2	Conservatory of Instrumental and Music 01-61259-0114454	January 30, 2009	June 30, 2009
3	Millsmont Academy (Aspire) 01-61259-0108803	May 1, 2009	June 30, 2009
4	OASIS High School 01-61259-0107169	May 11, 2009	June 30, 2009
5	Dolores Huerta Learning Academy 01-61259-6117402	February 24, 2009	June 30, 2009
6	EC Reems Academy of Tech & Art 01-61259-6117394	June 10, 2009	June 30, 2009
7	Berkley Maynard Academy 01-61259-0109819	March 29, 2010	June 30, 2010
8	Lighthouse Charter High School 01-61259-0108944	February 22, 2010	June 30, 2010
9	EFC Cox Academy 01-61259-6001788	June 7, 2010	June 30, 2010
10	EFC World Academy 01-61259-0109983	June 14, 2010	June 30, 2010
11	North Oakland Community Charter 01-61259-6117972	March 29, 2010	June 30, 2010
12	Oakland School for the Arts 01-61259-3030772	December 14, 2009	June 30, 2010
13	Civicorps Elementary (Formerly EBCC) 01-61259-0130518	December 13, 2010	June 30, 2011
14	EFC Achieve Academy 01-61259-0111476	March 21, 2011	June 30, 2011
15	American Indian Charter High School 01-61259-0111856	January 24, 2011	June 30, 2011
16	ARISE High School 01-61259-0115238	June 20, 2011	June 30, 2011
17	Oakland Aviation High School 01-61259-0111823	January 24, 2011	June 30, 2011
18	Lighthouse Community Charter K-8 01-61259-0130633	June 26, 2011	June 30, 2011
19	American Indian Public Charter School 01-61259-6113807	May 9, 2011	June 30, 2011
20	Oakland Health Science Academy <i>CDS Code pending</i>	May 31, 2011	June 30, 2011
21	American Indian Public Charter School II 01-61259-0114363	March 13, 2012	June 30, 2012
22	Civicorps CorpsAcademy 01-61259-0115386	January 9, 2012	June 30, 2012
23	Oakland Charter High School 01-61259-0114868	March 13, 2012	June 30, 2012
24	Oakland Unity High School 01-61259-0100065	June 26, 2012	June 30, 2012
25	Civicorps Middle School <i>CDS Code pending</i>	Start: July 1, 2008 Expire: June 30, 2013	Start: July 1, 2009 Expire: June 30, 2014