

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS
Resolution No. 2025/26-87**

**Resolution to Approve the
Renewal Petition for Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School**

WHEREAS, the approval of charter schools is governed by the Charter Schools Act of 1992, as subsequently amended, codified in Education Code sections 47600 *et seq.*, and the implementing regulations of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 C.C.R. § 11960 *et seq.*);

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School (“SRACS”) has operated as a dependent, classroom-based charter school pursuant to the authorization of the Santa Rosa High School District since 2002;

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Elementary School District and the Santa Rosa High School District function as a “common administration district,” collectively Santa Rosa City Schools (“SRCS”), and operate under one superintendent, governing board, and administration;

WHEREAS, SRCS and its Board retain overall governance authority over SRACS;

WHEREAS, SRCS has obtained approval from Rincon Valley Union School District pursuant to Education Code section 47605(a)(5)(A) to continue operating SRACS at its current location within Rincon Valley Union School District’s boundaries subject to certain conditions;

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2026, SRCS received a final copy of the renewal petition to renew the charter (“Renewal Petition”) for Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School, a dependent charter school that is currently authorized by the Santa Rosa High School District (“Charter School”);

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Renewal Petition was held on May 13, 2026, at which time SRCS’ Board of Education (“Board”) considered the level of support for the Renewal Petition by teachers employed by SRCS, other employees of SRCS, and parents/guardians;

WHEREAS, SRCS published its staff report on May 26, 2026, which includes staff’s proposed findings of fact based on its evaluation of the Renewal Petition and available student outcome data, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Board has convened on June 10, 2026, to consider whether to grant or deny the Renewal Petition;

WHEREAS, renewals of charters are governed by the standards and criteria set forth in Education Code sections 47605, 47607, and 47607.2;

WHEREAS, the consideration of a renewal petition requires SRCS to (1) determine whether the charter school meets applicable eligibility requirements using the accountability criteria under the law and reflected in the California School Dashboard, and (2) evaluate whether the renewal petition meets the standards and criteria set forth in Education Code section 47605;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47607 describes a three-tiered system that categorizes a charter school as a high-performing, middle-performing, or low-performing charter school. The designation of a charter school in a particular tier determines the level of review that the chartering authority must conduct to evaluate whether the charter school is eligible for renewal of its charter;

WHEREAS, charter schools designated as high-performing must update their renewal petition to include a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed and as necessary to reflect the current program offered by the charter. If a charter school satisfies such criteria, the Board may grant a renewal term of five to seven years;

WHEREAS, the governing board of a school district shall not deny a petition unless it makes written factual findings specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following findings:

1. The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the charter school.
2. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
3. The petition does not contain the number of signatures required by subdivision (a) of Education Code section 47605. (*The signature requirement is not applicable to a renewal petition.*)
4. The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the required conditions.
5. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements.
6. The petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the employees of the charter school for purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act.
7. The charter school is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate. (*This finding is not applicable to a renewal petition.*)

8. The school district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school. *(This finding is not applicable to a renewal petition.)*

WHEREAS, notwithstanding a charter school's designation in the high-performing tier, the charter authorizer may deny the renewal of a charter school's charter upon a finding that (a) the charter school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors, or (b) the charter school is not serving all students who wish to attend;

WHEREAS, SRACS is designated as a "high-performing" charter school by the California Department of Education and SRCS staff's evaluation;

WHEREAS, SRCS has reviewed, evaluated, and considered the academic performance data published on the Dashboard and provided by SRACS as part of its Renewal Petition;

WHEREAS, in considering the academic performance of SRACS's students, SRCS has determined that SRACS has met the applicable criteria to be eligible for renewal, a summary of which is included in the Staff Report published on May 26, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, SRCS has also reviewed the Renewal Petition and believes that any unresolved items, which are noted in the Staff Report, can be effectively addressed as part of the charter oversight and monitoring process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Santa Rosa City Schools does resolve, determine, and order the following:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as true and correct.
2. The Board has considered the SRACS Renewal Petition, including its academics, finances, operations, and other components, in addition to the criteria for renewal set out in the Education Code.
3. The Board has considered the admissions preferences described in the Renewal Petition and makes the following amendment to Step 4(b) included therein, which shall replace in its entirety the listing of admissions preferences currently reflected in the Renewal Petition:

B. **Preferences:** SRACS shall apply the following preferences for enrollment during the lottery in the following order:

1. Siblings of students enrolled at and attending SRACS at the time of the lottery.
2. Applicants who are eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch.
3. Residents of SRCS.
4. Children of SRCS employees who are voluntarily assigned to SRACS as of the date of the lottery.
5. Children of SRCS employees, generally.

4. The Board hereby approves the Renewal Petition for a seven-year term, beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2033, subject to the findings of fact set forth in the Staff Report published on May 26, 2026, and included in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

5. The Board directs SRCS and SRACS staff to address any deficiencies or unresolved items identified in the Staff Report as part of the charter oversight and monitoring process.

6. The Interim Superintendent or her designee is authorized and directed to take all other such actions as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education on June 10, 2026, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

Lisa August Hulme, Interim Superintendent

Sarah Jenkins, Clerk of the Board

EXHIBIT A

Staff Renewal Report