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REQUEST TO RENEW THE CHARTER OF KID STREET CHARTER SCHOOL

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Kid Street Charter School - Background

- Original charter granted April 14, 1999
 - Serves Grades TK-6
- Last renewed on April 12, 2017
- Current term expires on June 30, 2025
 - All charter terms extended by pandemic-related legislation
- Submitted renewal on September 5, 2024
- Public Hearing held October 23, 2024, as required by Ed. Code
- Board must take action to grant or deny tonight

New Renewal Criteria under AB 1505

- Granting of charter must be consistent with:
 - “sound educational practice” and
 - “the interests of the community in which the school is proposing to locate.”
- Board shall “consider the academic needs of the pupils the school proposes to serve.” (Ed. Code 47605(c).)

New Renewal Criteria under AB 1505

- AB 1505 created 3 categories of charter schools for renewal: “high performing,” “mid-performing,” and “low-performing.”
- Kid Street “mid-performing” per CDE designation
- Renewal falls within the discretion of the Board for “mid-performing” charters
- Board shall, based on clear and convincing evidence:
 - Consider “the schoolwide performance and performance of all subgroups of pupils served by the charter school in the state and local indicators.”
 - “[P]rovide greater weight to performance on measurements of academic performance in determining whether to grant a charter renewal.”
 - Consider whether the “Charter School has achieved measurable increases in academic achievement, as defined by at least one year’s progress for each year in school ...” (Ed. Code §47607.2(b))



Kid Street Academic Performance – a Snapshot

- 2023 California School Dashboard

<i>Chronic Absenteeism</i>	<i>Suspension Rate</i>	<i>English Learner Progress</i>	<i>English Language Arts</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Orange	Green	No Color	Orange	Yellow
<i>Basics: Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities</i>	<i>Implementation of Academic Standards</i>	<i>Parent and Family Engagement</i>	<i>Local Climate Survey</i>	<i>Access to a Broad Course of Study</i>
Standard Met	Standard Met	Standard Met	Standard Met	Standard Met

- English Language Arts – “Orange”
 - 2.1 Points Maintained; 50.4 Points Below Standard
- Mathematics – “Yellow”
 - 13.4 Points Increased; 73.6 Points Below Standard
- One statistically significant subgroup: socioeconomically disadvantaged students



Verified Data

- Ed. Code 47607.2(b)(5) allows charter schools to submit “verified data” in addition to performance on State standardized tests
- Kid Street submitted NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (“MAP”) assessment program data (Renewal, pp. 16-20)
- Highlights for 2022-2023
 - 68% of 1st graders achieved one year’s academic progress in math
 - 80% of 2nd graders achieved one year’s academic progress in reading
 - 4th grade math, students achieved 180% of one year’s academic progress
- Demonstrates grade level growth in several instances



- RENEWAL REVIEW STANDARDS

Petition/Renewal 15 Required Elements

- **Description of educational program**
- **Measurable pupil outcomes**
- **Method for assessing pupil progress**
- **Governance structure of the school**
- **Employee qualifications**
- **Health and safety procedures**
- **Means to achieve race/ethnic balance**
- **Admission requirements, if applicable**

- **Suspension and expulsion procedures**
- **Manner in which audits will be conducted**
- **Staff coverage by STRS, PERS or social security**
- **Public school attendance alternatives**
- **District employee leave and return rights**
- **Dispute resolution process**
- **Procedures for closure of school**



Other Petition/Renewal Requirements

- Proposed operation and potential effects of the charter school
 - facilities to be utilized
 - provision of administrative services
 - potential civil liability effects, if any
 - proposed 1st year budget, and 3 years of financial projections/cash flow
- Affirmations
 - Nonsectarian program
 - No tuition
 - No discrimination
 - Admission not according to residence of pupil or parents
- For non-profit corporations: names and relevant qualifications of charter school board members



Criteria for Renewal

- Petition/renewal can only be denied upon Board’s adoption of written findings of any of the following:
 - Unsound educational program
 - Petitioners demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement program in petition/renewal
 - Required Affirmations not “clear, unequivocal”
 - Lacks reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the required 15 charter criteria
 - Lacks designation of “Exclusive Employer” for collective bargaining purposes

Board Options/Staff Recommendation

- Board Options
- **Grant Renewal** – Per Ed. Code 47607.2(b), a mid-performing charter, if renewed, shall be for a term of five (5) years
 - Consider conditions of renewal
- **Deny Renewal** – Adopt written findings as required by Ed. Code 47605 as stated in staff report and petition evaluation rubric
 - Kid Street may appeal renewal to County Board and SBE (if necessary)
- Staff Recommendation
- Grant renewal of Kid Street charter school for a term of five (5) years (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2020)
- Based upon evidence of one year’s pupil progress, and other academic indicators
- Enrollment of 75% socioeconomically disadvantaged students (SRCS 70.7%)

Kid Street Response

- Under Ed. Code 47605(b), Kid Street shall be provided an equivalent period of time in which to respond to the District's findings and recommendations.

Questions?

