



Sacramento City Unified School District

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Public Hearing and Staff Report: Charter School Renewal Petition – **St. Hope Public School 7 (PS7)**

April 12, 2012



Background & Time-Line

- SCUSD authorized PS7 May 6, 2002
- PS7 opened 2003-2004 Year
- Five year term ends June 30, 2012
- Petition received February 16, 2012
- Public Hearing & Recommendation April 12, 2012



Petition Review Criteria

Petition shall be granted unless:

- Unsound education program
- Petitioners unlikely to successfully implement program
- Absence of required affirmations
- Lacks reasonably comprehensive descriptions of sixteen required elements (Education Code §47605)



Petition Review Criteria

A charter school seeking renewal must also meet one of the standards for academic achievement as set forth in Education Code §47607.



Petition Review Criteria

Academic Criteria for Renewal:

- Attained API growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years
- Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years
- Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for similar schools
- Charter school's performance is at least equal to district schools students otherwise would attend



Petition Review Criteria

District Staff has thoroughly reviewed PS7's renewal petition:

- Overall, the petition meets the requirements of charter school laws, including the academic performance standards and the 16 elements.



Staff Report

Academic Performance Index (API)

| Year | API Base | API Growth | Growth Target | Gain/Loss |
|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| 2008-2009 | 804 | 873 | A | 69 |
| 2009-2010 | 873 | 913 | A | 40 |
| 2010-2011 | 913 | 911 | A | -2 |

"A" means the school or subgroups scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800



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Statewide API Similar School Ranked in
Deciles 4 to 10

2011 – Data not yet available

2010 – 10

2009 – 10

- Compares a school to 100 similar schools
- Establishes a ranking of schools from highest to lowest by school type
- Range from 1 to 10 (low - high)



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Sound Education Program

- Curriculum aligns to state standards
- English language learner program and special education plan meet best practices
- Extended time for learning, college prep focused



Staff Report Continues

The PS7's petition contained acceptable affirmations and a reasonably comprehensive description of the 16 elements



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Petition be approved