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Petition to renew the charter of Capitol Collegiate Academy January 14, 2021



I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

The purpose of this agenda item to hold the required public hearing for the charter renewal process.

On August 22, 2011, the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) approved the initial charter petition of Capitol Collegiate Academy (CCA). The term of its current petition started on July 1, 2016, and expires on June 30, 2021.

CCA submitted a petition to renew its charter to SCUSD on Friday, December 11, 2020. CCA is requesting a renewal of its charter to continue to operate its independent charter school for students from kindergarten to eighth grade. CCA states that its academic program is implemented by a team of professionals "...committed to increasing levels of achievement through rigorous academic content, daily assessment, data analysis, and immediate intervention."

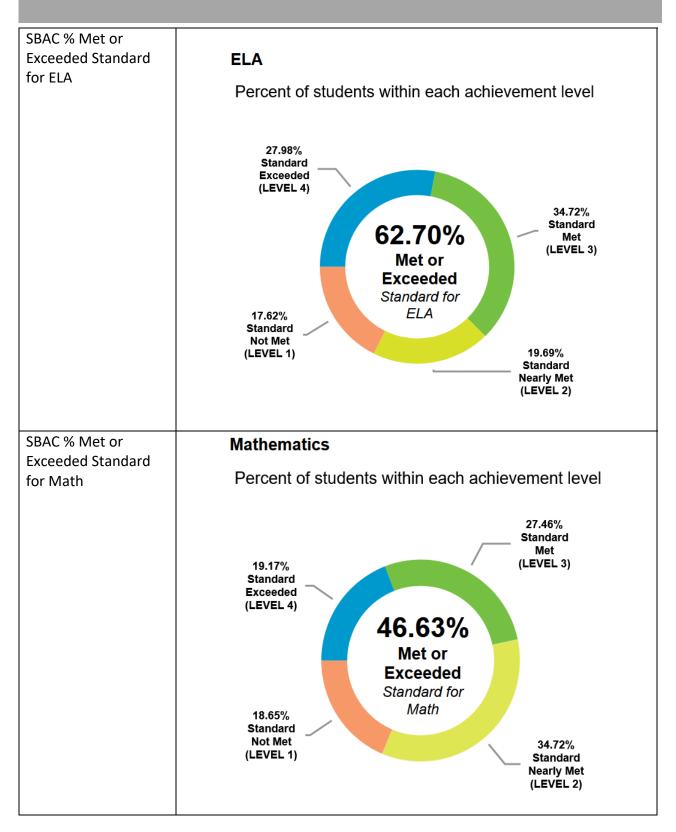
CCA Data Summary

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Year Established:	August 22, 2011					
Location:	2118 Meadowview Road, Sacramento CA 95832-1212					
Grade Levels Served:	K-7					
Current Enrollment:	392					
Student Groups:						
	Census Day Enrollment by Ethnicity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	1	6	3
	Asian	15	13	23	29	28
	Black or African American	115	122	140	122	110
	Filipino	1	0	1	0	0
	Hispanic or Latino	88	108	140	183	217
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	4	9	11	14	15
	None Reported	1	3	0	0	0
	Two or More Races	5	4	3	10	13
	White	25	22	23	8	6
	Total	254	281	342	372	392

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II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

The charter petition process is guided by Education Code 47605. The education code requires that no later than 60 days after receiving a petition, the school district's governing Board shall hold a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the support for the petition from the district's teachers, other employees, and parents. Though it is not in the statute, the public hearing is also used as an opportunity for the charter school to present directly to the Board as to why its petition should be renewed. As such CCA staff will be providing an update on the charter school and any relevant information regarding its performance.

Unless both parties agree to an extension of 30 days, within 90 days of receipt of the petition, the school district's governing Board shall either grant or deny the charter. The school district's governing Board shall publish all staff recommendations and findings regarding the petition at least 15 days before the public hearing when the school district's governing Board will grant or deny the charter. At this public hearing, when the school district's governing Board shall either grant or deny the charter, the petitioners shall have equivalent time to present evidence and testimony to respond to the recommendations and findings.

III. BUDGET

The petitioners for CCA should include budget details in their petition. District staff will review the charter school's financials and publish their recommendations and findings at least 15 days before the public hearing when the Board will grant or deny the charter's renewal.

IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND MEASURES

The Education Code states that the objective of the public hearing is to consider the support for the petition from the district's teachers, other employees, and parents. Though it is not in the statute, the public hearing is also used as an opportunity for the charter school to present directly to the Board as to why its petition should be renewed. As such CCA staff will be providing an update on the charter school and any relevant information regarding its performance.

V. MAJOR INITIATIVES

Not Applicable

VI. RESULTS

Not Applicable

VII. LESSONS LEARNED / NEXT STEPS

District staff will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the petition to renew the charter. The Charter and the District have agreed to change the Board decision date to its meeting on March

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18. The change adds 14 calendar days to the standard 90 day timeline from the date the petition was received.

In compliance with the Education Code, essential dates to process the petition are as follows:

- March 3, 2021 The staff will publish its report on the petition with recommendations and findings. This date is 15 days before the Board considers the petition's approval at its Board meeting on March 18.
- March 18, 2021 At this scheduled meeting, the Board will have a Public Hearing to consider the petition's approval. The charter school has agreed to change the decision date beyond March 4, the standard 90 day timeline from the date the petition was received.