



Determination Hearing for the Charter Renewal of Growth Public Schools

Board Meeting
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SCUSD Authorizes Charter Schools in alignment with core beliefs and guiding principles

CORE BELIEF

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

Process for Determination Hearing

- **Presentation: Equal Time and Process for District and Charter**
 - High Level Summary (Specifics available in renewal report)
- **Public Comment (15 min)**
- **Board Questions and Discussion**
- **Board Action**
 - Board has been provided with 3 possible resolutions. The Board will need to approve one of them at the end of this item.

The Charter
(A promise or
roadmap for serving
students)



**Students
at the Center**

The BIG Idea

An Inch
of
Flexibility

A Foot of
Innovation

A Yard of Achievement

Flexibility can be governance,
academic program, pedagogy...
all based on their charter

Flexibility
comes with
Accountability
from
Authorizer

**Data and Oversight
Records**

(Track record of how
charter has kept their
“promises” over past
term)

**Reflection and
Continuous
Improvement Efforts**

(Acknowledging that we
are not perfect, that we
are always improving)

Review Team =
Director of Innovative
Schools with support
from CCAP consultants

3 Tiers for Renewal

Tier is determined based on the previous 2 years of published CA Dashboard Data



High Tier

Blue or Green

on all schoolwide indicators OR Schoolwide indicators are the same / **higher than State** and subgroups are **higher than State**

Middle Tier

All other schools falls in the middle tier

Low Tier

Red or Orange

on all schoolwide indicators OR Schoolwide indicators are the **same or lower than State** and subgroups are **lower than State**

Potential Denial Findings by Tier



- Shall **not** deny for academic reasons
- Can only deny with a finding that school is either
 - (A) unable to implement program due to fiscal/governance concerns OR
 - (B) is not serving all students who wish to attend.
- Can deny for the reasons in High OR can deny if:
 - (A) school has failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward meeting standards that provide a benefit to the students AND
 - (B) Closure is in the best interest of students AND
 - (C) Decision provided greater weight to academic performance
- Presumptive denial, but may renew for 2 years if
 - (A) the charter school is taking meaningful steps to address the underlying cause of low performance (with a written plan) AND
 - (B) Verified data shows 1 year progress for students OR strong postsecondary outcomes



Growth Public Schools has been placed in the Middle Tier by the California Department of Education

SCUSD Renewal Report for SCHOOL NAME

Published DATE

Middle Performance Level

- School has submitted verified data suggesting student made at least 1 year of academic growth
- School has submitted a comprehensive petition with a necessary affirmations
- School's petition describes sound educational program
- School does not appear unlikely to implement their described program
- School appears to be serving all students who wish to attend

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| Did the charter petition meet all primary requirements for renewal? | | YES |
| 1 | Does this charter present an <u>unsound</u> educational program?* | NO |
| 2 | Are the petitioners demonstrably likely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition? | YES |
| 3 | Does the petition contain the necessary affirmations of the Charter Schools Act? | YES |
| 4 | Does the petition contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the 15 elements described below? | YES |
| 5 | Does the petition contain a declaration of whether the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the charter school employees? | YES |
| Were there any findings that would potentially trigger a notice to cure an alleged violation under either of the following? | | NO |
| 6 | Is the charter school demonstrably <u>unlikely</u> to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors? | NO |
| 7 | Does the charter school serve the pupils who wish to attend, as documented by E.C. 47607(d)?* | YES |

*Note: Some questions are worded in the affirmative and some are not. Please review the wording carefully.

Next Steps / Suggestions

Based on **Growth Public Schools'** status in the **MIDDLE** renewal level, a comprehensive review of the charter petition, and a review of their most recent charter term, the review team has determined that **Growth Public Schools met requirements** on all required criteria. **Growth Public Schools is eligible for a 5-year renewal**

If approved, the term of the charter would be July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2030.

Should the board vote to renew, district staff suggest the following:

→ Charter School will enter into an operational MOU with SCUSD to be signed no later than May 1, 2025

Areas to Focus on in Oversight:

→ Continuous improvement in both academics and chronic absenteeism
→ Meeting enrollment targets

**Remainder of the Time is Allocated to
the Charter School**

**Public Comment and Board Discussion
to Follow.**