



Consideration of Resolution No. 3158: Material Revision of the Charter for Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

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Tonight's Presentation

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SCUSD Charter Review Team

DEPARTMENT	STAFF MEMBER
Charter Oversight	Jesse Ramos, Director of Innovative Schools
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Student Hearing and Placement	Stephan Brown, Director of Student Hearing and Placement
Student Support and Health Services	Victoria Flores, Director of Student Support and Health Services
Legal Counsel	Ed Sklar, Attorney with Lozano Smith

Overview of the Charter School:

Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

Years of operations:	In its seventeenth year of operation
Opening date:	September 2, 2003
Enrollment and Grade Levels in 2019-20:	232, Kindergarten to Fifth grade
Location:	2520 33rd St. Sacramento, CA 95817-19437
Independent or Dependent:	Independent
Material Revision submission date:	February 18, 2020
Charter expiration date:	June 30, 2023

2018-19 California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress (CAASPP) Results

Percentage of Students who met or exceeded the standards:

English Language Arts	Capitol Heights Academy	SCUSD	Mathematics	Capitol Heights Academy	SCUSD
3 rd grade	26.09%	38.75%	3 rd grade	30.44%	39.73%
4 th grade	27.03%	39.75%	4 th grade	13.51%	34.23%
5 th grade	18.18%	40.91%	5 th grade	0.00%	28.99%

Material Revision Process

Aspire Public Schools submitted a petition to make a Material Revision to the charter petition of Aspire Capitol Heights Academy, an independently operated public charter school of the District. In the Material Revision they request to make the following changes to the charter petition for Aspire Capitol Heights Academy:

- Relocate its current facility located at 2520 33rd St. to 7300 Folsom Blvd.
- Expand its grade levels from TK-5 to TK-8, and
- Increase its enrollment from its current maximum capacity of 308 to 600 students in grades TK-8.

Material Revision Process

Though a finding is not required for denial of a Material Revision, the Staff nevertheless reviewed specific facts of the Material Revision pursuant to Education Code sections 47605 and 47607 to determine whether the charter revision meets the following:

1. The charter school presents a sound educational program for students,
2. The charter school is likely to implement the program outlined in the Material Revision successfully,
3. The Material Revision contains the necessary affirmations,
4. The Material Revision includes a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for the purpose of Chapter 10.7 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code,
5. Where changes to the charter school's operations are proposed, the Material Revision contains reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the required elements outlined in the Charter Schools Act.

Material Revision Process

The following are unique key factors in review process of a petition to make a material revision to a charter petition:

- A request for material revision to add site must be considered at an open, public meeting. (Ed. Code 47605(a)(4).)
- There is no time frame for a decision to be made
- Findings are not a requirement for denial
- It is not "deemed granted" if not denied within 60 days.
- There are no time limits on submission

2020 Material Revision Process

New legislation, Education Code section 47605, subdivision (c)(8), permits a school district to deny a proposed expansion if the school district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed expansion. A school district qualifies to assert this as a basis for denial if it has:

- a negative interim certification, or
- is under state receivership, or
- has a qualified interim certification and the county superintendent of schools, in consultation with FCMAT, certifies that approving the charter school would result in the school district having a negative interim certification.

Staff's Analysis

- The Charter School **met** the Minimum Standards/Academic Performance Criteria
- **No Written Factual Findings** were found for any of the Five Criteria pursuant to Education Code sections 47605
- The Petition **contains** Reasonably Comprehensive Descriptions of all 15 Elements

Staff's Analysis of the Financial Risk

In consideration of the District's worsening budget situation, Staff also analyzed the fiscal impact of the Material Revision to the District.

In the following table, the Staff considered two possible scenarios:

Capitol Heights Material Revision

In District/Out of District Assumptions	Estimated ADA Revenue Loss					Est. 5 Year Total
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
1. CHA: 50% Years 1-3, 40% Years 4-5	224,044	615,014	1,014,167	894,125	894,125	3,641,475
2. Maintain current 68%/32%	822,208	1,352,630	1,894,095	2,496,788	2,496,788	9,062,509

The Staff determined that this Material Revision could have a significant negative fiscal impact on the District. Staff estimates that the lost revenues will total from \$3.6 to \$9.1 million over five years. An additional \$900K to \$2.5 million in lost revenues will continue each year after the fifth year.

Next Steps

The Governing Board shall either approve or deny the passage of Resolution No. 3158 the Material Revision of the Charter for Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

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Board Decision