



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.1

**Meeting Date:** April 7, 2011

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Charter School Material Amendment: Sol Aureus College Preparatory (SAC Prep)

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Accountability Office

**Recommendation:** Conduct public hearing to consider the level of support for the amendment petition of SAC Prep to add Kindergarten through Fourth (K-4) to their current 5-8 grade program.

**Background/Rationale:** The Governing Board will hold a public hearing in accordance with Education Code section 47605 to consider the level of support for the amendment to petition.

**Financial Considerations:** A report on the financial considerations will be made when the staff has completed their review of the petition.

**Documents Attached:**

1. Charter Amendment Petition is located on the District web-site: [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)  
(under Board of Ed./Board Meetings, April 7, 2011 Board Meeting – agenda item )
2. Executive Summary

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 5 minutes

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**Approved by:** Mary C. Shelton, Chief Accountability Officer

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### I. Overview/History of Department or Program

Sacramento City Unified School District authorized the 18th charter school in California, Bowling Green Elementary in 1993. Since that time SCUSD has approved six "dependent" charter schools and eight "independent" charter schools.

Sol Aureus College Preparatory (SAC Prep) was first chartered by the District on March 3, 2003 and renewed on June 5, 2008. SAC Prep is currently co-located at Freeport Elementary School with 75 students enrolled. On March 1, 2011 SAC Prep presented an Amendment Petition to add K-4 to their current 5-8 grade program. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider the level of support for this Amendment Petition.

### II. Driving Governance:

Material amendments to charter petitions are guided by Education Code sections 47605 and 47607. The proposal to add grades K-4 is a significant amendment, therefore, legal counsel's advice and best practice is to follow the District's "two-step process". Similar to a new charter petition or a petition for renewal, the District follows a two-step process of conducting a public hearing at a regularly scheduled Board meeting and, at a later meeting, having the Board take action on the proposed amendment.

### III. Budget:

The budget for the SAC Prep is detailed within the charter amendment to petition and staff will conduct a full review of the proposed budgets.

### IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

The goal of the Public Hearing is for the Board to consider the level of support for the Amendment Petition to add K-4 to their current 5-8 grade program.

District staff will conduct a comprehensive review of the charter school's amendment petition and provide the Board finding of facts and recommendations for approval or denial at May 5, 2011 Board Meeting.

### V. Major Initiatives:

As outlined by the petitioners of SAC Prep, the charter amendment will add Kindergarten through Fourth grade (K-4) to their existing five-eight (5-8) grade program. Petitioners states, "Since its inception eight years ago, SAC Prep has made significant gains in closing the achievement gap and sending students on to top public and private high schools. Despite challenges with facilities and enrollment, the school has maintained a loyal following of families, high teacher retention, and fiscal

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stability. However, to maintain its success a revision to the current model is necessary if SAC Pre is to remain viable and effective in the coming years.”

## VI. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- Hear the petitioners’ presentation of their amendment petition
- Conduct a thorough and comprehensive review of the charter amendment petition
- Present to the board staff findings of facts and recommendations of acceptance or denial of the charter school’s amendment petition at the May 5, 2011 Board Meeting.