



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.2

**Meeting Date:** February 2, 2012

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Charter School Renewal Petition – Sacramento New Technology High School

- 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 renewal petition of the Sacramento New Technology High School.

**Background/Rationale:** The Governing Board will hold a public hearing in accordance with Education Code section 47607 (b) to consider the level of support for the renewal of the Sacramento New Technology High School Petition (Charter renewal date: July 1, 2012).

**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 Petition is located on the District web-site: [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)  
(under Board of Ed./Board Meetings, February 2nd Board Meeting – agenda item )
2. Executive Summary

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 10 minutes

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

# Board of Education Executive Summary



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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 nine “independent” charter schools.

On January 17, 2012 SCUSD received a dependent charter renewal petition from the Sacramento New Technology High School (SNTHS). The District first granted the charter for SNTHS in June 2003. This charter petition is seeking a five-year renewal term for their 9-12th grade program. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the level of support for the Sacramento New Technology High School.

## II. Driving Governance:

Charter renewal process is guided by Education Code 47607 (b). A charter school seeking renewal of its charter shall submit a written request to the Board at least 120 days before the term of the charter is due to expire, but not more than six months before the term of the charter is set to expire. Upon receipt of the notice that a charter school wants to renew its charter and at least 90 days before the expiration date of the charter, the Board shall conduct a public hearing to receive input on whether or not to extend the charter. At least 30 calendar days before the expiration date, the Board shall either grant or deny the request for renewal.

The newly-adopted regulations allow for the automatic renewal of a charter school petition, if a school district fails to make written factual findings to support a denial within 60 days of the district’s receipt of a petition. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §11966.4(c).)

## III. Budget:

The budget for the Sacramento New Technology High School is detailed within the charter 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 Sacramento New Technology High School petition.

District staff will conduct a comprehensive review of the charter school’s petition and provide the Board finding of facts and recommendations for approval or denial at the March 1, 2012 Board Meeting.

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## V. Major Initiatives:

As outlined by the petitioners, the Sacramento New Technology High School offers “a challenging, college preparatory curriculum that engages and meets student needs. It is also committed to offering skills recovery courses to those students that need assistance attaining proficiency.” SNTHS offers all students access to their Design Pathway, which includes Visual Communications, Illustrator, Web Design, Advanced Digital Media, Motion Graphics, and Portfolio.

## VI. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- Hear the petitioners’ presentation of their petition for renewal and testimonies
- Conduct a thorough and comprehensive review of the renewal charter petition
- Present to the board staff findings of facts and recommendations of acceptance or denial of the charter school renewal petition at the March 1, 2012 Board Meeting