



Staff Report: Charter School Renewal Petition – Sacramento New Technology High School

March 1, 2012



Background & Time-Line

- SCUSD authorized SNTHS June 16, 2003
- SNTHS first opened 2003-2004 Year
- First renewal approved April 19, 2007
- Current term ends June 30, 2012
- SNTHS petition received January 17, 2012
- Public hearing February 2, 2012
- Recommendation March 1, 2012



Petition Review Criteria

Petition shall be granted unless:

- Unsound education program
- Petitioners unlikely to successfully implement program
- Absence of required affirmations
- Lacks reasonably comprehensive descriptions of sixteen required elements (Education Code §47605)



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A charter school seeking renewal must also meet one of the standards for academic achievement as set forth in Education Code §47607.



Petition Review Criteria

District Staff has thoroughly reviewed SNTHS's renewal petition:

- Overall, the petition meets the requirements of charter school laws, including the academic performance standards and the 16 elements.



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Academic Performance Index (API)

Year	API Base	API Growth	Growth Target	Gain/ Loss
2008-2009	655	688	7	33
2009-2010	688	681	6	-7
2010-2011	681	699	6	18



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Similar School API Ranked in
Deciles 4 to 10

2011 – 4

2010 – 8

- Compares a school to 100 similar schools
- Establishes a ranking of schools from highest to lowest by school type
- Range from 1 to 10 (low - high)



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Sound Education Program

- Curriculum aligns to state standards
- Offers a challenging, college preparatory curriculum using a technology approach
- Offers all students' access to their Design Pathway, including Visual Communications, Illustrator, Web Design, Advanced Digital Media, Motion Graphics, and Portfolio



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SNTHS's petition contained acceptable affirmations and a reasonably comprehensive description of the 16 elements



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Petition be approved