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# **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 10, 2021

**TO:** MEMBERS, State Board of Education

**FROM:** Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** State Board of Education-Authorized Charter Schools: Annual Academic Report

## Summary of Key Issues

This Information Memorandum provides a summary of the academic progress of State Board of Education (SBE)-authorized charter schools for the 2020–21 school year. As the charter authorizer, the SBE provides oversight monitoring of the charter schools it authorizes. The SBE has delegated this responsibility to the California Department of Education (CDE). Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the SBE and each SBE-authorized charter school, the CDE reviews available testing data, which ordinarily includes the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress English language arts/literacy and mathematics academic test results and California School Dashboard data, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of state testing, has included verified internal testing data. In the course of oversight monitoring, if the CDE finds that a charter school did not make satisfactory academic progress, the CDE may provide recommendations to the SBE to take appropriate action, as deemed necessary, including issuing a notice of violation or revocation. Additionally, as part of the oversight monitoring, the CDE provides ongoing academic and fiscal assistance and support to all of the SBE-authorized schools through monthly phone calls, webinars, actual or virtual site visits, documentation review, and feedback.

For the purposes of this Information Memorandum, the CDE requested written responses to the following prompts from administrators of SBE-authorized charter schools that are operative during the 2021–22 school year:

* The greatest progress and greatest need based on the school’s internal spring 2020 assessments
* A summary of the performance in Element 2 (Measurable Pupil Outcomes) in the petition
* A summary of progress made in meeting the schools’ 2020–21 Learning and Continuity Plan goals, including information on the ongoing 2021–22 Local Control Accountability Plan process, community member engagement and how the school is addressing learning loss from the prior school year
* Information regarding if Independent Study (IS) will be offered in the 2021–22 school year, a best estimate as to what percentage of average daily attendance will be enrolled in IS, and a summary of how IS will be offered, if applicable.

All SBE-authorized charter schools provided responses to the aforementioned prompts. Upon its review of the information submitted, the CDE found some responses to be inadequate and to require further clarification. The CDE contacted the SBE-authorized charter schools to obtain the necessary clarification and will continue to monitor the progress of all SBE-authorized charter schools throughout the year.

### State Board of Education-Authorized Charter Schools Operative in 2020–21

The following SBE-authorized charter schools were operative in 2020–21. As previously stated, only charter schools authorized by the SBE and operative in the 2021–22 school year provided written responses to the prompts outlined above.

An asterisk (\*) indicates that the charter school closed on June 30, 2021. A caret (^) indicates that the charter school is no longer under the authorization of the SBE. Additional details regarding the status of each charter school are provided under the State Board of Education-Authorized Charter School Updates section below.

1. Academia Avance Charter
2. *Audeo Charter ll^*
3. Baypoint Preparatory Academy - San Diego
4. College Preparatory Middle
5. Grossmont Secondary
6. High Tech Elementary Chula Vista
7. High Tech Middle Chula Vista
8. High Tech High Chula Vista
9. High Tech Elementary Mesa
10. High Tech Middle Mesa
11. High Tech High Mesa
12. High Tech Elementary North County
13. High Tech Middle North County
14. High Tech High North County
15. *ISANA Himalia Charter^*
16. John Henry High
17. KIPP Bayview Elementary
18. KIPP Navigate College Prep
19. Latitude 37.8 Charter School
20. Los Angeles College Prep Academy
21. Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana
22. New West Charter
23. Olive Grove - Buellton
24. Olive Grove - Lompoc
25. Olive Grove - Orcutt/Santa Maria
26. Olive Grove - Santa Barbara
27. Perseverance Preparatory
28. *Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School\**
29. *Rocketship Futuro Academy^*
30. *Ross Valley Charter^*
31. *School of Arts and Enterprise^*
32. Sweetwater Secondary
33. The New School of San Francisco
34. Vista Springs Charter
35. Watsonville Prep

### State Board of Education-Authorized Charter School Updates

The following SBE-authorized charter schools have undergone changes in operation status or authorization:

* Audeo Charter II, with a term ending on June 30, 2021, was renewed on May 12, 2021, by the SBE. The SBE delegated authorization and oversight of Audeo Charter II to the San Diego County Office of Education.
* Isana Himalia Charter, with a term ending June 30, 2021, was renewed on November 24, 2020, by the Los Angeles Unified School District and is under the authorization and oversight of the Los Angeles Unified School District.
* Prepa Tec Los Angeles High, with a term ending June 30, 2021, was not renewed by either the Los Angeles Unified School District on December 12, 2020, or the SBE on May 13, 2021. Prepa Tec Los Angeles High closed on   
  June 30, 2021.
* Rocketship Futuro Academy, with a term ending on June 30, 2021, was renewed on October 26, 2020, by the Mount Diablo Unified School District and is under the authorization and oversight of the Mount Diablo Unified School District.
* Ross Valley Charter, with a term ending June 30, 2021, was renewed on   
  March 17, 2021, by the SBE. The SBE delegated authorization and oversight of Ross Valley Charter to the Marin County Office of Education.
* The School of Arts and Enterprise, with a term ending June 30, 2021, was renewed on December 15, 2020, by the Pomona Unified School District and is under the authorization and oversight of the Pomona Unified School District.

### Other State Board of Education-Authorized Charter Schools

The CDE notes that Eagle Collegiate Academy and T.I.M.E. Community School are also authorized by the SBE. However, Eagle Collegiate Academy was not operative in 2020–21. Additionally, oversight for T.I.M.E. Community School is currently conducted by the Los Angeles County Office of Education. For these reasons, Eagle Collegiate Academy and T.I.M.E. Community School are not included in the item attachments listed below.

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