

California Department of Education
WAIVER SUBMISSION - General

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Local Education Agency: Blochman Union Elementary
Address: 4949 Foxen Canyon Rd.
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Start: 7/1/2016 End: 6/30/2021

Waiver Renewal: N

Previous Waiver Number: Previous SBE Approval Date:

Waiver Topic: Other Waivers

Ed Code Title: Other Waivers

Ed Code Section: Portions of EC Sections 47605(a)(1) and 47605 .1

Ed Code Authority: 33050

Ed Code or CCR to Waive: *Education Code* section 47605 :

(a) (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), a petition for the establishment of a charter school [within a school district) may be circulated by one or more persons seeking to establish the charter school. A petition for the establishment of a charter school shall identify a single charter school [that will operate within the geographic boundaries of that school district]. A charter school may propose to operate at multiple sites [within the school district] if each location is identified in the charter school petition.

(5) [A charter school that is unable to locate within the jurisdiction of the chartering school district may establish one site outside the boundaries of the school district , but within the county in which that school district is located , if the school district within the jurisdiction of which the charter school proposes to operate is notified in advance of the charter petition approval, the county superintendent of schools and the Superintendent are notified of the location of the charter school before it commences operations , and either of the following circumstances exists:]

Education Code Section 47605. 1.

(d)[Notwithstanding subdivision (a) or subdivision (a) of Section 47605 , a charter school that is unable to locate within the geographic boundaries of the chartering school district may establish one site outside the boundaries of the school district, but within the county within which that school district is located, if the school district in which the charter school proposes to operate is notified in advance of the charter petition approval, the county superintendent of schools is notified of the location of the charter school before it commences operations, and either of the following circumstances exist.]

Outcome Rationale: Blochman Union School District ("District") is the authorizing district for Family Partnership Home Study Charter School ("FPCS"). The District has been the authorizing district for FPCS since 2006. FPCS has renewed their charter petition with the District for another five year term which ends on June 30, 2021

FPCS provides students and parents with three distinct nonclassroom-based personalized instructional programs: Independent Study, Montessori, and Blended Study. FPCS is striving to provide students with individualized learning experiences designed to produce positive student outcomes through the use of curriculum and resources aligned to Common Core state standards. Our educational design is enhanced through the use of computer assisted instruction with hands-on guidance from highly qualified and trained teachers. Ongoing student benchmark assessments identify individual student strengths and challenges so that instruction can best serve each student's unique needs. Our Smarter Balanced Assessment results indicate that 42% of FPCS students met the English Language Arts standard. Our ELA scores demonstrate FPCS students perform approximately 13% above the California state average. In Mathematics, FPCS is parallel to California Smarter Balance Assessment results. In 2015-16, FPCS recognized the graduation of 79 seniors from our WASC accredited high school program.

The District provides supervisory oversight and performance monitoring services for FPCS, including monitoring school and student performance data, reviewing the school's audit reports, performing annual visits to the school facilities and resource centers, and considering charter amendment and renewal requests. The District affirms that at all times that FPCS has operated its resource centers consistent with the advice and written guidance issued by the California Department of Education in 2002 (attached).

On October 16, 2016, the 3rd District Court of Appeals ruled in AUHSD v. Shasta Secondary Home School that independent study charter schools may not have resource centers outside of the boundaries of the school district in which the charter school is authorized, but within the same county. Currently, Family Partnership Home Study Charter School has a total of 8 resource centers, 6 are located within Santa Barbara County that could potentially be affected by the appellate court ruling, and 2 are located in adjacent San Luis Obispo County not affected by appellate court ruling. but will be affected if the resource centers in Santa Barbara County were forced to close as the student population in Santa Barbara County could be reduced, thus impacting the ability of Family Partnership Home Study Charter to maintain a majority of students who reside in Santa Barbara County as required by Education Code Section 47605.1(c). This waiver is necessary to allow the continued operation of Family Partnership Home Study Charter School's existing resource centers.

Our 6 Santa Barbara County resource centers, serve and employ the following:

- ? 10 FT credentialed advisors
- ? 3 PT credentialed advisors
- ? 201 students
- ? 5 administrators/classified support
- ? 5 instructional assistants
- ? 1.5 clerical
- ? 1 tutor

Our 2 San Luis Obispo County resource centers, serve and employ the following:

- ? 9 FT credentials advisors
- ? 5 PT credentialed advisors
- ? 194 students
- ? 5 administrators/classified support
- ? 7 instructional assistants
- ? 1.5 clerical
- ? 2 contracted non employee tutors

Our student enrollment school-wide is currently 395 students. The majority of our students reside in Santa Barbara County and are served through access to resources and direct instruction available at the six resource centers located in this county. All of our students engage in learning activities independent of attendance at the resource centers but student success is facilitated and augmented through the convenience of ready access to resource materials, access to leading-edge information technology, and instruction provided by highly qualified, credentialed advisors that is available to each student on a daily basis at each distinctive resource center.

Should FPCS be forced to close our resource centers, the impact would extend beyond the grievous disruption to students and families in both counties. The closures would result in serious fiscal ramifications for the school and community at large. Depending upon when cessation of operations would be mandated, current lease agreements could extend well beyond cessation date bestowing much debt upon the charter school. In addition, the loss of revenue would also entail a reduction in workforce necessitating the lay-off of most of the school's staff.

Please see attached for fiscal impact information.

Student Population: 395

City Type: Small

Public Hearing Date: 11/15/2016

Public Hearing Advertised: District website and three physical locations

Local Board Approval Date: 11/15/2016

Community Council Reviewed by: Family Partnership Charter School Board of Directors

Community Council Reviewed Date: 11/8/2016

Community Council Objection: N

Community Council Objection Explanation:

Audit Penalty YN: N

Categorical Program Monitoring: N

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Bargaining Unit Date: 11/04/2016
Name: Family Partnership Charter Teacher's Association
Representative: Michael Brajkovich
Title: Union Representative
Position: Support Comments:

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL FISCAL IMPACT:

LEASE INFORMATION FOR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY Resource

Monthly

1331 E Foster Rd Santa Maria	\$2,646.19	Childrens House Montessori	Lease dates: 8/ 1/16 to 6/30/17
1157 E Clark Ave J, Orcutt	\$3,994.00	Minson Co	Lease dates: 8/1/ 16 to 7/31/19
320 Alisal Rd., Suite 206 Solvang	\$2,200.00	Solvang Properties	Lease dates: 6/1116 to 6/1/17
625 s McClelland Suite A, Santa Mana	\$1,291.00	G.A Hancock	Lease dates: 7/1/16 to 6/30/17
2880 Santa Mana Way Santa Mana	\$3439.25	Mission Creek Plaza	Lease dates: 7/1/16 to 6/30/17
4949 Foxen Canyon Rd Santa Maria	so	Blechman Union School District	

LEASE INFORMATION FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY :

Monthly

1981 Vicente Dr San Luis Obispo	\$3715.20	San Luis Coastal Unified School District
1130 Napa Ave. Morro Bay	\$6406.92	San Luis Coastal Unified School District

If our Charter School was to close as of Dec 2016 our fiscal impact would total:

Fiscal Impact on leases to 6/2017: approx \$191,140

Fiscal Impact on lease to 6/2019: approx 595,856

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES:

Salaries and Benefits approx: \$2,153,552

Materials and Supplies approx.: \$158,146

Services and Other Operating Expenditures approx.: \$508,692

*Fiscal Impact on overall operational expenditures would total approx: \$3,107,388