



**San Diego Unified**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Denial of Thrive Charter Petition

Presentation to  
State Board of Education  
July 9, 2014

# Local Charter Authorizer



**San Diego Unified is the authorizer  
of 49 charters:**

- ☐ Albert Einstein Elementary
- ☐ Albert Einstein Middle
- ☐ America's Finest Charter School
- ☐ Arroyo Paseo
- ☐ Audeo Charter School
- ☐ Chancellor William McGill
- ☐ Charter School of San Diego
- ☐ City Heights Prep
- ☐ Coleman Tech
- ☐ Darnall
- ☐ E3 Civic High
- ☐ Elevate
- ☐ Empower
- ☐ Epiphany Prep
- ☐ Evangeline Roberts
- ☐ Explorer Elementary
- ☐ Gompers Preparatory Academy
- ☐ Harriet Tubman Village
- ☐ Health Sciences High
- ☐ Health Sciences Middle
- ☐ High Tech High
- ☐ High Tech High International
- ☐ High Tech High Media Arts
- ☐ High Tech Middle
- ☐ High Tech Middle Media Arts
- ☐ Holly Drive Leadership Academy
- ☐ Iftin Charter School
- ☐ Innovations Academy
- ☐ Kavod
- ☐ Keiller Leadership Academy
- ☐ King Chavez Academy of Excellence
- ☐ King Chavez Arts Academy
- ☐ King Chavez Athletics Academy
- ☐ King Chavez Community High
- ☐ King Chavez Preparatory
- ☐ King Chavez Primary Academy
- ☐ KIPP
- ☐ Laurel Preparatory
- ☐ Learning Choice Academy
- ☐ Magnolia Science Academy
- ☐ Museum School
- ☐ O'Farrell
- ☐ Old Town Academy
- ☐ Preuss
- ☐ San Diego Cooperative
- ☐ San Diego Cooperative 2
- ☐ San Diego Global Vision Elementary
- ☐ San Diego Global Vision Middle
- ☐ Urban Discovery Academy

# “AUTHORIZER OF THE YEAR”

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San Diego Unified  
has been named authorizer of the year  
by the **CCSA** California Charter  
Schools Association  
in 2 out of the past 5 years

# Prop Z Bond Funds for Charters

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San Diego Unified  
Building Quality  
Neighborhood Schools

Prop Z allocates \$350 million dollars to the improvement of facilities used by charter schools authorized by SDUSD.

# Recent Charter Closures

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- ❑ Pacific American Academy
- ❑ Iftin Charter High
- ❑ Nubia Leadership Academy
- ❑ Promise Charter School

# Chronology of Thrive Petition



Date	Thrive Petition	Result
June 2013	<b>FIRST</b> Petition to SDUSD	Withdrawn by Thrive
July 2013	<b>SECOND</b> Petition to SDUSD	Withdrawn by Thrive
September 2013	<b>THIRD</b> Petition to La Mesa-Spring Valley	Withdrawn by Thrive
November 2013	<b>FOURTH</b> Petition to SDUSD	Denied by SDUSD
March 2014	Thrive appeals to SDCOE	Denied by SDCOE

# LOCAL LEA CONCERNS



- ❑ When asked about the number of charter schools to be opened by Thrive based on a projected CMO fee of \$216,378 - \$389,682 the petitioners stated **only one Thrive school** would be opened.
- ❑ Weeks later, when a petition to open Thrive #2 was submitted to the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, the petitioners admitted the plan was to simultaneously open 2 charter schools in San Diego County.

# CDE, SDCOE, and SDUSD **AGREE**



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- ❑ CDE, SDCOE, and SDUSD agree the **petition does not describe** how Thrive charter school will meet the **needs of English Learner students.**
  - ❑ SDCOE also found that the mission, vision, and description of the population to be served by the charter school does not mention any specifics about the needs of students with disabilities or socioeconomically disadvantaged students.



# CONCLUSION



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San Diego Unified School District respectfully requests the Thrive petition be denied by the State.

The Thrive petition was denied by Local Governing Boards who authorize other successful charter schools.

Our families deserve an honorable petition review process.