

Sweetwater Secondary School

Charter Petition

State Board of Education

Public Hearing

July 13, 2017

Approve Our PETITION

- Sweetwater Secondary School (SSS) is founded by the same development team as Audeo Charter School II (“Audeo II”) and Grossmont Secondary School and builds upon the success of these SBE approved schools.
- The SSS petition proposes to operate three resource centers as part of a comprehensive plan by the Charter School of San Diego (CSSD) to comply with the recent Third Appellate District’s decision in *Anderson Union High School Dist. v. Shasta Secondary Home School (2016) 4 Cal.App.5th 262 (“Shasta”)*.
- All resource centers are located within the boundaries of the Sweetwater Union High School District and will be governed by the independent Board of Directors of the Audeo Charter School non-profit.

Audeo Charter School

501 (c) (3) – Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

Board Members:

Greg Haggart, *President*

Tim Morton, *Member*

David Quezada, *Member*

Audeo Charter School II

Charter # 1835 | Authorized by SBE on July 12, 2016

Carlsbad Resource Center
Serving students since 2010
2525 El Camino Real
Suite 156
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Carlsbad Annex Resource Center
Serving students since 2013
2525 El Camino Real
Suite 252
Carlsbad, CA 92008

San Marcos Resource Center
Serving students since 2012
621 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd.
San Marcos, CA 92078

Escondido Resource Center
Serving students since 2009
200 E. Via Rancho Pkwy.
Suite 245
Escondido 92025

Westminster Resource Center
Serving students since 2012
6771 Westminster Blvd.
Suite E
Westminster, CA 92683

Grossmont Secondary School

SBE approved May 11, 2017

Paradise Valley Resource Center
Serving students since 2002
123 Worthington St.
Suite 104
Spring Valley, CA 91977

El Cajon Resource Center
Serving students since 2009
111 Fletcher Parkway
El Cajon, CA 92020

La Mesa Resource Center
Serving students since 2008
5975 Severin Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942

Sweetwater Secondary School

Plaza Bonita Resource Center
Serving students since 2013
303 Plaza Bonita Road
Suite 1000
National City, CA 91950

**Sommerset Plaza
Resource Center**
1655 Broadway
Chula Vista, CA 91911

**Heritage Town
Resource Center**
1392 East Paloma St.
Chula Vista, CA 91913

Financial SUSTAINABILITY

- The combined net result of operations for Fiscal Years 2014-15 & 2015-16 of the Plaza Bonita resource center is \$1,084,468.
- Financial audits have found no exceptions.
- SB 740 funding 100% for multiple years.

Petition Presented to SUHSD

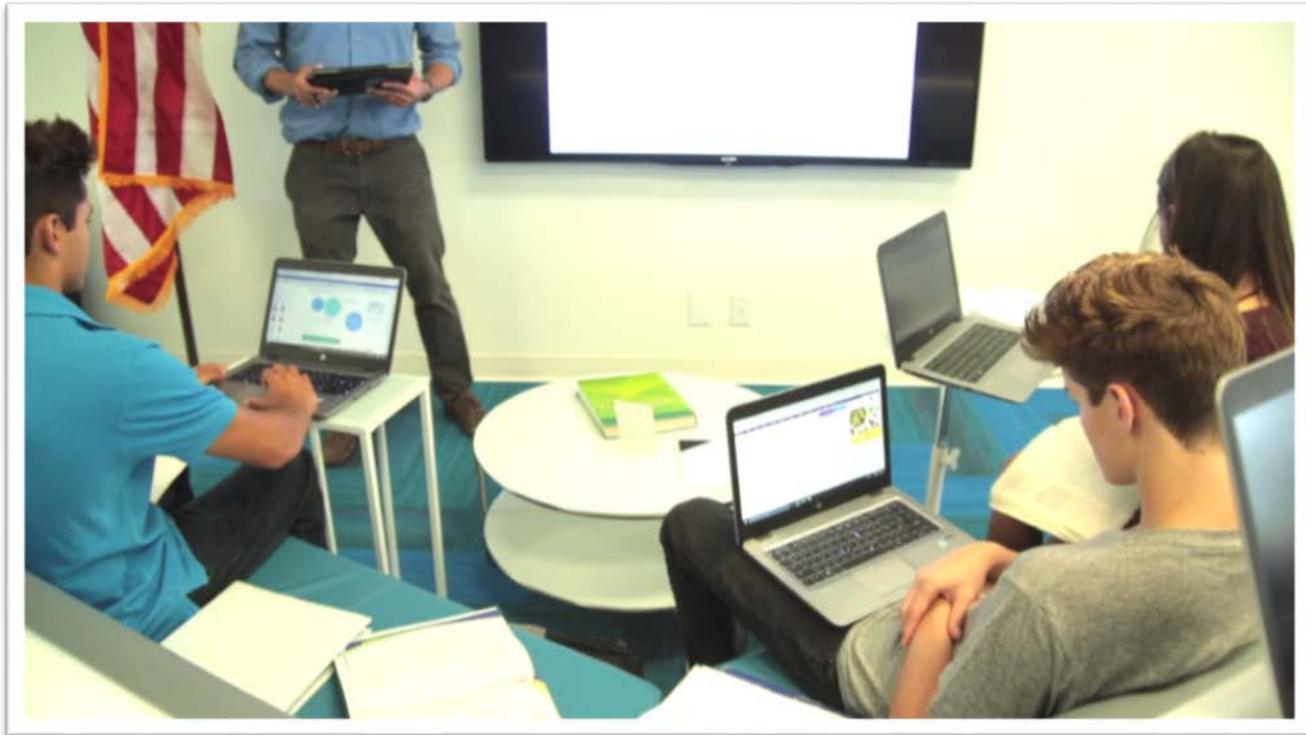
- Letter from San Diego Unified School District to SUHSD Superintendent expressing the “Good Standing” of CSSD. (Attachment 7)
- Over the past 5 years, an average of 345 SUHSD students each year were served in the CSSD resource centers.
- Top performing ASAM school and from 2011-2016 CSSD decreased its overall dropout rate from 4.6% to 2.4%, causing growing demand for CSSD’s program in the South Bay.

Demand for CSSD

School Year	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Number of Students served from SUHSD	264	346	366	371	379

July 1 – June 30 Annual Totals

Non-Classroom Independent **STUDY PROGRAM**



Our TEACHERS

- Over 90% teacher retention rate in the last 3 years
- Teachers are on a 12-month contract
- Staff compensation is 5% higher than SDUSD
- Benefits package are 100% employer paid for employee and all eligible dependents
- All Teachers provided with Teaching Assistants
- Leading Edge Certification training with SDCOE
- We look for teachers that have a passion and commitment for students who are struggling

Our STUDENTS

- 65% of students are credit deficient upon enrollment and are not on track to graduate in four years.
- 70% are at a socio-economically disadvantaged and 84% are members of a minority group.
- 19% have been identified as Special Education students.
- 12-month program with continuous enrollment.
- Exclusive use of resource centers for Independent Study educational support of pupils, access to technology, and collaborative learning.

Program Design: PATHWAYS

- ***Transforming Lives*** of academically, at-risk students in grades 7-12
- One-on-one **personalized education plans**
- Match student **strengths** and **interests** with **academic plan**
- **UC a-g** and **NCAA approved courses** based on **California Common Core State Standards** and **Next Generation Science Standards**
- **Career and Technical Education** pathways
- Over the past 5 years, more than **3,000 students** have completed their education and are **Career and College Ready**

ELD PROGRAM

Integrated ELD program is designed to ensure that ELs can access core curriculum and build literacy skills, while engaged in a rigorous course of study aligned to CCSS.

- English courses are aligned to CA CCSS and CA ELD standards. As new courses are developed, they are each aligned to CCSS and ELD standards.
- Teachers are trained on research-based engagement strategies for ELs including, SDAIE.

Designated ELD program is designed to ensure that ELs are developing the critical English language skills, knowledge, and abilities needed for content learning in English.

- Courses developed with CA ELD standards- 6 courses that are fully aligned to CA ELD standards.

ELD HIGHLIGHTS

Student Population and Results

- The majority of students **enroll as 10-12 graders**, but are several grade levels behind in reading and writing skills.
- Many **of our EL students** are at high risk of becoming **Long Terms English Learners (LTELs)**.
- These are students who have not met progress and proficiency targets for **reclassification given 6 or more years of ELD instruction** in a traditional setting.
- Our results show that **61.1% of Long Term English Learners (LTELs)** attained an **English proficiency level** on the **CELDT**- this is significant considering that, statewide, most LTELs become “stuck” at intermediate or lower levels of proficiency.

Nationally Recognized PROGRAM

- The SSS development team has extensive experience in **instruction, curriculum development, assessment, school finance and business management.**
- **2015 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award** recipient and the **California Awards for Performance Excellence (“CAPE”) Eureka Award for Performance Excellence Gold Level Award** recipient.
- This was the first time that the Baldrige Award was presented to an individual school – most importantly, a charter school – in the **Baldrige Award’s 29-year history.**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Top 5%** of ASAM schools **API Scores**
- **Increase API score 38 points** in last three years of API reporting
- **6-year CLEAR WASC** Accreditation term (*Granted June 2017*)
- **UC a-g** and **NCAA** approved courses
- **California Cadet Corps** received California's highest rating in state assessment
- **Work Experience Education** Program state approved
- This academic year **CSSD** had **394 graduates**
- **2017 Teacher of the Year Award** presented to Jeanette Perez

Strong Community SUPPORT



- More than 300 parents, students and community members signed petition in support of Sweetwater Secondary School
- 379 SUHSD students served in CSSD resource centers in 2016-17