



Item #19

Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy

State Board of Education

November 9, 2018



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Timeline

- June 12, 2018, the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) voted to deny the petition of Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy (MLBLA) by a vote of six to zero
- The SFUSD Board of Education acts on behalf of the city and county of San Francisco; therefore the MLBLA petition was then submitted directly to the State Board of Education (SBE)
- The petitioners submitted a petition on appeal to the SBE on July 27, 2018



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CDE Recommendation (1)

The CDE recommendation is that the SBE hold a public hearing to **approve** the request to establish Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy, a 6-12 charter school, under the oversight of the SBE with the following conditions:

- Evidence that Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy has received the funding anticipated from each of the commitment letters identified in the petition
- Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy will provide the CDE with a revised 2019–20 budget



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CDE Recommendation (2)

Recommendation based on:

- Sound Educational Program
- Demonstrably likely to successfully implement the program
 - Provided the petitioner secures funding as stated in the petition
- Reasonable comprehensive description of most charter elements



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Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

- October 9, 2018 meeting
- Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS) moved staff's recommendation to approve the petition to the SBE
- The motion passed unanimously by a nine to zero vote



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Background

- MLBLA intends to open in 2019-20 serving grades six through eight
- Proposing to enroll 120 pupils in grades six through eight
- Proposing to grow a grade per year to serve grades six through twelve
 - 420 pupils in 2023-24



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Background (2)

Facility

- Deadline to submit Prop 39 request to the SFUSD was November 1st
- The petitioner has requested a school in the Bayview, Mission and Visitation Valley zip codes
- Currently the school has 400 meaningful intent to enroll forms



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CDE Findings –Sound Educational Program

- Mission is to develop the next generation of diverse leaders in San Francisco by preparing graduates to be successful leaders in college and career through a rigorous, pupil-centered academic program and a shared belief in leadership, equity, and community
- The petition states that MLBLA is grounded with three core values:
 - community, equity, and leadership with three primary outcomes for its graduates:
 - college and career ready
 - community connection
 - leadership development



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CDE Findings –Sound Educational Program

- Locate and serve pupils primarily from the Southeast San Francisco neighborhoods of Bayview and Mission
 - Projected Demographics:
 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals –71 percent
 - Special Education –17 percent
 - English Learner –31 percent
 - Latino–49 percent
 - Black–14 percent
 - Asian–16 percent
 - Similar demographics to the comparable schools in SFUSD (Attachment 2)



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CDE Findings – Ability to Implement the Program

Fiscal Analysis

- Initial review, Multi-year financial plan is not fiscally viable
- Revenues included:
 - NewSchools Venture Fund - \$215,000
 - Silicon School Fund - \$250,000
- Updated financials provided additional revenue sources



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CDE Findings – Ability to Implement the Program (2)

- Commitment letters received from:
 - NewSchools Venture Fund
 - Additional \$455,000 upon authorization spread out from 2019-2022
 - Silicon Schools Fund
 - Additional \$635,000 spread out from 2019-2022
- Fiscal concerns are addressed provided the funding described above is received
- Recommendation includes submission of revised budget and multi-year plan



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Deficiencies in Charter Elements (1)

If approved by the SBE, the following charter elements need to be clarified by the petitioner:

- Measurable Pupil Outcomes
 - does not include measurable outcomes for each of the significant subgroups the petitioner proposes to serve, which include FRPM, SPED, ELs, and Latino subgroups



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Deficiencies in Charter Elements (2)

- Annual Independent Financial Audits
 - Specify who is responsible for contracting and overseeing the independent audit
- Expulsion and Suspension Procedures
 - Needed updates based on new laws implemented through AB 1360



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Summary

- CDE staff is recommending approval
- Sound educational program
- Overall fiscal viability
- Clarification of Charter Elements in petition needed