

This document was provided, as is, to the California Department of Education (CDE) by the **College Preparatory Middle School-La Mesa Spring Valley**. This document is posted to the CDE Web site to meet the legal requirements of California *Education Code* Section 33009.5.

For more information regarding the content of this material, please contact the Charter Schools Division by phone at 916-322-6029 or by e-mail at charters@cde.ca.gov.



COLLEGE PREPARATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

College Prep: La Mesa-Spring Valley
5150 "A" Jackson Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942
Phone (619) 303-2782 Fax (619) 303-3759

November 30, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Members, California State Board of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 5111
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

Commissioners, Advisory Commission on Charter Schools
1430 N Street, Suite 1101
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

Charter Schools Division
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 5401
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

Re: Request for Material Revision of the College Preparatory Middle School La
Mesa-Spring Valley Charter Necessary to Qualify for Charter School Facility
Grant Program Funding

Dear Members of the State Board of Education, Commissioners, and California Department of
Education staff:

College Preparatory Middle School La Mesa-Spring Valley ("College Prep LMSV")
kindly submits this letter and the enclosed documentation requesting that the California State
Board of Education ("State Board") consider and approve a change to the lottery preferences in
the College Prep LMSV charter. The California School Finance Authority ("CSFA") is
requiring that College Prep LMSV and many other charter schools around the state make this
minor change in order to receive funding this year under the Charter School Facility Grant
Program ("SB 740"). We are submitting this request because the State Board's MOU and
Education Code section 47605(d)(2)(B)(i) require that the State Board hold a public hearing and
approve any changes to our charter's lottery preferences.

As background, our charter school is eligible for SB 740 funding because we are located
in the attendance area of a public elementary school in which 55% or more of the student
enrollment is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and our school gives an admissions
preference to students enrolled in that public elementary school and to pupils who reside in the
elementary school attendance area. (Ed. Code, § 47614.5(c)(2)(A).) As you might remember,

SB 740 funding was listed as a revenue source in the budget documents submitted to the State Board with our charter petition. For years, we understand CSFA didn't require that the preference be identified in the charter, and CSFA would accept alternative documentation, such as a letter from an administrator, affirming that the school provides the preference. This is what many charter schools around the state provided to CSFA last year. This year, it is a new CSFA requirement that the enrollment preference be clearly included in the charter itself. It is a simple change and we are happy to do it, but we need your approval in order to qualify for and receive the funding.

Enclosed with this letter are the following documents to assist in your review:

- ***Clean version of the charter***, which includes a reasonably comprehensive description of new requirements of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted in March 2018. (Ed. Code, § 47607(a)(2).) The updates to reflect new laws can be found under Elements 1 and 6.
- ***Correspondence from CSFA*** explaining the new requirement that the preference be included in the charter and receive authorizer approval.
- ***Agenda from the November 30, 2018 meeting of the College Prep LMSV Board*** approving the change to the lottery preferences and authorizing submission of this request to the State Board. We will forward the meeting minutes once they are approved.
- ***Proposed updated budget for College Prep LMSV*** reflecting the SB 740 funding and changes since the charter was originally approved.

We note that a request for a material revision is governed by the standards and criteria under Education Code section 47605. (Ed. Code, § 47607(a)(2).) We believe this request meets the legal standard and should be approved. But if the State Board, ACCS, or CDE need any additional information, we are happy to provide whatever you need. SB 740 funding would be a big help to our school. On behalf of the hundreds of Tiger students and families in San Diego County, we humbly request that the CDE and ACCS recommend approval, and that the State Board approve our request for a material revision to the College Prep LMSV charter petition. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,



Christina M. Callaway, Director of School Business
Services and Lead Petitioner
Mitchell S. Miller, Director of School Operations
and Lead Petitioner
College Preparatory Middle School
A California Charter School