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Attachment 2

# Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination Request

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This document presents the determination of funding request from Butterfield Charter (Charter #0867). Information from the school has been exported from the web-based Funding Determination Form found on the [Nonclassroom-Based Determination of Funding web page](https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ch/nclrbifunddet.asp#form).

Responses from the school have been provided, as is, and have not been edited by the California Department of Education (CDE) for capitalization, punctuation, or spelling.

## Butterfield Charter Determination of Funding Request 2024–25

### Section 1. General Information

Charter School Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Charter School Name | Butterfield Charter |
| Charter School Authorizer | Porterville Unified |
| Charter School Number | 0867 |
| County District School (CDS) Code | 54-75523-0114348 |
| Street Address | 900 W. Pioneer Avenue |
| City | Porterville |
| County | Tulare |
| ZIP Code | 93257 |
| Grade Levels Served | TK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 |
| Date Charter Expires | 6/30/2025 |
| Contact First Name | Brad |
| Contact Last Name | Rohrbach |
| Contact Title | Assistant Superintendent / Business |
| Contact Phone Number | 559-793-2450 |
| Contact Email Address | brohrbach@portervilleschools.org |

Funding Determination Request Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this a reconsideration request? | No, this is not a reconsideration request. |
| Requested Funding Level | 100% |
| Beginning Period Requested | FY 2025–26 |
| Number of Years Requested | 5 |
| Source Data | Other |
| If the source data used was “Other”, provide a description. | 23-24 Unaudited Actuals; Due to auditor staffing shortage, auditor has request an audit extension |

### Section 2. Financial Information

#### A. Total Resources

Revenues and Other Resources

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Federal Revenues[[1]](#footnote-1) | $0 |
| Public Charter School Grant Program Funds (separately identified) | $0 |
| State Revenues[[2]](#footnote-2) | $7,410,145 |
| In-Lieu Property Taxes (separately identified) | $568,834 |
| Local Revenues | $7,865 |
| Other Financing Sources | $0 |
| **Total Revenues** | **$7,418,010** |

**If Other Financing Sources were reported, provide a description:**

[No Response]

#### B. Total Expenditures and Other Uses

Instruction and Related Services

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $3,711,933 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $257,994 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $383,078 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Services | $0 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Support | $0 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: All Other Instruction-Related Operating Costs | $58,032 |
| **Total Instruction and Related Services** | **$4,411,037** |

Operations and Facilities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $0 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $574 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $44 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs | $83,569 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | $134,807 |
| **Total Operations and Facilities** | **$218,994** |

Allowable Facilities Costs

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total facility square footage occupied by the charter school | 36800 |
| Enter total classroom-based P-2 ADA reported in the prior fiscal year. Do not include nonclassroom-based ADA. | 0 |
| Enter total student hours attended by nonclassroom-based pupils at the school site in the prior fiscal year. | 23508 |
| Calculated Facilities Costs | $27,083 |
| **Allowable Facilities Costs** | **$27,083** |

Administration and All Other Activities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $477,409 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $204,972 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $12,693 |
| Contracts for Other Administrative Services | $0 |
| Supervisorial Oversight Fee | $0 |
| All Other Administration and Other Activities, Services, and Operating Costs | $1,017 |
| **Total Administration and Other Activities** | **$696,091** |

**Additional information regarding Supervisorial Oversight Fee:**

Oversight and administrative costs are charged through transfers out to the General Fund.

Other Outgo and Other Financing Uses

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Debt Services | $0 |
| Transfers to Local Educational Agencies | $33,553 |
| All Other Transfers and Outgo | $325,715 |
| **Total Other Outgoing and Other Financing Uses** | **$359,268** |

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for Transfers to Local Educational Agencies and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

Payment to the County Office of Education for Mental Health Funds (resource 6546). The funds were transferred back to the Tulare County SELPA.

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for All Other Transfers and Outgo and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

Administrative Costs

#### C. Fund Balance

Total Expenditures and Fund Balance

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total Expenditures | $5,685,390 |
| Revenues Over Expenditures | $1,732,620 |
| Beginning Fund Balance | $2,651,124 |
| **Ending Fund Balance – June 30** | **$4,383,744** |

#### D. Reserves

Reserves

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | $164,075 |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | $2,020,000 |
| Reserves Required by Charter Authorizer | $0 |
| Other Reserves | $2,156,169 |
| Unassigned/Unappropriated Fund Balance | $43,500 |
| **Total Reserves** | **$4,383,744** |

Reserves as a Percentage of Total Expenditures

| **Reserves** | **Percentage of Total Expenditures** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | 2.89% |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | 35.53% |

**Explanation for reserves designated for economic uncertainties if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

[No Response]

**Explanation of Other Reserves:**

Reserves are needed to support rising costs of energy, State Teachers Retirements System (STRS), California Public Employment Retirement System (PERS), Health & Welfare contributions, and OPEB.

**Explanation for reserves designated for facilities acquisition or capital projects if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

Butterfield Charter School has several facility projects that began in late fall 2024 and are scheduled for completion by February 2025. These include a $1.3 million in emergency roof repair, a $175,000 outdoor learning and lunch area, and a $45,000 parking area median repair and landscaping project. Other projects in the amount of $500,000 include but are not limited to classroom equipment purchases and signage for the charter school. These planned expenditures highlight the necessity of maintaining a fund balance reserve to support facility improvements.

**Explanation of school’s unassigned/unappropriated fund balance and details regarding the school’s plans for these funds: *(Optional)***

Butterfield Charter School has experienced consistent growth in enrollment, increasing from 284 students in 2022, to 384 students in 2023, and to 470 students in 2024. This growth emphasizes the increasing demand for the school’s non-classroom-based, personalized education model, which provides flexibility for students balancing work or family responsibilities or needing individualized academic support. As a result of this rapid expansion, the charter school’s LCFF revenue for the 2023-24 fiscal year increased significantly, rising from $5,733,969 at Adopted Budget to $7,148,885 at 2nd Interim. However, expenditures for 2023-24 remained aligned with the Adopted Budget at $5,685,390. Due to the speed of revenue growth, the school was unable to scale expenditures at the same pace, resulting in an increased fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Butterfield had an unexpected emergency roof repair in the amount of $1.3 million. The repairs are well underway and near completion.

### Section 3. Pupil-Teacher Ratio

Pupil-Teacher Ratio

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| FY 2023–24 Average Daily Attendance for independent study pupils pursuant to 5 *CCR* Section 11963.3(b)(2) | 418.87 |
| FY 2023–24 Full-Time Equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study pursuant to 5 *CCR* Section 11963.3(b)(2) | 22.93 |
| FY 2023–24 Full-Time Equivalent certificated employees pursuant to 5 CCR Section 11963.3(b)(8) | 25.93 |

### Section 4. Funding Determination Calculations

Calculated Percentages

| **Criteria** | **Funding Determination Calculations** |
| --- | --- |
| Percentage Spent on Instructional Certificated Salaries and Benefits to Total Public Revenues | 50.09% |
| Percentage Spent on Instruction and Related Services and Allowable Facility Costs | 59.83% |
| FY 2023–24 Pupil-Teacher Ratio | 18.27 to 1 |

### Section 5. Supplemental Information

#### A. Virtual Charter Schools

Virtual Charter Schools

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this charter school a virtual or on-line charter school as defined in 5 *CCR* Section 11963.5? | No |
| If yes, can the charter school demonstrate compliance with 5 *CCR* sections 11963.5(b)(2) to (8)? | [No Response] |

#### B. Entity and Contract Information

Entity and Contract Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Did any entity receive or will receive $50,000 or more or 10% or more of total expenditures from the school in FY 2023–24 or FY 2024–25? | No |
| Number of reportable entities | [No Response] |

#### C. Current Governing Board Information

Entity and Contract Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Number of board members | 5 |

##### List of Board Members

Board Member 1

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Tom |
| Last Name of Board Member | Velasquez |
| Title of Board Member | President |
| Board Member Type | District Representative |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/24 to 12/26 |

Board Member 2

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Lillian |
| Last Name of Board Member | Durbin |
| Title of Board Member | Vice President |
| Board Member Type | District Representative |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/24 to 12/26 |

Board Member 3

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Jeff |
| Last Name of Board Member | Brown |
| Title of Board Member | Clerk |
| Board Member Type | Charter School Principal |
| How was this member selected? | Appointed |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/24 to 12/26 |

Board Member 4

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Milt |
| Last Name of Board Member | Stowe |
| Title of Board Member | Member |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Appointed |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/24 to 12/26 |

Board Member 5

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Kevin |
| Last Name of Board Member | Desmond |
| Title of Board Member | Member |
| Board Member Type | Military Representative |
| How was this member selected? | Appointed |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 12/24 to 12/26 |

### Section 6. Mitigating Circumstances

**Explain why the charter school did not meet the criteria for the funding level requested. Include specific measures or actions taken by the charter school to comply. List and explain the mitigating circumstances to be considered by the CDE and Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS).**

The primary mitigating circumstance that caused Butterfield Charter School to fail to meet the financial criteria is Butterfield's rapid growth in enrollment. As stated previously, Butterfield's enrollment increased from 284 students in 2022 to 384 in 2023, and reaching 470 in 2024. As a result of this rapid expansion, the school’s LCFF revenue for the 2023-24 fiscal year increased significantly, rising from $5,733,969 at the Adopted Budget to $7,148,885 at 2nd Interim. However, expenditures for 2023-24 remained aligned with the Adopted Budget at $5,685,390. Due to the speed of revenue growth, the charter school was unable to scale expenditures at the same pace, resulting in an increased fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

### Section 7. Additional Information

**Provide any other pertinent information that may assist the CDE and ACCS in conducting a detailed review or develop a reasonable basis for a recommendation.**

Butterfield Charter School (BCS), a non-classroom-based K-12 charter school, continues to demonstrate measurable growth and a commitment to student success. Recent achievements, including a 19.9% increase in overall graduation rates and a 7.9% increase for English learners, highlight the school’s progress in addressing the diverse needs of its students. Current graduation rates stand at 77.5% for all students and 74.6% for English learners, reflecting significant improvement while underscoring the need for sustained support. BCS’s accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) through June 30, 2027, affirming the school’s adherence to rigorous standards and ongoing improvement. Additionally, BCS’s commitment to equity and systemic change is evident in its participation in the Continuous Improvement of Equity Series, which builds on strong partnerships with district and county-level resources. As Butterfield Charter School approaches its charter renewal on June 30, 2025, sustained funding is critical to maintaining the school’s trajectory of success. Resources will support further improvement of graduation rates, services for underserved populations, staff development, and compliance with accreditation requirements. BCS remains dedicated to transforming lives through education, ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed in a safe and supportive environment.

### Section 8. Certification

**1) The information provided is true and correct to the best of my ability and knowledge.**

**2) This charter school's nonclassroom-based instruction is conducted for and substantially dedicated to the instructional benefit of the school's students.**

**3) This charter school's governing board has adopted and implemented conflict of interest policies.**

**4) All of the charter school's transactions, contracts, and agreements are in the best interest of the school and reflect a reasonable market rate for all goods, services, and considerations rendered for or supplied to the school.**

**Enter your name below which will serve as a signature and certify agreement with all of the above terms.**

Tom Velasquez

**Indicate whether the certification is from the charter school's director, principal, or governing chairperson:**

Governing chairperson

1. Includes Public Charter Schools Grant Program funds, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes In-Lieu of Property Taxes, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-2)