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RE: Item 5—SUPPORT Staff Recommendation to Renew Vista Springs Charter School

Dear Chair Walsh and Commissioners:

Regarding Item 5, CSDC supports the staff recommendation to renew the charter of Vista Springs Charter School. Vista Springs shows solid growth in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The Dashboard-based renewal categories do not incorporate growth data on the California School Dashboard for Grades 4-8¹:

- For “All Students” and for two of three numerically significant student groups, 2025 ELA Growth scores were in the “Accelerated” performance category. 2025 Math Growth scores were in the “Average” performance category or, where “Moderate,” were within just a single scale score point from “Average.”
- For “All Students” and for all three numerically significant student groups, 2024 ELA and Math Growth scores were in the “Typical” performance category.

ELA GROWTH Vista Springs Charter	School Growth Score 2024	School Growth Score 2025	# Students 2024	# Students 2025	Performance Category 2024	Performance Category 2025
ALL STUDENTS	-1	7	99	100	Typical	Accelerated
English Learner	-6	-1	30	30	Typical	Average
Hispanic	-2	11	77	79	Typical	Accelerated
Socioecon. Dis	-3	8	82	81	Typical	Accelerated

MATH GROWTH Vista Springs Charter	School Growth Score 2024	School Growth Score 2025	# Students 2024	# Students 2025	Performance Category 2024	Performance Category 2025
ALL STUDENTS	-4	-6	99	100	Typical	Moderate
English Learner	3	-6	30	30	Typical	Moderate
Hispanic	-3	-3	77	79	Typical	Average
Socioecon. Dis	-3	-5	82	81	Typical	Average

¹ In July 2025, the State Board clarified that ELA and Math Growth data may be used for charter renewal purposes.

Additionally, Vista Springs submitted three years of results from iReady assessments in Grades K-8. These results show that the school met the “verified data” thresholds for “one year’s progress for each year in school” in both Math and Reading every year schoolwide and for nearly every grade level every year.

These growth results are particularly notable considering the school attracts many students who experience barriers to learning. A high proportion of students transfer from previous schools seeking an option that meets their needs. In fact, Vista Springs’s Dashboard ELA data file shows that the school’s 2025 cohort of CAASPP test-takers included 23.5 percent Students with Disabilities.

In addition to solid academic growth data, Vista Springs offers a broad range of programming including dual language immersion. We believe renewal is in the best interest of students.

Additionally, CSDC recommends assigning oversight to the county. We thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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