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# **MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** MEMBERS, State Board of Education

**FROM:** Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** Academic Progress of State Board of Education-Authorized Charter Schools

## Summary of Key Issues

This Information Memorandum provides a summary of the academic progress of State Board of Education (SBE)-authorized charter schools for the 2017–18 school year. As the charter authorizer, the SBE provides oversight monitoring of the charter schools it authorizes. The SBE has delegated this responsibility to the California Department of Education (CDE), and under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the SBE and each SBE-authorized charter school, the CDE reviews the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics academic test results of those SBE-authorized charters that were open during the 2017–18 school year and that administered the CAASPP in the spring of 2018. Additionally, the CDE reviews the California School Dashboard data. In the course of oversight monitoring, if the CDE finds that a charter school did not make satisfactory academic progress, the CDE may provide recommendations to the SBE to take appropriate action, as deemed necessary, including issuing a notice of violation or revocation.

All SBE-authorized charter schools in operation and serving pupils in grade three through grade eight and/or eleven, must administer the CAASPP in the spring of each year. In 2017–18, the following SBE-authorized charter schools were in operation and administered the CAASPP and/or have California Dashboard data:

* Academia Avance Charter
* Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory of North America
* Audeo Charter ll
* Barack Obama Charter
* Baypoint Preparatory Academy
* Celerity Rolas (School closed in July 2018; no information is included)
* Grossmont Secondary
* High Tech Elementary Chula Vista
* High Tech Elementary North County
* High Tech High Chula Vista
* High Tech High North County
* High Tech Middle Chula Vista
* High Tech Middle North County
* ISANA Himalia Charter
* Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana
* New West Charter
* The New School of San Francisco
* Olive Grove Charter
* OnePurpose
* Ridgecrest Charter
* Rocketship Futuro Academy
* Ross Valley Charter
* School of Arts and Enterprise
* Sweetwater Secondary
* Thrive Public

For the purposes of this Memorandum, each SBE-authorized charter school administrator received a request from the CDE to provide a written response by addressing the following:

* How the school will address in their 2019–2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) or Annual update the goals and timelines for improving performance schoolwide
* How the school will address the low-student groups (specifically, any area that is red on the California Dashboard)
* How the school will address any specific areas of decline in the coming school year

The following SBE-authorized charter schools were not in operation in 2017–18 and did not administer the CAASPP:

* Baypoint Preparatory Academy - San Diego
* College Preparatory Middle - La Mesa Spring Valley
* High Tech High Mesa
* KIPP Bayview Elementary
* KIPP Navigate College Prep
* Latitude 37.8 High
* Olive Grove - Buellton
* Olive Grove - Lompoc
* Olive Grove - Santa Barbara
* Olive Grove - Santa Maria
* Perseverance Preparatory
* Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School
* Promise Academy
* Vista Springs Charter

For the purposes of this Memorandum, each SBE-authorized charter school administrator received a request from the CDE to provide a written response by addressing the following:

* Based on the school’s internal benchmark assessments identify the greatest progress and greatest need
* Provide a summary of the performance in Element 2 (Measurable Pupil Outcomes) in the petition
* Provide a summary of progress made in meeting the schools’ LCAP deadline of July 1, 2019, including information on the ongoing process and stakeholder engagement.

The following SBE-authorized charter schools will not begin operations until 2019–20:

* Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy
* Watsonville Prep

For the purposes of this Memorandum, each SBE-authorized charter school administrator as noted above received a request from the CDE to provide a written summary of the progress the school is making for a successful start of the school year including, but not limited to, progress obtaining a facility, recruiting and hiring staff, curriculum materials, professional development plans, stakeholder engagement, and community activities.

Upon receipt, the CDE reviewed the charter school’s responses to the prompts and will continue to monitor progress using the 2018 Dashboard data and CAASPP data.

Additionally, based on the criteria in California’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan, the following SBE-authorized charter schools were eligible for the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Application for Funding:

* Audeo Charter II
* OnePurpose
* Prepa Tech Los Angeles High

Each school eligible under the ESSA State Plan has applied and been approved for the additional funding.

### Academic Progress of SBE-Authorized Charter Schools

Schools predominantly within the red and orange academic indicator bands are not considered to be making adequate academic progress. SBE-authorized charter schools that predominantly fall within blue, green, and yellow are considered to be making adequate progress.

The following schools have a charter that will expire on June 30, 2020.

* Academia Avance Charter
* Baypoint Preparatory Academy
* Olive Grove Charter
* OnePurpose
* The New School of San Francisco

California *Education Code* Section 47607 sets forth grounds for renewing a petition.

1. The authority that granted the charter shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor determining whether to grant a charter renewal.
2. The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend, as well as the academic performance of the schools in the school district in which the charter school is located, taking into account the composition of the pupil population that is served at the charter school.

CDE will be reviewing the CAASPP results as part of the renewal process if a school submits its renewal petition to the SBE for approval. The academic performance of comparable schools could be used for purposes of renewal.

### State Board of Education Charter School Updates

Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory of North America, with a charter term ending on June 30, 2019, was locally authorized by Los Angeles Unified School District.

Barack Obama Charter, with a term ending on June 30, 2019, was locally authorized by Compton Unified School District.

Ridgecrest Charter, with a term ending on June 30, 2019, is surrendering its charter and voluntarily closing. The petitioners have submitted a new charter petition, Ridgecrest Elementary Academy for Language, Music, and Science Charter, which was approved by the Kern County Office of Education on April 9, 2019.

Thrive Public, with a term ending on June 30, 2019, was not renewed by either the San Diego Unified School District on November 13, 2018, or the SBE on March 14, 2019 and is scheduled to close.

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