
From: Veronica Darknlovely <veronicac94621@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:59 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment

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Thank you for your time.
Sincerely
Veronica M Crenshaw.

From: Desiree Ramos <desiree_ramos78@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:37 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Christian.RamirezFuentes@aspirepublicschools.org;
Harpreet.Chohan@aspirepublicschools.org; john.duncan@aspirepublic.org;
Madison.hiebert@aspirepublicschools.org
Subject: In Support of Agenda Item #9.2

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Hello SCUSD Board Members,

This correspondence is in regard to my support for Aspire Capitol Heights Academy (CHA) and the potential for a new site.

My name is Desiree Ramos. My daughter, Leilani Ramos, is going into the second grade for the upcoming semester. Our experience has only been for the last two years, kindergarten and first grade. Leilani LOVES her school. She has always been bright and fairly outgoing, but at CHA she excelled. Her teachers always encouraged her to be kind and respectful and to always strive to reach her personal best. They always made sure each child was reaching his/her own goals, without making any of the children feel less than. The staff has always been very kind and inclusive. All of the the students, parents and families are treated with kindness and respect. The teachers are encouraging and allow the kids to learn at their own pace. They are also firm, making sure the kids stay on task and don't wander off their path of learning. The front office is always making sure the parents are made aware of what's going on. They utilize apps, email and paper fliers to notify parents of any and all activities, important dates and calendar changes. They have done very well with what they have been given. The current location is nice but feels a little crowded at times. A bigger space would allow for the students, and the staff, to be able to progress further. The staff will have a larger area to utilize for instruction and the students will, literally, have more room to grow. With everything happening with the worldwide pandemic having more space, to teach and learn, will only help.

Thank you for your time,

Desiree Ramos (CHA mom)

June 23, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Trustees

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Board Trustees,

My name is Mercedes Maria Lopez-Macumber and I strongly support the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Oak Park, Sacramento.

I have been with the Aspire organization since 2006 and I have held many positions such as Teacher, Intervention Specialist, Instructional Coach, Dean of Instruction, Interim Principal and Assistant Principal with Capitol Heights Academy and Aspire Public Schools.

Through the years with Capitol Heights Academy and Aspire Public Schools I have witnessed the school support the community with food, clothing, parent resources, weekend events, extracurricular activities in support of health and fitness and exceptional education. Capitol Heights Academy is deeply dedicated to the wellness of the students and families they serve within the Sacramento community.

The charter revision is essential to the prolonged mission and vision of giving back to the Sacramento community and I truly believe that by granting this application to allow Aspire Public Schools to continue to serve the surrounding areas that our students and families will be provided with a safe place to learn and grow in the years to come.

Thank you in advance,

Mercedes Lopez-Macumber

Assistant Principal

Aspire Benjamin Holt Academy High School

June 24, 2020

To Whom it may concern:

Hi there, my name is Jodie Gallegos, I have been an Aspire parent for over 4 and a half years. My son, Jacob Gallegos attends Capitol Heights Academy. He has been there since Kindergarten and has just completed the 4th Grade. I can't say enough great things about CHA. He has consistently received high test scores and has learned so much and grown while at CHA. I am so proud to have him a part of the Aspire (CHA) community.

The support we have received from the teachers and staff is amazing. They are all so loving and compassionate to all students and families. They have really guided the students to excel and have assisted getting students prepared for the future and College, which is one of the many reasons I love the CHA family. They are helpful with homework, daily class assignments and really help the kids get ready for testing. As a working parent the after-school program is absolutely AMAZING! My son would not be as smart as he is if wasn't for his teachers and the afterschool educators.

As my son is getting ready to enter his last year at Capitol Heights, I am saddened by the fact this might be the end of his time there. I have asked for many years if they could PLEASE extend their school to include 6th grade, even further like Jr. High. The learning and support he receives there is hard to find. They truly care about each student and their family. He enjoys being greeted each morning by staff on a 1st name bases. I worry about him going to another public school that is overcrowded and him just becoming another face or number. I would encourage the board to PLEASE allow CHA to expand to higher grades. If you have any questions or would like to discuss I am always around. My cell phone is and e-mail is

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Hello SUSD Board Members,

My name is Glenda Rivers. I became an Aspire parent in 2014 when my twin sons began attending Alexander Twilight. Today, I am writing this letter in support of Aspire's Capitol Heights Academy's further expansion. I currently have a son and a nephew enrolled in the school, and I believe it would be best if they were able to continue their educations there until high school. They have become well adapted to the school's excellent environment, formed positive connections with both teachers and fellow students, and have begun to blossom into responsible and hardworking young men. I would like to keep the boys at Capitol Heights because the school fosters a sense of community and belonging within its students. My son, Michael, is genuinely upset whenever he has to miss a day of school and be away from the classroom. The teachers at the school really pay attention to the specific needs and trials faced by each child, and then do their best to help those needs be met.

Aspire has also benefited me as a mother. I want to highlight the distance learning used by the school. The students had work daily and got actual feedback from their teachers. Because the teachers do pay such close attention, both in and out of the classroom, they are able to see things that I do not at home. This entails both the positive behaviors and the things my children need to work on. By communicating with teachers like Ms. Diosdado, I am able to then sit down with Michael to commend his good work and correct misbehavior if necessary. The continuation of my children's time at Aspire would also be very convenient for me as a single, working parent. I already have all of the connections in place, and adjusting to a new school would surely be difficult. I hope you consider this when making your decision.

Thank you,
Glenda Rivers

Hello,

My name is Kanajee McDowell, I am the parent of Kingclifford McDowell who has attended Aspire Capitol Heights since kindergarten, he is currently in the 3rd grade.

I am writing in support of Aspire Public School. Aspire has helped my son academically, they have also been there when my son may have been having a bad day. I have seen Aspire Capital Heights go the extra mile for my son and I appreciate that in a school.

I am a single parent and I do not have the support system all the time, However with the afterschool program Aspire Capital Heights allows me to be stress free without worrying about who will pick my son up. I am able to work and still have time to pick him up.

We need more schools around Sacramento like aspire.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at

Thank you,

Kanajee McDowell

June 19, 2020

Dear SCUSD Board:

I am writing to express my support for the charter revision of Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento. Having worked in higher education for over 20 years, I have had the opportunity to work alongside many different schools and organizations. Aspire's vision to ensure every student is prepared to earn a college degree as well as its focus on equity and reaching underserved populations is commendable and much-needed in these unprecedented times.

The Capitol Heights Academy is currently a K-5 site, seeking to revise the charter to a K-8 in order to better service their students and families. The identified location is ideal for Aspire's partnership with Sacramento State University and will help foster a college-bound environment at a young age. I have spent most of my time in education working in outreach for our local community colleges and can attest to the fact that giving these young people an early glimpse into their future is most beneficial.

I hope that you will approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany Clark

Dear SCUSD Board members,

As a parent of one of the students at Aspire Capital Heights school I have seen the deteriorating quality and standards of the facilities of the school - its classrooms, bathrooms, and even the cafeteria are not up to standards and especially ADA compliance. I am concerned about the safety and my child's ability to learn in a substandard school building. Every time we have heavy rain the Cafeteria floods and the staff are using valuable time and resources to temporarily resolve the issue by moving the Cafeteria location to the multipurpose room. In doing so this interferes with the food service staff properly having the necessary resources to carry out their job duties and also taking administration away from more important educational duties by trying to remedy the problem before the students arrive to school.

I strongly agree that poor school conditions have an impact on student performance and learning. Building decay also impacts the quality of teachers' instruction, playing a role in their confidence and general wellbeing in the workplace. There have been many studies.

Research links children's ability to learn to the condition of their school environment. That means that the deteriorating condition of school buildings should be more relevant in ongoing discussions about closing achievement gaps.

According to studies compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, a child's ability to learn can be negatively affected by things like wobbly broken desks or black mold in classroom ceilings, etc.

One study "Building Conditions, Parental Involvement and Student Achievement in the D.C. Public School System," embark on by Maureen M. Edwards at Georgetown University, found standardized achievement scores ranked 6% lower in District of Columbia schools with poor building conditions than in schools that had "fair" conditions. The gap between poor building conditions and excellent ones was even greater, at 11%.

I would love to see our Capital Heights students, teachers, and school administration have a fair standard school building that they can learn, thrive, have confidence and general wellbeing in their workplace. This is a perfect time to make this change. The pandemic that brought so much disruption to our everyday life routines, especially within the schools across every state.

I hope this letter provides you with some insight on the long overdue of moving the school site to a fair standard location for the well-being of our students, teachers and school staff.

Thank you for the opportunity

Sincerely,

Mamie Early

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Veronica M Crenshaw

To whom it may Concern:

My name is Anne-Marie Conti and I am a teacher at Capitol Heights Academy. I am writing in support of the expansion of our school. I have been working with Aspire Public Schools for the past 7 years and am a firm believer in the organization.

Capital Heights Academy is in desperate need of a new site. As of now, we do not have enough space for many essential needs our school has. For one, counseling and psychology do not have enough space. They currently share a small, shed-like closet, barely large enough to hold a small group. Our Speech and Language Teacher does not have a space at all and attempts to hold sessions in the middle of the upstairs hallway, which can be especially challenging. Our Special Ed team also shares an extremely small space, barely large enough for a group and not even large enough to hold an IEP meeting. In addition to the inside of the building not being sufficient, we also do not have a safe place for our parents to pick up and drop off their children. There is no parking area, so our parents are forced to find parking in the neighborhood if they would like to come in to pick up their students. Many parents, unable to find parking, are forced to drive around or double park, causing traffic or other upset families, just so they can safely pick up or drop off their children at school. These are just a few examples at our school that are currently not working well at our existing location.

As you can see, we have many reasons that a new site is necessary, but also, our staff, parents and students deserve it. We deserve to have a beautiful building that our parents, students and staff will enjoy coming into each day. We deserve to have a place that will be loved, respected and cared for by all. Please help us all to get what we deserve.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Conti



College for Certain

July 15th, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Trustees
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Board Trustees,

I am strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

Reflecting on the landscape of our social political world, it is apparent that we need to invest in our scholars of color, especially Black scholars. As an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students the charter revision request represents a reaffirmation of Aspire's commitment to Sacramento's underserved students and a deepening of their investment into our community.

It is vital to allow Capitol Heights Academy to have the increased opportunity to allow Black scholars to succeed with the vision of them going to college to come back to our Sacramento community to serve and change the status quo. The new location will allow Aspire to partner with Sacramento State University supporting our college bound mission. Our scholars are the next generation of our City's leaders. It's time to invest in them and Capitol Heights Academy.

Lastly, the new location will be important in providing a safe location that allows for a stream-lined pick-up and drop off process due to being located in a cul-de-sac. In our location currently, we have had multiple incidents that put our community in unsafe situations due to the lack of space. We want to ensure our scholars feel safe at our school.

We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

Harpreet Chohan

Harpreet Chohan, Assistant Principal
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
Cell: 916-206-1812

From: Genesis Hernandez Gutierrez <Genesis.Hernandez@aspirepublicschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:04 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert; Chris Orr; Marco Salazar
Subject: In Support of Agenda #9.2

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Dear SCUSD Board Members,

The reason for this email is in support of relocating Aspire Capital Heights Academy (CHA). My name is Genesis Hernandez Gutierrez, I am a Sacramento native and I am a proud After School Educator at CHA.

Aspire serves over 80% Black and Latinx students. As a member of this community that was born and raised in Oak Park, I have witnessed first-hand the need for resources in my community to support Black and Latinx students. At Aspire we provide our students with the resources necessary to be successful not only in school but also in life.

Aspire has always keep students' best interest at heart and this move is a perfect example. Moving locations will allow us to help more families give their scholars the opportunity to receive an equitable education. At Aspire we give each child the necessary tools and resources to be successful and to know college is for certain. Moving to a new location will allow us to have more classrooms which will mean smaller class sizes. This allows for the opportunity for one on one instruction which many students might need. The new location is ideal for Aspire's partnership with Sacramento State University to help foster a college-bound environment for our students at a young age. The new location is located in a cul-de-sac, creating a safe location for the school that allows for a streamlined pick-up and drop-off process.

I ask that you approve Aspire's request to move to a new location so we can continue serving the Sacramento community.

Genesis Hernandez G.
After School Educator - SOAR
Capital Heights Academy
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento CA 95817

July 15, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Trustees
5735 47th Avenue Sacramento,
CA 95824

“Letters in Support to Add an Item on the Agenda”

Hello SUSD Board Members,

I have been an Aspire employee for just over a year. My name is Imose Ogbeiwi but my students prefer to call me Ms. Mo.

Although my time at Aspire has been relatively short, my experience has been extremely beneficial to my professional and personal growth. Thanks to Aspire, I was able to expand and gain meaningful experience in and outside of the classroom.

Throughout my role as Afterschool educator, I have been able to connect with students of all ages here at CHA, and increase my communication skills with scholars and their parents. I admire how Aspire puts student’s needs first while remaining sensitive to the needs of educators as well.

I am grateful for Aspire and the staff at CHA. I became employed through Aspire just a few weeks after moving to the Central Valley region. When I was seeking more experience and additional hours, Aspire allowed me to utilize my subbing permit and provided me with substitute teaching opportunities that helped me professionally and also financially. I will remain forever grateful for these types of priceless experiences.

I am in support for the charter revision for CHA. The new location, which is near Sacramento State University, is ideal. It gives students greater opportunities to visit the campus, and reaffirms our College for Certain motto. I believe that these new adjustments will further promote success for our students, opportunities for educators and increase opportunities to serve the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

Imose Ogbeiwi
After School Educator
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

Dear Sac City UCD Board Members,

My name is Charly and I am an educator at Aspire Capitol Heights Academy. I would like to voice my full support of moving and expanding our school. This move will allow us to continue to serve the students from our current community as well as reach even more families from the surrounding areas. Please approve the request to move and expand our school.

Sincerely,

Charly McKenzie

Aspire Teacher, 2nd Grade

SEL Point Person

Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

2520 33rd St

Sacramento, CA 95817

From: Madison Hiebert <Madison.Hiebert@aspirepublicschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:06 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Harpreet Chohan; Chris Orr; Christian Ramirez Fuentes; Marco Salazar
Subject: In Support of Agenda Item #9.2

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From: Kathryn Henry <kittkat_09@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:55 PM
To: John Duncan <John.Duncan@aspirepublicschools.org>; Madison Hiebert <Madison.Hiebert@aspirepublicschools.org>
Subject: RE: Aspire School Support

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter in support of Aspire. My name is Kathryn Henry and my granddaughter is now entering first grade at CHA. She started her CHA experience in Kindergarten. I was looking for a school located in my area and located Aspire Capitol Heights Academy. I researched the school's vision and school model. I loved the information presented. So, I enrolled my granddaughter into the Academy. Aspire has provided my granddaughter with opportunities, experiences she would not have been afforded at another school in my area. The support of the front office staff and teachers is phenomenal. I am always kept in the loop, whether for homework or activities being presented at the school. She also is enrolled in the after-school program called SOAR. The staff who are a part of this program are also exceptional. They provide guidance, they assist with homework, they are involved with the children and parents. Due to their involvement with my granddaughter, I was able to focus on my job duties without reservation.

I also love how Aspire promoted smaller class sizes, which afforded the teacher more one-on-one instruction for each student. This allowed the opportunity for the teacher to really get to know the students. Due to the smaller class size, her teacher was able to ascertain which students required more assistance and those who were able to progress more independently. The teacher can attest to each student's strengths and weaknesses and teach accordingly.

College bound is just not a motto, this concept at Aspire is instilled from the beginning. Each teacher displays their Alma-Mater proudly above their classroom door. Our children are challenged daily and provided the tools for success. They have a saying at CHA "We Choose Greatness"! I love hearing my granddaughter repeat this phrase with enthusiasm. Aspire teaches and builds determination of success in our children.

I, as a grandparent/parent am fortunate to have found Aspire and my granddaughter is fortunate to attend. Thank you for allowing me to speak through writing in support of Aspire.

From: Lauren Loomis <Lauren.Loomis@aspirepublicschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:21 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert; Marco Salazar
Subject: In Support of Agenda Item #9.2

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Dear Sacramento Unified School Board Members,

I am writing in support of Aspire Capitol Heights Academy request to move to a new school site. Since the 2012-2013 school year, I have had the privilege to engage with what I consider a very special student body and dedicated team of educators at Capitol Heights Academy as their School Counselor. As I am sure you are aware, the student body at Capitol Heights Academy is nearly 100% comprised of students and families of color, a majority of whom identify as African-American and Latinx. Making the move to the proposed new school site will be a huge step forward in closing the opportunity gap that our students face each day within the education system. A new facility will provide our students with the ideal environment to learn, while giving our students extra resources they have not been able to access. Additionally, it will allow Aspire Public Schools to provide us with more resources that our current school site does not have the capacity to support. It is crucial for our school's success to move to this new location, so that we may continue with forward momentum towards academic excellence for our students. Right now, more than ever, I am convinced that we have to perfect combination of administrators, teachers, support staff and students to create future leaders of society.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I anxiously await your decision.

Sincerely,

Lauren Loomis

School Counselor (PPSC/LMFT)

Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

2520 33rd Street Sacramento, CA 95817

~ACHA Greatness Goals~

****Creating a culture of trust and a beloved community amongst Staff, Faculty & Families***

****Equitable, productive, and engaging environments that enlist families as partners***

****Rigorous CCSS aligned Math, ELA, and NGSS Science instruction***

From: Christian Ramirez Fuentes <Christian.RamirezFuentes@aspirepublicschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:53 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Marco Salazar; Harpreet Chohan; Chris Orr; Madison Hiebert; Anthony Solina; Melissa Brookens
Subject: Aspire Capitol Heights Academy - Agenda 7.16.2020

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My name is Christian Ramirez-Fuentes and I am the Business Manager at Capitol Heights Academy. I am writing in support of the expansion of our school. I have been working with Aspire Public Schools for the past 7 years and am a firm believer in the organization.

I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact not just Aspire as a whole organization, but also Capitol Heights Academy, has had on the community we serve so passionately. The importance of Aspire's mission and vision is well embedded in Capitol Heights Academy own focus which I am confident will be great investment for the Sacramento community. As an organization whose main demographics are Latinx and African American students we are working tirelessly to shape and guide the minds of our future leaders. We serve those who are often misrepresented, and left to fend for themselves with limited opportunities. However, we cannot serve our community to the best of our ability in our current facility. We have outgrown this space and we need a new location to continue to serve our families the way we have for so many years.

For this and many other reasons, a new site is necessary, but also, our staff, parents and students deserve it. We deserve to have a beautiful building that our parents, students and staff will enjoy coming into each day. We deserve to have a place that will be loved, respected and cared for by all. Please help us all to get what we deserve.

Thank you for your time.

From: Candina Tinney <candinat13@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:59 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: marcos.salazar@aspirepublicschools.org; christian.ramirez@aspirepublicschools.org;
harpreet.chohan@aspirepublicschools.org; john.duncan@aspirepublicschools.org;
chris.orr@aspirepublicschools.org
Subject: In support of agenda item

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To whom it may concern,

I am a parent who has 3 daughters who has and still is attending Aspire Capital Heights Academy. My oldest started Kindergarten in 2008 and just graduated from High School and will be attending UC Davis this Fall. Her younger siblings is following in her footsteps thanks to the Aspire School pushing College for Certain in their Mind. When I first attend the orientation, I was amazed how in Kindergarten college is installed in their Mind. I Loved how All the classrooms are name after a College and not a room number. I enjoy the field trip when they attend college campus.

It's a Big deal to have a school that care for students long journey not just in the moment. Aspire push there students to Aim High in Life and don't just stop with a High School diploma.

Sincerely
Candina Jamison

9.2

To whom it may Concern:

My name is Marina Diosdado-Corral and I am a teacher at Capitol Heights Academy. I am writing in support of the expansion of our school. I have been working with Aspire Public Schools for the past 5 years and am a firm believer in the organization.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside many great people. Encountered endless of families, some the connection was so deep they became like my own family. Capitol Heights Academy has not just helped me grown in my career path, but working here has taught me many valuable life lessons. Since my time here I noticed our campus has had to go through some changes in order to accommodate the needs of the community we serve. Through these changes however, we realized we have simply outgrown this space.

A new location will bring not just new opportunities for new families, but also it will help Capitol Heights Academy continue to serve the Sacramento community we are devoted to, wholeheartedly. Poor school conditions can have an impact on school performance and therefore can impact their learning as well. We want to provide the best education we can for our students, but also, we want and deserve a building that is not falling apart. Teachers cannot give proper instructions when they can be worried about their class's and their own wellbeing due to the conditions of their place of work.

We deserve to have a beautiful building that our parents, students and staff will enjoy coming into each day. We deserve to have a place that will be loved, respected and cared for by all. Please help us all to get what we deserve.

Sincerely,

Marina Diosdado Corral

Agenda Item:

9.2 Approve Aspire Capitol Heights Academy (CHA) Materials Revision

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

July 16, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Brian Holloway
Comment:	<p>Aspire's Capitol Heights Academy is losing its lease and must move by June of next year. They have a new location approved by the City of Sacramento, still in the SCUSD District. In order to not force the parents of this primarily minority-student and at-risk school to find new charter schools during this pandemic, we need your Board to approve their relocation request. The parents have already chosen charter schools for their children, allowing the school to continue in the new location has no true future financial impact to SCUSD. Please approve their relocation request.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Steve Carissimi
Comment:	Aspire instills in its students the value of giving back by encouraging them to return home after college to make an impact in one's community. We need community advocates that are successful to and through college, so that they can contribute to future generations in Sacramento

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	David Burge
Comment:	I encourage your support and approval of the Aspire Capitol Heights Academy Materials Revision.

Speaking as: Community Member

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9.2 Approve Aspire Capitol Heights Academy (CHA) Materials Revision

Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Education Meeting

July 16, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Tom Ford
Comment:	Please support the revision to Aspire's charter

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 7/16/2020 10:14:01 AM

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

July 16, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Jaime Vaca
Comment:	Approve 9.2

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 7/16/2020 10:15:05 AM

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Steve Hartzell
Comment:	We need this school

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 7/16/2020 10:16:21 AM

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Name:	Brian Nicosia
Comment:	I am standing to approve the expansion of the Aspire Charter School

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 7/16/2020 10:31:52 AM

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

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Name:	Susan Durham
Comment:	Pushing for more students to be able to attend

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Chad Fenelon
Comment:	I support this project 100%

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Sabino Torres
Comment:	This is great!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Philip Fanter
Comment:	This is a great project that will aid heavily in cultivating our youth! This has my full support.

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 7/16/2020 10:45:59 AM

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Name:	thomas sperbeck
Comment:	<p>This school would be a huge help for the community. Below are some facts about CHA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both African American and Latinx students were at or above 50% above or near standard in nearly all SBAC claims and those mirrored the school averages overall (no discrepancy by significant subgroup).• CHA has the highest % proficient in math for African American students with over 50% Free Lunch in the Oak Park area (1.5 mile radius)• SBAC results for AA students was above the state proficiency average for both ELA and Math and above the SCUSD average in both ELA and Math for the same demographic (SCUSD: 12% Math, 22% ELA; CHA: 15% Math, 23% ELA)

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Luis Zavala
Comment:	This project is great for the community as education is a big part of someone's life.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Jonathan Collins
Comment:	I urge you to support the passage of Aspire's material revision. The project has the unanimous support of the city Council. Given its unique location and proximity to Sacramento State the project is a great improvement over the existing facility.

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 7/16/2020 11:26:59 AM

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Name:	Kevin Lynch
Comment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The facility we lease from the Catholic Diocese on 2520 33rd St from the Immaculate Conception Parrish it too small for a sustainable Aspire elementary school model. The current site only accommodates 320 students. The new site will be able to accommodate our required student enrollment number of 600. It will not be possible to continue at this location given the facilities condition (lead in soils, seismic) and the new requirement by the Catholic Diocese that our curriculum must align with Catholic doctrine. Our lease expires on June 30, 2021. 2. Aspire is a K-12 program. Capitol Heights has historically served as a feeder school to other independent charters since it was our first school in Sacramento. Few of the Capitol Heights 5th graders matriculate to our Sacramento secondary school, Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy (ATSA) on El Camino Blvd. 3. ATSA is authorized by San Juan School District and we anticipate a significant number of new CHA students at the new location will be from that district as opposed to Sacramento Unified minimizing District attrition. 4. Oak Park has been experiencing declining enrollment and some gentrification in the neighborhood leading to enrollment pressures. The student population of the proposed new site is growing in total student population including Black and Brown students and we are committed to providing high quality facilities to our scholars and families. 5. Aspire seeks the Material Revision now to proceed with the purchase of the property at 7300 which has been left underutilized for some time. Permits and financing

hinge on our ability to have the Material Revision authorized now to keep the project moving forward. We have had to extend our purchase agreement on the new property several times given our board meeting has been pushed back several times and we are under our last extension offered by the property owner.

6. Our CHA families are 90% families of color (66% Black and 24% Latinx) and 87% free and reduced lunch eligible. They have chosen Aspire Capital Heights Academy because of how we serve and support underserved students, it is who we are, it is our mission.

Summary of CHA Data:

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Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Shira Lane
Comment:	Approve - I am the executive director of the nonprofit - the Atrium - a Creative Innovation Center for Sustainability currently residing in 7300 Folsom Blvd building. We are excited to move to our new location and make way for a school that addresses the educational needs for disenfranchised communities. This school move is supported by the Power Inn Alliance PBID and would seem to be a good fit for the building and area. We look forward to the positive changes it could generate in this area.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Education Meeting

July 16, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Kevin Lynch
Comment:	<p>Dear Trustees of the Sacramento City Unified School District,</p> <p>It has been a pleasure connecting with all of you regarding the Material Revision for Aspire Capitol Heights Academy (CHA) that will be before you on July 16. I know times are very hectic for us all and that with COVID and budget season you are inundated with items on your agendas. However this material revision is critical to the continued operation of Capital Heights Academy and we look forward to continuing our 17 years partnership with the District.</p> <p>As a reminder, we submitted our material revision paperwork to the SCUSD staff on February 18th and had been working closely with Jesse Ramos to get our item on the board agenda. We were first targeting May 21st, then June 4th, June 18th and June 25th. Jesse Ramos sent us an email indicating these delays have impacted our project timeline and we have incurred over \$500,000 of expenses towards the new site which was approved unanimously by the planning commission.</p> <p>Why are we proposing these changes now?:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The facility we lease from the Catholic Diocese on 2520 33rd St from the Immaculate Conception Parrish it too small for a sustainable Aspire elementary school model. The current site only accommodates 320 students. The new site will be able to accommodate our required student enrollment number of 600. It will not be possible to continue at this location given the facilities condition (lead in soils, seismic) and the new requirement by the Catholic Diocese that our curriculum must align with Catholic doctrine. Our lease expires on June 30, 2021.

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Attendance and Suspension Rates for African American Students (Ed Source):

Aspire SCUSD

Suspension Rate 6.1% 13.5%

Suspension for Defiance 0% 2.4%

Expulsion 0% .1%

Chronic Absenteeism 18.6% 28.3%

Lastly, I have attached two pieces of correspondence that our legal counsel provided to the District's legal counsel over the past week. First and foremost the use of AB1505 and financial impact is not allowable in the timeline in which we submitted our petition. Given that this is the only reason cited for rejection of the material revision we strongly believe you must approve this material revision regardless of any projected financial impact. Please note the impact represented by the staff report does not include any scale on the expense side in response to assuming District attrition. As our schools operate on a dollar in and dollar out financial model, and we know that most District schools also operate similarly, we believe the net financial effect portrayed is very small once the expense side is scaled appropriately.

We are hopeful that in addition to the points raised herein, your named commitment to antiracist structures and institutions will serve to support your approval of this material revision.

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Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

July 16, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Jason Miller
Comment:	<p>Good Evening Superintendent Aguilar, President Ryan, and members of the Board of Education. My name is Jason Miller, I am an attorney from the law offices of Young, Minney, and Corr. I write tonight in strong support of the material revision for the Aspire Capitol Heights Academy.</p> <p>We agree with the large majority of the Staff Report. The ACHA material revision presents a strong education program led by a strong and cooperative team that will be able to continue to successfully implement the program. The charter includes all required affirmations and declarations, and a reasonably comprehensive description of all required elements.</p> <p>We do disagree with the staff report on one matter. As the petition process began on February 18 with the receipt of the charter, the law as of that date must control. The fact that the charter review has been delayed several months, apparently due to the COVID-19 pandemic, does not change the fact that the process began on February 18.</p> <p>A useful parallel would be, when Governor Newsom ordered all inside dining in Sacramento to cease, restaurant owners did not immediately close and kick out diners who were already inside in the process of eating.</p> <p>Here, the process began on February 18, we cannot change laws in the middle of the process.</p> <p>Hence, the Board is not allowed to consider the fiscal impact of the expansion on the District in its decision. The decision must be made on the merits of the charter alone.</p> <p>I will be online to answer any questions.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Charter School Attorney

Date/time Stamp: 7/16/2020 11:47:14 AM

June 16, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Trustees
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Board of Trustees:

I write in support of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

As an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students the charter revision request represents a reaffirmation of Aspire's commitment to Sacramento's underserved students and a deepening of their investment into our community.

I support the charter revision for a number of reasons:

- Sacramento needs an educated workforce with strong ties to our community. The exceptional academic performance of Capitol Heights Academy will help develop the next generation of our City's leaders.
- Aspire instills in its students the value of giving back by encouraging them to return home after college to make an impact in one's community. We need community advocates that are successful to and through college, so that they can contribute to future generations in Sacramento.
- The new location is ideal for Aspire's partnership with Sacramento State University and will help foster a college-bound environment at a young age. This is a critical component of Aspire's College for Certain ethos.
- The new location is located in a cul-de-sac, creating a safe location for the school that allows for a streamlined pick-up and drop-off process

We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,



Cornelious Burke
Resident, City of Sacramento

June 25, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Trustees
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Board Trustees,

The ACHA Expanded Learning Program is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

Capitol Heights Academy is located in a community that needs your support. There has long lived an academic achievement gap in our community due to a lack of resources. This lack of resources translates to a lack of support for our scholars which impedes their growth. Children are our future and it is only right that every child receives equity. Our curriculum is constantly being changed to reflect this equity but when it comes to equity in support from our leadership I do not see this reflected. We need your support with the charter revision request to create equity for our Scholars.

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- The new location will allow scholars to continue to interact with staff they trust.
- The new location will allow ACHA to serve scholars up until 8th grade. This will allow parents to continue to send their scholars to a school they know and trust.

We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

John Duncan
After School Director
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

6/25/2020

Dear Board Trustees,

Alonzo G. Morris, Pastor of Paradise Missionary Baptist Church is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Sincerely,

Alonzo G. Morris

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Pastor
Paradise Missionary Baptist Church, Sacramento Ca

Dear Board Trustees,

Gwendolyn Hayes is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Hayes
Community Member

Dear Board Trustees,

Johnny Ware Jr. is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Sincerely,

Johnny Ware Jr.
Community Member

Dear Board Trustees,

Richard Hayes is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Sincerely,

Richard Hayes
Community Member

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Dear Board Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Tisa Hawkins
Community Member



The Observer MEDIA GROUP

Providing African Americans With Total Information Services

June 23, 2020

Dear Board Trustees,

The Sacramento Observer Newspaper is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Sincerely,

Larry Lee
President, Publisher
The Sacramento Observer



Dear Board Trustees,

The Educational Opportunity Program at Sac State is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Sincerely,

Josiah Damaris Greer

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Enrollment Management Coordinator

California State University, Sacramento
6000 J Street LSN-2205, Sacramento, CA 95819



July 1, 2020

Dear Board Trustees,

SMUD is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

Our purpose at SMUD, as a community owned utility company, is to enhance the quality of life for our customers and community through energy solutions. In addition, one of our key missions is to be the trusted partner with our customers and community. We believe Aspire aligns well with SMUD's Sustainable Communities program which helps bring environmental equity and economic vitality to all communities in our service area, with special attention given to historically underserved neighborhoods.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Howard", is written over a yellow highlight.

Nicole Howard
Chief Customer Officer
SMUD



June 24, 2020

Dear SCUSD Board Trustees,

The Oak Park Neighborhood Association is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Sincerely,

Representative

Board Member

Oak Park Neighborhood Association

June 25, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Trustees
5735 47th Avenue
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Dear Board Trustees,

I, Victor Gutierrez Cuellar, am strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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Victor G. Gutierrez Cuellar

July 16, 2020

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We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

Tamarah Clark
After School Educator
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

From: Lynette Hayden <Lynette.Hayden@aspirepublicschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:55 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert; Marco Salazar
Subject: In Support of Agenda Item #9.2

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July 16, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Trustees
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

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I, as an employee of Aspire Charter Schools, am strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

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I support the charter revision for a number of reasons:

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Lynette Hayden, LMFT, LPCC

Special Education Mental Health Counselor
Aspire Public Schools, Sacramento Region



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Forward Together

July 15, 2020

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MarketOne Builders, Inc.

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Thomas P. Ford
Partner / Director of Operations

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Brian Nicosia, Foothill Fire Protection



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Chad Fenelon

Cemco Construction, Inc.