



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.1

Meeting Date: January 14, 2021

Subject: Public Hearing: California Montessori Project

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Office of Innovative Schools

Recommendation: Not applicable

Background/Rationale: On December 11, 2020, the California Montessori Project - Capitol Campus submitted a petition to renew its charter. It is requesting to renew the term of its charter, which expires on June 30, 2021. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the support for the petition from the district's teachers, other employees, and parents.

Financial Considerations: The petitioners include budget details in their petition to renew the charter. District staff will review the petition and publish recommendations and findings.

LCAP Goal(s): GOAL4-OperationalExcellence: SCUSD will be a service-focused organization, committed to serving students, families, staff and community efficiently and effectively. The actions outlined in Goal4 include continued implementation of a robust data collection and reporting process so that impact on student achievement and district operations may be measured, and further development of standards and protocols for customer service districtwide.

Documents Attached:

1. Board of Education Executive Summary, Petition to renew the charter of the California Montessori Project – Capitol Campus
2. Public Hearing Notice

Estimated Time of Presentation: 15 minutes
Submitted by: Vincent Harris, Chief Continuous Improvement and
Accountability Officer and Jesse Ramos, Director
Innovative Schools
Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

The purpose of this agenda item to hold the required public hearing for the charter renewal process.

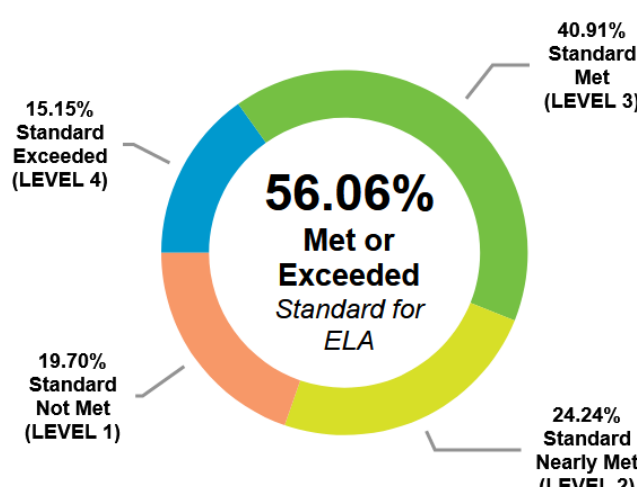
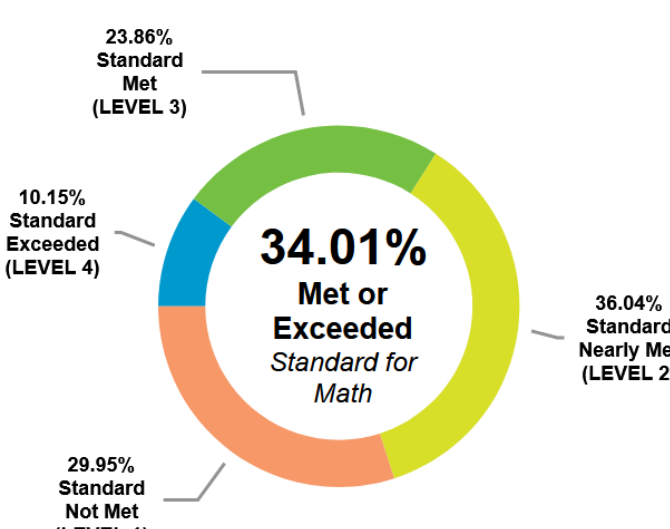
On July 1, 2006, the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) approved the initial charter petition of the California Montessori Project - Capitol Campus (CMP). The term of its current petition started on July 1, 2016, and expires on June 30, 2021.

CMP submitted a petition to renew its charter to SCUSD on Friday, December 11, 2020. CMP is requesting a renewal of its charter to continue to operate its independent charter school for students from kindergarten to eighth grade. The CMP academic program offers a tuition-free Montessori Education.

CMP Data Summary

Year Established:	August 16, 2006																																																																						
Location:	2635 Chestnut Hill Drive, Sacramento CA 95826-2912																																																																						
Grade Levels Served:	K-8																																																																						
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II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

The charter petition process is guided by Education Code 47605. The education code requires that no later than 60 days after receiving a petition, the school district's governing Board shall hold a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the support for the petition from the district's teachers, other employees, and parents. Though it is not in the statute, the public hearing is also used as an opportunity for the charter school to present directly to the Board as to why its petition should be renewed. As such CMP staff will be providing an update on the charter school and any relevant information regarding its performance.

Unless both parties agree to an extension of 30 days, within 90 days of receipt of the petition, the school district's governing Board shall either grant or deny the charter. The school district's governing Board shall publish all staff recommendations and findings regarding the petition at least 15 days before the public hearing when the school district's governing Board will grant or deny the charter. At this public hearing, when the school district's governing Board shall either grant or deny the charter, the petitioners shall have equivalent time to present evidence and testimony to respond to the recommendations and findings.

III. BUDGET

The petitioners for CMP should include budget details in their petition. District staff will review the charter school's financials and publish their recommendations and findings at least 15 days before the public hearing when the Board will grant or deny the charter's renewal.

IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND MEASURES

The Education Code states that the objective of the public hearing is to consider the support for the petition from the district's teachers, other employees, and parents. Though it is not in the statute, the public hearing is also used as an opportunity for the charter school to present directly to the Board as to why its petition should be renewed. As such CMP staff will be providing an update on the charter school and any relevant information regarding its performance.

V. MAJOR INITIATIVES

Not Applicable

VI. RESULTS

Not Applicable

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VII. LESSONS LEARNED / NEXT STEPS

District staff will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the petition to renew the charter.

In compliance with the Education Code, essential dates to process the petition are as follows:

- **February 17, 2021** - The staff will publish its report on the petition with recommendations and findings. This date is 15 days before the Board considers the petition's approval at its Board meeting on March 4.
- **March 4, 2021** - At this scheduled meeting, the Board will have a Public Hearing to consider the petition's approval. The date of this meeting is 90 days from the date the petition was received.

Sacramento City Unified School District
California Montessori Project – Capitol Campus

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sacramento City Unified School District hereby gives notice that a Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Topic of Hearing:

Public Hearing on the renewal of the Charter for California
Montessori Project – Capitol Campus

Copies of this program may be inspected at:

Serna Educational Center

5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

The Sacramento City Unified School District Governing Board will hold a public hearing in accordance with Education Code section 47605 (b) to consider the level of support for the petition to renew the charter of the California Montessori Project – Capitol Campus by teachers employed by the school district, other employees of the school district, and parents. The district received the renewal petition on December 11, 2020.

HEARING DATE: Thursday, January 14, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Serna Educational Center
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: Jesse Ramos at jesse-ramos@scusd.edu or (916) 257-9644.