



# 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Mid-Year Review for Dependent Charter Schools

Board Meeting  
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# Local Control holds LEAs accountable to reflect their beliefs in their budget and planning.

## CORE BELIEF

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

## SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

# Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

## TRANSPARENCY, ACCESSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY

Spring 2021  
New LCAP  
Developed/  
Approved

The LCAP process **engages community** stakeholders in making decisions about use of public funds to serve **student needs**. Regular reporting holds schools **accountable** to those plans.

Spring 2024  
New LCAP  
Developed/  
Approved

Spring 2022  
LCAP  
Progress  
Monitored  
(Outcomes  
and Budget  
Usage)

Spring 2023  
LCAP  
Progress  
Monitored  
(Outcomes  
and Budget  
Usage)

**Feb. 2024**  
LCAP Progress  
Monitored  
(Outcomes and  
Budget Usage)  
**Last Time for this  
LCAP**

# Understanding “Locally-Funded” Dependent Schools

State, Federal, Local and Granting Agencies Allocate Funds to each LEA  
Most are “per ADA” some are block amounts

Direct  
Funded  
Charters

★  
Locally  
Funded  
Charters  
★

Traditional  
District  
Schools

Allocations Go Directly to School;  
**Charter Board Governs Spending and Accountability**

Allocation for BOTH District & Locally Funded Charters Goes to the District

The school and **local steering committee** create accountability plans and make spending decisions for the school based on annual allocation and total fund balance.

District makes decisions about central costs and per school allocations. **District board** approves budget and accountability plans.

Schools pay District via invoice for oversight (1%) and other fees

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District places all funds allocated to the school in an account and pays the schools costs out of that account; **District board** approves budgets and accountability plans

Schools are allocated FTEs, categorical funds, and other discretionary spending amounts based on policy. **Site Councils** provide guidance on some spending.

# All 5 Dependent Charters have completed their mid-year LCAP review and shared those updates with their local steering committees



- Tonight's Board Packet includes each school's LCAP mid-year report and agendas from their steering committee meetings where the report was shared.



- California Department of Education requires that LEAs develop this mid-year report and share it with their governing bodies as an information item by February 28



- The SCUSD board is responsible for approving the LCAPs of each dependent charter school by June 30th each year.
  - Those items will come to the board after being recommended for approval by their local steering committees



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Thank you.  
Questions



# Understanding “Locally Funded” or “Dependent” Schools

- **Charter Schools** are **authorized** by a district or county to operate with **some degree of independence** from the district
- **Authorizers** are tasked with overseeing that their charters are operating within the the law.
- **SCUSD authorizes** 5 “dependent” or “locally-funded” charter schools
  - **Dependent:** Have a closer relationship with authorizer but are still their own LEA
    - Bowling Green Chacon & McCoy, George Washington Carver, New Joseph Bonnheim, New Technology, the Met

