



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.1

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2015

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 2861: Renewal of the Charter for Capitol Collegiate Academy

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

**Division:** Office of Strategy and Innovation

**Recommendation:** To conference and take action to approve the renewal of the charter for Capitol Collegiate Academy.

**Background/Rationale:** Sacramento City Unified School District received Capitol Collegiate Academy's renewal petition on September 18, 2015 (Charter petition expiration date: June 30, 2016). The Governing Board held a public hearing in accordance with Education Code Section 47607 (b) to consider the level of support for the renewal of Capitol Collegiate Academy on October 15, 2015. District staff conducted a review of the renewal petition and revised renewal petition. The staff's findings and recommendation will be presented for Board Action on November 19, 2015.

**Financial Considerations:** The financial considerations are outlined within the Executive Summary.

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Engagement

**Documents Attached:**

1. Executive Summary
2. Resolution

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 5 minutes

**Submitted by:** Jack L. Kraemer, Charter Oversight, Coordinator

**Approved by:** Al Rogers, Ed. D., Chief Strategy Officer

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### I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

#### *Action Proposed:*

District Staff recommends approval of the renewal of the charter for Capitol Collegiate Academy (CCA) for five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2021, to serve 461 students in grades K-8 by the 2019-2020 school year.

#### *History:*

Capitol Collegiate Academy is a public, independent charter school located at 2118 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832. Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) granted CCA's charter petition for establishment on May 6, 2010 and approved the charter petition for a four-year term with an expiration date of June 30, 2015. Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) granted a one year extension of the initial term, increasing the initial term from four, to five years on March 5, 2015 to provide additional time for the Charter School to demonstrate an effective operation and program, and the District to evaluate CCA's operation and program. The charter petition expires on June 30, 2016. The Charter School is currently in its fifth year of operation and serves 269 students in grades K-4 in their slow growth model to increase one grade level each year until K-8 is provided in 2019-2020.

Sacramento City Unified School District received a charter renewal petition from CCA on September 18, 2015, with a mutually agreed upon 30 day extension of the renewal petition timeline requirements. A public hearing was held to consider the level of support for the renewal of the charter for CCA on October 15, 2015.

After reviewing the renewal petition, District Staff provided CCA with numerous areas that needed updates and/or clarification. In response to the District Staff findings and recommendations, CCA submitted a revised petition addressing District Staff's concerns.

### II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

As defined by Education Code Section §47607, a charter school shall meet one of the following criteria before receiving a charter renewal:

- 1) Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, or in the aggregate for the prior three years;
- 2) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years;

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- 3) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or
- 4) 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.

Due to the suspension of the majority of the California Standards Tests in 2013-14, CCA does not have a 2015 Growth API. Schools that do not have a current year API calculation will use either the more recent API score, an average of the three most recent API scores, or an alternate measure that shows an increase in academic achievement (Assembly Bill 484; See Education Code sections 52052(e)(2)(F) and 52052(e)(4)). Additionally, due to the CCA slow growth model, only 3rd grade students from the 2014-2015 K-3 student population were given the ELA and Math Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments. CCA had 52% and 54% of their 3rd grade students achieve at the proficient/advanced levels in ELA and Math respectively. When compared to 3rd grade students in the State, County, and SCUSD, CCA 3rd grade students and their related major subgroups attained higher levels of achievement in ELA and Math.

The Board of Education may deny a Renewal Petition if the charter school fails to meet the minimum standard for renewal, or if the Board of Education finds that:

- 1) The charter school presents an unsound educational program for students during the term of its renewal charter;
- 2) The charter school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the renewal petition;
- 3) The renewal petition does not contain the necessary affirmations; or
- 4) Where changes to the charter school's operations are proposed, the Renewal Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the 16 required elements set forth in the Charter Schools Act.

If the Board of Education denies the renewal, the Board must adopt written findings of facts based on any of the above mentioned finds. In addition, the District "shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor in determining whether to grant a charter renewal." Ed. Code § 47607(a)(3)(A).

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### *District Staff's Review:*

The District Staff reviewed the below listed elements in the CCA renewal petition.

### Elements:

- 1) Educational Program
- 2) Measurable Student Outcomes
- 3) Method by Which Pupil Progress is to be Measured
- 4) Governance Structure
- 5) Employee Qualifications
- 6) Health and Safety Procedures
- 7) Means to Achieve a Reflective Racial and Ethnic Balance
- 8) Admissions Requirements
- 9) Financial Audit
- 10) Suspension and Expulsion Procedures
- 11) Staff Retirement Systems
- 12) Attendance Alternative
- 13) Description of Employee Rights
- 14) Dispute Resolution Process
- 15) Labor Relations
- 16) Procedure for School Closure
- 17) Impact on District (i.e. facilities, District oversight, etc.)

Although the originally submitted renewal petition included the above information required, District Staff recommended revisions and additional information to improve the petition. The changes made to the CCA initial renewal petition are noted in Appendix V of the Charter School's revised renewal petition.

Based on the results of the District Staff's review process of the initial and revised renewal petitions, District Staff assessed that all sixteen elements and the Long-Term Plans are reasonably comprehensive individually and collectively. District Staff also assessed that CCA meets the statutory requirements for renewal.

### **III. BUDGET**

State income and various other income sources to the District are reduced when students living in District boundaries enroll at a charter school. Under Education Code section 47604(c), a school district that grants a charter to a charter school to be operated by, or as, a nonprofit public benefit corporation is not held liable for the charter school's debts or obligations as long

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as the school district complies with all oversight responsibilities. The District will continue to have monitoring and oversight responsibility for the charter school's finances, as specified in the Charter Schools Act.

Any modifications to the Charter School's petition or operations with significant financial implications would require District approval prior to implementation.

#### **IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND MEASURES**

Not Applicable.

#### **V. MAJOR INITIATIVES**

Not Applicable.

#### **VI. RESULTS**

Capitol Collegiate Academy's revised renewal petition meets the statutory requirements and recommendations of the District Staff. District Staff recommends that the renewal of the charter for Capitol Collegiate Academy be approved.

#### **VII. LESSONS LEARNED / NEXT STEPS**

##### *Next Steps:*

As a charter authorizer, the District will provide continued oversight by conducting annual visits and programmatic audits to review the charter school's records of past performance and future plans regarding academics, finances, and operations. Particularly in the following areas:

- Responsiveness to District requests for information;
- Cash-flow and budgeting; and
- Recruitment efforts for racial/ethnic balance.

The revised charter renewal petition is available online at:

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<http://capitolcollegiate.org/public-information>

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2861  
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PETITION TO RENEW THE CHARTER OF  
CAPITOL COLLEGIATE ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, petitioners for Capitol Collegiate Academy (“Petitioners”) submitted to Sacramento City Unified School District (“District”) a charter renewal petition (“Petition”), dated September 18, 2015, for Capitol Collegiate Academy; and

WHEREAS, following feedback from District staff, the Petition was revised and submitted (“Revised Petition”);

WHEREAS, the District’s Governing Board held a public hearing on October 15, 2015 and took board action on November 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has considered the level of public support for Capitol Collegiate Academy and has reviewed the Revised Petition and all information received with respect to the Revised Petition, including all supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Revised Petition, the Governing Board has been guided by the intent of the California Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, after analysis of the Revised Petition and the related supplemental materials, the Superintendent and District staff have recommended approval of the Revised Petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education hereby approves the Revised Petition to renew the Charter of Capitol Collegiate Academy for another term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the charter shall be for five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 19th day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTESTED TO:

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José L. Banda  
Secretary of the Board of Education

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Darrel Woo  
President of the Board of Education