

Determination Hearing for the Charter Renewal of Growth Public Schools

Board Meeting September 5, 2024 Agenda Item No. 10.1

Presented by:

Amanda Goldman, Ed.D. Director, Innovative Schools

SCUSD Authorizes Charter Schools in alignment with core beliefs and guiding principles

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

Process for Determination Hearing

- Presentation: Equal Time and Process for District and Charter
 - High Level Summary (Specifics available in renewal report)
- Public Comment (15 min)
- Board Questions and Discussion
- Board Action
 - Board has been provided with 3 possible resolutions. The Board will need to approve one of them at the end of this item.

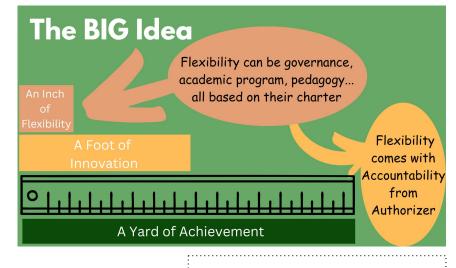


The Charter

(A promise or roadmap for serving students)



Students at the Center



Review Team =
Director of Innovative
Schools with support
from CCAP consultants

Data and Oversight Records

(Track record of how charter has kept their "promises" over past term)



Reflection and Continuous Improvement Efforts

(Acknowledging that we are not perfect, that we are always improving)



3 Tiers for Renewal

Tier is determined based on the previous 2 years of published CA Dashboard Data



High Tier

Blue or Green
on all
schoolwide
indicators
OR
Schoolwide
indicators are
the same /
higher than
State and
subgroups
are higher
than State

Middle Tier

All other schools falls in the middle tier

Low Tier

Red or Orange on all

schoolwide
indicators
OR
Schoolwide
indicators are
the same or
lower than
State and
subgroups
are lower
than State

Potential Denial Findings by Tier

High

Middle

Low

- Shall not deny for academic reasons
- Can only deny with a finding that school is either
 - (A) unable to implement program due to fiscal/governance concerns OR
 - (B) is not serving all students who wish to attend.
 - Can deny for the reasons in High OR can deny if:
 - (A) school has failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward meeting standards that provide a benefit to the students AND
 - (B) Closure is in the best interest of students AND
 - (C) Decision provided greater weight to academic performance
- Presumptive denial, but may renew for 2 years if
 - (A) the charter school is taking meaningful steps to address the underlying cause of low performance (with a written plan) AND
 - (B) Verified data shows 1 year progress for students OR strong postsecondary outcomes







Growth Public Schools has been placed in the Middle Tier by the California Department of Education

SCUSD Renewal Report for SCHOOL NAME

Published DATE

Middle Performance Level

School has submitted verified data suggesting student made at least 1 year of academic growth

School has submitted a comprehensive petition with a necessary affirmations

School's petition describes sound educational program School does not appear unlikely

to implement their described program

School appears to be serving all students who wish to attend

Did the charter petition meet all primary requirements for renewal?		YES
1	Does this charter present an <u>unsound</u> educational program?*	NO
2	Are the petitioners demonstrably likely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition?	YES
3	Does the petition contain the necessary affirmations of the Charter Schools Act?	YES
4	Does the petition contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the 15 elements described below?	YES
5	Does the petition contain a declaration of whether the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the charter school employees?	YES
	there any findings that would potentially trigger a notice to cure an alleged on under either of the following?	NO
6	Is the charter school demonstrably <u>unlikely</u> to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors?	NO
7	Does the charter school serve the pupils who wish to attend, as documented by E.C. 47607(d)?*	YES

^{*}Note: Some questions are worded in the affirmative and some are not. Please review the wording carefully.



Based on **Growth Public Schools'** status in the **MIDDLE** renewal level, a comprehensive review of the charter petition, and a review of their most recent charter term, the review team has determined that **Growth Public Schools met** requirements on all required criteria. Growth Public Schools is eligible for a 5-year renewal If approved, the term of the charter would be July 1, 2025 -June 30, 2030.

Next Steps / Suggestions

Should the board vote to renew, district staff suggest the following:

→ Charter School will enter into an operational MOU with SCUSD to be signed no later than May 1, 2025

Areas to Focus on in Oversight:

- → Continuous improvement in both academics and chronic absenteeism
- → Meeting enrollment targets

Remainder of the Time is Allocated to the Charter School

Public Comment and Board Discussion to Follow.