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To Board of Education

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Meeting Date March 4, 2026

Subject Decision Public Hearing – Downtown Charter Academy Charter Petition and Request for Material Revision – Grades 6-8, Change of Enrollment Preference and Enrollment Increase, Effective July 1, 2026

Ask of the Board Vote

Background Downtown Charter Academy (“DCA”), which is managed by Amethod Public Schools (“AMPS”), submitted a material revision request on December 9, 2025. The Charter School indicated that the proposed material revision provides an enrollment pathway for students displaced by the anticipated voluntary closure of Oakland Charter Academy (“OCA”), also managed by AMPS, at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Under the Material Revision, DCA proposes to update its enrollment priorities to establish a one-year enrollment preference for current 6th and 7th grade students displaced by the closure of OCA. The temporary preference would apply only for the 2026-27 school year. DCA’s material revision request also includes an increase in projected enrollment from 330 in 2025-26 to 448 in 2026-27, in order to accommodate the students displaced by the anticipated OCA voluntary closure.

Discussion Staff evaluate charter school material revision petitions with the following criteria pursuant to Education Code §47605(c):

- I. Has the Charter School Presented a Sound Educational Program?
- II. Is the Charter School Demonstrably Likely to Successfully Implement the Proposed Educational Program?
- III. Is the Petition Reasonably Comprehensive?

OCS recommends that the OUSD Board vote to **approve** the material revision petition.

Fiscal Impact No direct fiscal impact.

Attachment(s)

- DCA Material Revision Petition – Red Line
- DCA Material Revision Petition – Clean
- DCA Material Revision Attachments Packet
- DCA Charter School Decision Public Hearing Presentation
- DCA Material Revision Staff Report