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To Board of Education

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Subject Summary of AB 1505 Changes to Charter School Renewal Process

Ask of the Board Discuss changes to charter renewal process under AB 1505

Background AB 1505 was passed by the California State legislature in October, 2019, and included a number of updates to charter law, most of which went into effect on July 1, 2020. While there have been no changes to state law governing charter renewals since the last cycle of renewals in the fall of 2020, this presentation provides an outline of the major changes AB 1505 made to the charter renewal process in 2020, including the following areas:

- Renewal tiers
- Petition review timeline and process
- Petition review criteria
- Verified data
- Appeal process

The presentation also discusses proposed next steps in preparing for renewal submissions in the fall of 2023/spring of 2024.

Discussion Due to the 2021 Education Budget Trailer Bill (AB 130), charter schools with terms expiring in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years had their terms extended by two years and thus there were no renewal submissions for these two years. There are nine OUSD-authorized charter schools with terms that expire in June 2024 that are expected to submit renewal petitions in the fall of 2023/spring 2024.

There have been no changes to state law since the previous round of renewals in fall of 2020. However, the renewal cycle in the fall of 2023/spring of 2024 will be the first renewal cycle since the lapse in state testing data due to Covid.

OCS staff is currently working on updating the Renewal Handbook for the 2023-24 school year for schools submitting fall of 2023/spring of 2024.

Fiscal Impact None

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