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To Board of Education

From Dr. Denise Saddler, Interim Superintendent
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Meeting Date January 28, 2026

Subject Charter Renewal Decision Hearing – **Bay Area Technology School**

Ask of the Board Vote

Background On January 10, 2018, the OUSD Board of Education voted to approve a five-year term for Bay Area Technology School (“BayTech”). Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Education Code Section 47607.4 extended this term an additional three years, resulting in a charter term which currently expires on June 30, 2026.

On November 12, 2025, BayTech submitted its renewal petition to OUSD. On December 10, 2025, the OUSD Board of Education held an Initial Public Hearing, where BayTech staff had the opportunity to present to the Board. In accordance with California Education Code, the OUSD Office of Charter Schools prepared a Staff Report which was posted publicly by January 13, 2026.

BayTech was placed in the Low tier by the California Department of Education and is consequently eligible for a 2-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

Discussion The Charter Schools Act of 1992 established the criteria by which charter renewal applications must be evaluated. A charter school must meet the requirements set forth in Education Code (Ed Code) Sections 47605, 47607, and 47607.2.

For charter schools placed in the Low renewal tier, California Education Code states that the chartering authority may only renew upon making the following written findings:

1. The charter school is taking meaningful steps to address the underlying cause(s) of low performance, which are or will be written in a plan adopted by the governing body of the charter school; and

Based on the analysis in the attached Staff Report, the OUSD Office of Charter Schools (OCS) Staff recommends **denial**.

Fiscal Impact No direct fiscal impact.

Attachment(s)

- BayTech – Renewal Staff Report
- BayTech – Renewal Staff Presentation
- BayTech – Charter School Presentation
- BayTech – Charter School Renewal Petition
- BayTech – Charter School Performance Report
- BayTech – Charter School Fiscal Packet
- BayTech – Performance Improvement Plan

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 2526-0008

**DENYING CHARTER PETITION OF
Bay Area Technology School – GRADES 6-12
AND WRITTEN FINDINGS OF SUPPORT THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Charter Schools Act (Ed. Code §47600, et seq.) establishes the criteria by which charter school renewals are to be approved or denied; and

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 47605(c) charges school district governing boards with the responsibility of reviewing charter petitions to determine whether they meet the legal requirements for a successful charter petition; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2025, the District received a renewal petition for Bay Area Technology School (“Petition”), a public charter school currently serving 198 students in grades 6-12 and authorized to serve grades 6-12; and

WHEREAS, the law outlines a three-tier system for most charter schools seeking renewal, including additional requirements for evaluating the soundness of the school’s educational program depending on the school’s renewal tier; and

WHEREAS, Bay Area Technology School was placed in the Low tier by the California Department of Education based on its State Dashboard data; and

WHEREAS, a charter school placed in the Low tier shall not be renewed unless the chartering authority makes both of the following written factual findings, setting forth specific facts to support the findings:

1. The charter school is taking meaningful steps to address the underlying cause or causes of low performance, and those steps are reflected, or will be reflected, in a written plan adopted by the governing body of the charter school;

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2025, the Governing Board held an initial public hearing on the renewal petition as required by Education Code Section 47605(b); and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2026, the Governing Board held a decision public hearing on the renewal petition as required by Education Code Section 47605(b); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board, under Education Code Section 47605(b), is obligated to take action to grant or deny the renewal petition within 90 days of submission, unless Petitioner agrees to an extension of up to 30 days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL HEREBY adopts all aspects of the Staff Report on Bay Area Technology School’s petition in support of the action memorialized in this Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Governing Board that the Charter Petition of Bay Area Technology School – GRADES 6-12 be and is hereby denied.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District this 28th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District, held on January 28, 2026.

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