



TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Ed.D., Superintendent  
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DATE: January 9, 2019

RE: **Lighthouse Community Charter High School**  
**Charter Material Revision Request**

## Legislative File

File ID No.: 18-2502

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

**Approve** the material revision to the Lighthouse Community Charter High School (“Lighthouse” or the “Charter School”) petition to alter the lottery preferences for the admissions process beginning in the 2019-20 school year and continuing through the end of the Charter School’s current charter term. The text revisions (see Charter Petition pg. 117) amend the lottery preferences for the Charter School and give graduates of Lighthouse’s K-8 programs at Lighthouse Community Charter School and Lodestar: A Lighthouse Community Charter Public School higher priority in the lottery system. The text revisions to the admissions process also change the admissions process requirements by making family/guardian attendance at an enrollment meeting optional. Previously, family/guardian attendance at an enrollment meeting prior to enrollment was mandatory.

**SUMMARY**

Staff recommends that the OUSD Board of Education approve the material revision of Lighthouse Community Charter High School’s education program. Staff recommends approval based on the following:

- 1) The text revisions are minimal, apply exclusively to the admissions preferences, and do not alter the likelihood of the petitioners to implement a sound educational program.
- 2) The changes to admissions preferences are temporary and were developed in response to delayed construction at Lodestar.
- 3) Proposed changes provide continuity for Lodestar students and families who wish to stay within the Lighthouse school community.
- 4) Likely impact of the proposed changes on Oakland Unified is small: few families from outside the Lighthouse community tend to be admitted in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and Lighthouse is not proposing to increase its enrollment through this request.
- 5) The admissions preference changes are compliant with law, including 20 USC 7221i(H) and Education Code §47605 and §49011.
- 6) Text revisions regarding optional attendance at enrollment meeting removes an unnecessary obstacle for families who wish to enroll in Lighthouse.

## PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1) OCS staff conferenced with the lead petitioner to discuss proposed changes on November 2, 2018.
- 2) The lead petitioner submitted a petition for the Lighthouse Community Charter High School on November 14, 2018 at a regularly scheduled board meeting.
- 3) A public hearing was held on December 12, 2018. Representatives from the lead petitioning group presented.

## STATUTORY BACKGROUND

### Pursuant to Education Code §47607(a)(2):

*Material revisions of charters are governed by the standards and criteria in Section 47605.*

## DISCUSSION

Staff conducted an evaluation of the proposed material revision pursuant to the Charter Schools Act. It was determined that the changes made to the lottery preferences in the admissions process and the policy regarding family/guardian attendance at enrollment events were compliant with relevant law and would be of benefit to students and families in the Lighthouse school community.

## ANALYSIS

When evaluating the strength or weakness of a proposed revision, staff assess the whether the proposed changes are:

- Compliant with relevant law
- Beneficial to students/families
- Reasonably comprehensive and likely to be successfully implemented by petitioner

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admissions policy is comprehensive and does not place unnecessary obstacles in front of families</li><li>• Proposed lottery preference changes impact a minimal number of students, most of whom are already enrolled in Lighthouse schools</li></ul>	Application Appendix I
<b>Concerns</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The order of admissions preferences may reduce the small number of OUSD students who previously would have entered Lighthouse in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade</li></ul>	Appendix I
<b>Additional Questions</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Oakland Unified School District's Board of Education **approve**, with text revisions contained herein, the material revision of the Lighthouse Community Charter High School petition under the

California Charter Schools Act. The factual findings illustrated in this report demonstrate that the material revision to the petition satisfies Education Code Section 47607(a)(2):

*Material revision of charters are governed by the standards and criteria in Education Code Section 47605.*



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Aimee Eng  
President, Board of Education



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Kyla Johnson Trammell  
Secretary, Board of Education

**APPENDIX I – Required Charter Text Revisions**

*The approved charter is amended from the filed petition to incorporate the revisions below. The charter school must submit to the District’s Office of Charter Schools a revised charter to include all revisions outlined below in one hard copy and one electronic copy via email.*

Current Board-authorized Charter Text	Page Number	Proposed Revision
<p>“The admission process for prospective students and their families will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School tour (optional)</li> <li>• Attendance at an enrollment meeting to understand the school mission and program. Multiple enrollment meetings will be held on the different days of week and times of day, allowing parents to schedule attendance at their convenience and ensuring that this is not a barrier to enrollment for families.</li> <li>• Completion of an application form, which is comprised of basic information (i.e. name, address, contact information, and grade level).”</li> </ul>	117	<p>“The admission process for prospective students and their families will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School tour (optional)</li> <li>• Attendance at an enrollment meeting to understand the school mission and program. Multiple enrollment meetings will be held on the different days of week and times of day, allowing parents to schedule attendance at their convenience and ensuring that this is not a barrier to enrollment for families. (optional)</li> <li>• Completion of an application form, which is comprised of basic information (i.e. name, address, contact information, and grade level).”</li> </ul>
<p>“Students will be given preference in LCCHS random public lottery if their parents desire and they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sibling to a current LCCPS student in either the K-8 Lighthouse Community Charter School and/or the 9-12 Lighthouse Community Charter High School</li> <li>• Not to exceed 10% of the total enrollment; a child of a school faculty, staff, board, or founding development group member of LCCS or LCCHS as defined by the petition signatures submitted to the district at the time of the establishment of each charter school pursuant to EC 47605</li> <li>• A sibling of a Lighthouse alum</li> <li>• A graduate of Lighthouse’s K-8 school so long as the Lighthouse Community Charter High School remains co-located with the K-8 program on a single contiguous campus</li> <li>• Oakland residents”</li> </ul>	117	<p>“Students will be given preference in LCCHS random public lottery if their parents desire and they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A graduate of Lighthouse’s K-8 school</li> <li>• A sibling to a current LCCPS student in either the K-8 Lighthouse Community Charter School and/or the 9-12 Lighthouse Community Charter High School</li> <li>• A graduate of the Lodestar K-8 program, a charter in the Lighthouse Community Public Schools organization</li> <li>• Not to exceed 10% of the total enrollment; a child of a school faculty, staff, board, or founding development group member of LCCS or LCCHS as defined by the petition signatures submitted to the district at the time of the establishment of each charter school pursuant to EC 47605</li> <li>• A sibling of a Lighthouse alum</li> <li>• Oakland residents”</li> </ul>