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To	Board of Education
From	Dr. Denise Saddler, Interim Superintendent Jenine Lindsey, General Counsel Kelly Krag-Arnold, Director, Office of Charter Schools
Meeting Date	September 25, 2025
Subject	Charter Renewal Initial Public Hearing – **Lodestar**

Ask of the Board

Board members will have the opportunity to ask the lead charter petitioners questions following the presentation.

Background

On November 18, 2020, the OUSD Board of Education voted to approve a two-year term for Lodestar ("Lodestar"). 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 August 15, 2025, Lodestar submitted its renewal petition. Lodestar was placed in the Middle tier by the California Department of Education and is consequently eligible for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

As outlined in Education Code Section 47605(b), the Initial Public Hearing for Lodestar is taking place within 60 days of the renewal submission. Representatives from the school will present and the OUSD Board will have an opportunity to ask the lead charter petitioners questions following the presentation.

The OUSD Office of Charter Schools is conducting an evaluation of the renewal request and will prepare and post a Staff Report 15 days prior to the Decision Public Hearing, in accordance with California Education Code.

Discussion

Board members will have the opportunity to ask the lead charter petitioners questions following the presentation.

Fiscal Impact

No direct fiscal impact.

Attachment(s)

- Lodestar Renewal Petition – Redline
- Lodestar Renewal Petition – Clean
- Lodestar Renewal Performance Report
- Lodestar Renewal Fiscal Packet
- Lodestar Initial Public Hearing Presentation