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To Board of Education

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Subject Charter Renewal Decision Hearing – LPS Oakland R&D

Ask of the Board Vote

Background On March 22, 2017, the OUSD Board of Education voted to approve a five-year term for LPS Oakland R&D. 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, 2025.

On October 28, 2024, LPS Oakland R&D submitted its renewal petition to OUSD. On December 9, 2024, the OUSD Board of Education held an Initial Public Hearing, where LPS Oakland R&D 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 December 18, 2024.

LPS Oakland R&D was placed in the Low tier by the State and consequently is only eligible for a 2-year term.

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. Specifically, a charter school is evaluated on the following renewal criteria:

- 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?
- IV. Is the School Serving All Students Who Wish to Attend?

For charter schools placed in the Low renewal tier, California Education Code states that the chartering authority may only renew upon making both of 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
2. There is clear and convincing evidence, demonstrated by verified data, showing either:
 - A. The school achieved measurable increases in academic achievement, as defined by at least one year’s progress for each year in school; or
 - B. Strong postsecondary outcomes, as defined by college enrollment, persistence, and completion rates equal to similar peers.

Based on the analysis in the attached Staff Report, the OUSD Office of Charter Schools (OCS) Staff recommends **denial** on the basis that the school has not adequately met each of the four renewal criteria.

Fiscal Impact

No direct fiscal impact.

Attachment(s)

- LPS Oakland R&D - Renewal Staff Report
- LPS Oakland R&D - Renewal Staff Presentation
- LPS Oakland R&D - Charter School Presentation