

Board of Education Executive Summary

Deputy Superintendent's Office

Approve Resolution No. 2930: Renewal of the Charter for Sacramento New Technology High School (Recommendation to Deny)
April 6, 2017



I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

This Report sets forth findings based upon a review of the Petition by District Staff and legal counsel. After a careful review of the Renewal Charter Petition, District Staff has concerns regarding the Petitioner's academic performance of all student groups and fiscal debt. Based upon these concerns, **the Petition should be denied** on the following grounds: The Petitioner is a 10th grade students located at 1400 Dickson Street, Sacramento, California 95811, on the property. Sacramento City Unified School District ("District") received a charter petition for establishment on June 2003. The charter petition was approved by the Board of Education now due to expire June 30, 2017. District received a charter

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analysis and recommendations, SNTHS submitted a revised petition and revised appendix items on February 28, 2017 to address District Staff's concerns.

II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

As defined by Education Code Section §47607, a charter school shall meet one of the following criteria before receiving a charter renewal:

- 1) Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, or in the aggregate for the prior three years; or
- 2) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or
- 3) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or
- 4) The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend.

Due to the suspension of the majority of the California Standards Tests in 2013-14, SNTHS does not have a 2016 Growth API. Schools that do not have a current year API calculation will use either the more recent API score, an average of the three most recent API scores, or an alternate measure that shows an increase in academic achievement (Assembly Bill 484; See

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- 2) The charter school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the renewal petition; or
- 3) The renewal petition does not contain the necessary affirmations; or
- 4) The Petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for purpose of Chapter 10.7 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code; or
- 5) Where changes to the charter school's operations are proposed, the Renewal Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the 15 required elements

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Additional results against comparison schools of McClatchy, Kennedy, and Burbank are as follows.

- SNTHS attained lower levels of achievement in ELA compared to all three schools
- SNTHS attained lower levels of achievement in Math for two of the three schools
- SNTHS attained lower levels of achievement in Science compared to all three schools
- SNTHS significant student groups of Economically Disadvantaged and Hispanic attained lower levels of achievement in ELA compared to the same significant student groups of all three schools.
- SNTHS significant student groups of Economically Disadvantaged and Hispanic attained lower levels of achievement in Math compared to the same significant student groups of two of the three schools.

Based upon the information provided in the Petition, Petitioner is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the educational program due to i

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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2930
RESOLUTION TO DENY THE RENEWAL CHARTER PETITION OF
SACRAMENTO NEW TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, petitioners for Sacramento New Technology High School submitted to Sacramento City Unified Sacramento New Technology High School and has reviewed the Petition, including the following:

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Petition, the Governor and the State Legislature that charter schools are and should be established, and that the establishment of charter schools should be encouraged;

WHEREAS, the District shall consider increases in enrollment by the charter school as the most important factor in determining the need for additional classrooms;

WHEREAS, the District staff reviewed and analyzed the Petition for programmatic, and fiscal sufficiency, and has identified the Petition to be denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees do hereby deny the Petition.