



SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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Office of the Superintendent

Executive Summary Board Date: May 25, 2004

SUBJECT: Application for the Approval of the Petition and Charter for the Learning Choice Academy Charter School	X	OPEN/ACTION
		INFORMATION
		CONSENT

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed petition and charter for the Learning Choice Academy Charter School.

Summary of Previous Board of Education Discussion and Action:

A public hearing for the Learning Choice Academy Charter School was held at the May 11, 2004, Board of Education meeting.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

Representatives of the Learning Choice Academy Charter School have submitted a petition and charter application to the district through the 2008-09 school year. The petition states that the school will be a grade K-12 school. The school will have a minimum beginning enrollment of 300 students. Learning Choice Academy will be an independent study school with a Personalized Learning Model with three components: Parent Involvement, Individualized Instruction, and High Quality Teaching. Curriculum is aligned with the California Framework and Content Standards. Per California charter law, an independent study charter school may serve students who reside in counties contiguous to San Diego County and may serve students who reside outside of the authorizing district's boundaries. Upon request from the Board following the initial public hearing, staff requested verification of signatures to determine that the application was made to the San Diego Unified School District. Eighteen (18) teacher signatures and two hundred seventy-seven (277) parent signatures were re-submitted to staff. The submitted parent signatures represent two-hundred eleven (211) students residing within the District. The signature form clearly identifies that prospective parents and staff understand that the application is made to the San Diego Unified School District. Based on the number of teacher or parent signatures, the application is procedurally compliant. The school will choose Option 1 of the Charter School Policy and Guidelines under which the District will provide special education services. The school will organize as a legal separate entity, directly funded by the State, operating as a non-profit corporation.

Fiscal Analysis: In conformance with California charter law and SB 740, the school currently has facility space within the boundaries of San Diego Unified School District. The projected enrollment would increase total District enrollment as the students are not currently enrolled in the District. Charter schools are funded as prescribed by state law. As a non-classroom based instructional program, the school would not be eligible for facilities pursuant to Proposition 39.

Chief of Staff