



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Report

ATTACHMENT I

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE SITE: East LA Star Academy

LOCAL DISTRICT 5 (McKenna)

BOARD DISTRICT 5 (Flores)

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION: No applicant team recommended.

RATIONALE:

- I. The proposal puts forth an instructional plan that includes many of the right “buzz” words, but lacks depth and specificity. The applicant team asserts that the school will focus on medicine, health and technology; however, these themes are absent from the proposal. As written, the instructional program identifies several intervention models, but none that have the rigor to meet the range of the needs of the student population. The plan as written does not translate into accelerated outcomes for students.
- II. While the applicant team worked closely with the local district, the instructional components are not developed strong enough to demonstrate they are ready for implementation or success.
- III. The proposal identifies several strong community partners who support the school, but it is unclear the role that each of the community partners will play, especially as it relates to the themes of medicine, health and technology. Parent involvement and engagement strategies are minimal, and there is little to no indication that the team engaged and involved parents throughout this process, as evidenced by the low parent participation in the Advisory Vote Recommendation process; only 10 parents out 4,670 eligible parents (approximately 0.21%) cast a vote.
- IV. The proposal does not contain a clear instructional plan that demonstrates the capacity for successful implementation. The benchmarks outlined in the “Next Steps” must be followed.

EVALUATION PROCESS DATA POINTS:

- I. Initial Review Team Recommendation:** Mixed
- II. Superintendent’s Panel Team Recommendation:** No
- III. Advisory Vote Tabulation for Applicant (# votes for applicant/# of votes)**

Students	Employees	Parents	Other Parents	Community Members	Uncategorized
15/16	15/15	10/10	115/118	110/111	0/0

NEXT STEPS:

1. Local District 5 has until April 25, 2011 to submit a revised plan that includes a rigorous and specific instructional program. The local district should clearly articulate the key components and strategies of the instructional program; strategies for English Learners will need to be specifically discussed in the revised plan. The local district should also outline a detailed plan for implementation of the instructional program.



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2. The Superintendent is assigning the following educators with a proven track record to work with the Local District to revise the plan: Coleen Kaiwi, Principal, Edison MS; Marcia Reed, Principal, 186th Street School; and Jaime Morales, Principal, Hollywood HS.
3. The local district must also include a thorough and comprehensive plan for engaging and involving parents and community partners in the school.
4. All revisions will need to involve teachers, parents, administrators and the local district.
5. By the end of May 2011, the applicant team will meet with the Superintendent to review and if necessary revise their Performance Management Matrix.
6. By October 2011, the school will meet with the Superintendent to discuss revisions to the Performance Management Matrix based on current data.
7. Bi-annually (or as needed) all Public School Choice sites will be reviewed by institutions of higher education, Local District Superintendents and the Superintendent's Office with an annual report submitted to the Board and Superintendent.
8. If Public School Choice sites are not meeting their annual targets, the Superintendent will work with the school to intervene as necessary.
9. While most Public School Choices site operators will be considered for renewal every five years, this site will be watched closely by the Superintendent and reviewed annually.