



# Public School Choice 3.0

## Proposal Review - Site Summary

### Reviews for: Valley Region Span K-8 #1

	Reviewer	Recommended?	Comments
<b>Applicant Sylmar STEM Academy (DREAMS)</b>	Reviewer A	YES	Overall, they have a solid instructional focus. I have reservations about their ability to sustain and grow a true STEM focused school.
	Reviewer B	YES	This proposal has a great number of strengths, including a clear and compelling goal around STEM education. While there are areas that I believe would still benefit from further development in the proposal (annotated in comments within), I believe that this has the foundation to serve the stakeholders of the community well and I recommend this proposal to operate the campus.
	Reviewer C	YES	This is an exciting proposal because it creates a small learning community of about 1000 students in a K-8 setting where teachers and other adult personnel will create a focused, collaborative learning environment. This is a new school and the Design Team has taken into account the academic achievement of the students who will attend this new school and proposed an instructional plan that will provide the needed academic support.
	Reviewer D	NO	A very good proposal, but not quite as good as the Leadership Proposal for the younger students.

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<b>Applicant Sylmar Leadership Academy (LD 2)</b>	Reviewer A	YES	Overall, I recommend this plan. I would like the team to work to develop and make more explicit their plan to provide a service learning program.
	Reviewer B	NO	This proposal has a great number of well-developed elements and clearly a dedicated team has been thoughtful in creating the plan. In reviewing both options for this site, however, I do not recommend that this be the operator of the campus. Please refer to detailed comments within the review as to strengths of the plan and areas for further development.
	Reviewer C	YES	This is an exciting proposal because it creates a small learning community of about 1000 students in a K-8 setting where teachers and other adult personnel will create a focused, collaborative learning environment. This is a new school and the Design Team has taken into account the academic achievement of the students who will attend this new school and proposed an instructional plan that will provide the needed academic support.
	Reviewer D	YES	The plan appears to have a very strong “personalized learning environment” that has evolved from faculty experience, including coffee with principal, family picnic, student led parent conferences, and other very interesting components. One strength of the Instructional Plan is the evidence collected on District 2 programs that have a record of success. It is also clear that the instructional plan emphasizes changing instructional delivery and does not emphasize changing or adding content. In fact, I expected more attention to the common core additions to California’s standards. I very much appreciated the plan’s attention to the strength of the teachers.