



Public School Choice 3.0

Proposal Review - Site Summary

Reviews for: La Salle Elementary School

	Reviewer	Recomm ended?	Comments
Applicant La Salle ES/ LD 8	Reviewer A	YES	<p>I recommend this proposal for La Salle Avenue Elementary School. The following strengths support this recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clear, compelling mission and vision ✓ Demonstrated ability to effectively meet the needs of students as identified by school data analysis ✓ Comprehensive, evidenced-based instructional program that is designed to meet diverse student need ✓ Exemplary core academic program ✓ Well-developed plan for building a professional culture, including relevant professional development, and effective data use ✓ Clear plan for establishing a school culture to promote student learning and success ✓ Understanding of community; plan to foster collaboration with parents and other community partners ✓ Overall well-developed plan including: effective leadership, staff recruitment and development, and school management
	Reviewer B	YES	<p>This proposal is clearly and concisely written. It gets the major points across: what the school is about, and how the team proposes to go about it. The team is composed of current La Salle elementary teachers. The proposal clearly defines its vision/mission for the school as a place where children will learn to their full potential and will develop as a "whole." The school will have a collaborative culture, shared leadership, and engaged/involved families, communities and parents. The current team appears to know the community and worked there, although this information is best gleaned from the appendices. The idea to partner with Park Western Place Elementary School is a good one as it provides a proven success case, from a similar community, that can be learned from and used as a model. The team has appropriate credentials and appears to have affected positive change in other schools. The proposal clearly explains and describes the various strategies it will use to monitor progress, set a safe school environment, make sure no child is left behind, and set high expectations for all. School-wide, individual and class rewards programs will provide an additional incentive for everybody to strive for excellence and compliance. The instructional and core curriculum are evidence-based and provide opportunities for differentiated learning and scaffolding. Overall, the proposal appears to have high potential for success.</p>
	Reviewer C	YES	<p>Depth and specificity of detail is impressive. Action Research/Continuous Improvement decision-making model permeates both teacher-team and administrator "learning communities" - Bilateral program evaluation and "reciprocal accountability" systems project genuine trust in and dependence on teacher professional judgment Judicious and wisely conservative use of automatic waivers (e.g. curricular autonomy to align with but exceed LAUSD's curriculum) - Potential rapid expansion of Community Partnerships - Partnership with high achieving exemplar school with same demographics (Park Western) to "benchmark" selves</p>