



Arco Iris Charter Amendment

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

The current Arco Iris Charter is for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2022. The Charter is automatically amended to conform to any amendment to the State's Charter School law or any related ordinance, regulation, order, or rule. Any other amendment or modification to the Charter must be in writing and authorized by the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Proposed amendment to the Charter agreement approved by the Arco Iris Board:

The Education Program section of the Charter as amended in 2019 stipulates that daily instruction for students in Kindergarten be approximately 80 percent of daily instruction in Spanish and 20 percent in English and approximately 65 percent of daily instruction in Spanish and 35 percent in English for students in grades 1-5. For the 2021-22 school year, Arco Iris proposes daily instruction for students in grades K-5 be approximately 50 percent of daily instruction in Spanish and 50 percent in English in grades where a need is identified and families are notified in advance.

This change in the instructional model will allow Arco Iris to offer distance learning to families who choose this option for health and safety reasons. In addition, this amendment allows Arco Iris to continue to serve families in an immersion setting during a year of an extreme shortage of qualified bilingual teachers.

The change to the instructional model for 2020-21 was approved by the Arco Iris School Board on August 25, 2021. The Executive Director of Arco Iris notified families of students in grades 1 and 4 of the change in the instructional model prior to the start of school and also presented the change in instructional model to all parents on Back-to-School night. The Executive Director of Arco Iris reports receiving one question from parents of students in the affected grades and no expressions of concern.

The District's general counsel and charter school liaison reviewed the charter amendment proposed by Arco Iris and find the proposed amendment acceptable. The Board discussed the amendment on October 25th.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board approve the amendment to the Charter proposed by Arco Iris.

District Goal: WE Empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

The District prohibits discrimination and harassment based on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veteran status, or because of a perceived or actual association with any other persons within these protected classes.

**CHARTER SCHOOL AMENDMENT 2
ARCO IRIS SPANISH IMMERSION SCHOOL**

This Charter School Amendment (this "Amendment"), dated effective as of August 30, 2021, is entered into by and between Beaverton School District No. 48, an Oregon public school district (the "District"), and Arco Iris Spanish Immersion Charter School ("Arco Iris"), an Oregon nonprofit corporation and amends the Charter School Agreement ("Charter") dated July 1, 2016.

5. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Charter provision 5.1.2 is amended to read:

5.1.2 In Kindergarten approximately 80% of daily instruction will be given in Spanish and 20% in English. In first through fifth grades, approximately 65% of daily instruction will be given in Spanish and 35% in English; For the 2021-22 school year, daily instruction in grades K-5 may be 50% in English and 50% in Spanish in grades where a need is identified and parents have been notified in advance of the change.

The parties have executed this Amendment as of the date written by each party's signature below.

BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48J

ARCO IRIS SPANISH IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____