

Hope Chinese Charter School Renewal

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

The Charter for Hope Chinese Charter School (HCCS) expires on June 30, 2018. The HCCS Board is seeking renewal of the Charter and submitted a request by the December 31st deadline for a five-year renewal.

As outlined in the approved Charter (section 2.2) Renewal:

If HCCS desires to renew this Charter, it must submit a written renewal request to the District at least 180 days before the then-current Charter term expires. Within 45 days after receiving the renewal request, the District must hold a public hearing about the request for renewal. Within 30 days after the public hearing, the District must approve the renewal or state in writing the reasons for denying the renewal. If the District approves the renewal, the District and HCCS must negotiate a new charter school contract within 90 days after the date on which the District approved the renewal, unless the District and HCCS agree to an extension of the time. If the District does not approve the renewal, HCCS may address the reasons for nonrenewal and resubmit its request to the sponsor within 30 days after the date on which the sponsor notified the public charter school governing body of the decision not to renew the charter.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ORS 338.065 delineates five factors required for consideration in the renewal decision. The sponsor bases the renewal decision on a good faith evaluation of whether the charter school:

- Is in compliance with the chapter and all other applicable state and federal laws
- Is in compliance with the charter of the public charter schools
- Is meeting or working toward meeting the student performance goals and agreement specified in the charter or any other written agreement between the sponsor and other public charter school governing body;
- Is fiscally stable and evidence that a sound financial management system described in the proposal and incorporated into the written charter was used; and
- Is in compliance with any renewal criteria specified in the previous charter, if any.

The sponsor must base the evaluation described above primarily on a review of the public charter school's annual performance reports, annual audit of accounts and annual site visit and review as required by ORS 338.095 and any other information mutually agreed upon by the public charter school governing body and the sponsor. The status of the school with respect to the renewal criteria is attached. Based on the evidence, staff recommend renewal of the charter.

ACTION:

The Board approves the renewal of the Charter for Hope Chinese Charter School to June 30, 2023 and directs staff to negotiate a new charter contract.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

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	<i>Renewal Criteria</i>	<i>Status as of 1/31/2018</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Is the school in compliance with Oregon charter school law and all other applicable state and federal laws?	Yes	Periodic visits to the school and the desk audit and compliance verification visit conducted in April 2017 found one issue of non-compliance regarding notifying parents of their rights pertaining to educational records. This issue was resolved in November 2017.
2	Is the school in compliance with the charter?	Yes	Desk audit and a compliance verification visit were conducted in April 2017. (see criteria 1)
3	Is meeting or working toward meeting the student performance goals and agreement specified in the charter?	Yes	Hope Chinese Charter School met the student achievement charter renewal criteria for years 1 and 2. For the most recent results, refer to indicator 2 of the Annual Evaluation presented to the Board on October 30, 2017
4	Is the school fiscally stable and was the sound financial management system outlined in the Charter used?	Yes	For the results of the first five years of operation, refer to indicator 4 of the Annual Evaluation presented to the Board on October 30, 2017. The audit for the 2016-17 school year was received on November 29 th . Financials for the first half of the current year were submitted on January 24 th .
5	Is in compliance with any renewal criteria specified in the charter, if any?	Yes	The only renewal criteria specified is the renewal timeline outlined below.

Renewal Timeline

<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Date completed</i>
No later than December 31, 2017	Written request for renewal of Charter	December 19, 2017
Within 45 days of receiving request for renewal	Public hearing on renewal request	January 22, 2018
Within 30 days of public hearing	Board decision on renewal request <i>(staff recommendation one week prior)</i>	February 6, 2018
Within 90 days of renewal approval	New charter negotiated	