

Hope Chinese Charter Renewal Update

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

The Charter for Hope Chinese Charter School (HCCS) expires on June 30, 2015. The HCCS Board is seeking renewal of the Charter.

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:

According to ORS 338.065 there are 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
- 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board hear public testimony on the renewal prior to making a renewal decision on March 16th.

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