

Public Statement for April 10, 2019, Board Meeting

The Anaheim Elementary School District and the Anaheim Union High School District recently resolved to stop their appeal in litigation against the Orange County Board of Education, and the Orange County Superintendent of Schools, over the 2015 approval of the EPIC charter school petition. Originally, the Anaheim Elementary School District considered and denied EPIC's charter school petition in 2015. EPIC's petition was then appealed to the Orange County Board of Education and subsequently approved by the board.

In 2016, the Anaheim school districts sued to overturn the Orange County Board of Education's approval of the EPIC's charter school petition. The trial court decided in favor of the Orange County Board of Education and upheld the county board's approval of EPIC charter. The Anaheim school districts subsequently appealed to the state Court of Appeals.

Recently, the Anaheim school districts independently decided to end their appeal to the state level, thus ending the litigation over EPIC's charter petition approval. The Orange County Board of Education is satisfied that the two Anaheim school districts, the County Department of Education, and the students, parents, and staff of the EPIC charter school can now put this litigation behind them, and refocus on delivering a high-quality public education to every student in Orange County.

The Orange County Board of Education will continue to consider charter school petitions fairly and impartially in accordance with the state education and government codes.