



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report and Recommendation

International School for Science and Culture – Material Revision

July 21, 2026

Executive Summary

International School for Science and Culture (“ISSAC”) submitted a request for a material revision to its charter to add an additional instructional facility within the boundaries of Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Orange County Department of Education (“OCDE”) staff reviewed the revised charter petition, supporting documentation, and information presented during the public hearing. Based on that review, OCDE staff recommends that the Orange County Board of Education (“Board”) approve the revised charter petition.

Background

ISSAC is a classroom-based charter school serving students in transitional kindergarten through grade eight within the boundaries of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

The Board approved the ISSAC charter petition for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. Due to automatic statutory extensions, the charter term was extended through June 30, 2027.

On June 23, 2026, ISSAC submitted to the Board a request for a material revision to add an additional instructional facility within the boundaries of Newport-Mesa Unified School District. On July 8, 2026, the Board held a public hearing to consider the level of support for the proposed revision.

Legal Standards

Education Code section 47607 governs requests for material revisions to a charter petition, which are reviewed using the standards and criteria applicable to charter petitions under Education Code section 47605 and must include reasonably comprehensive descriptions of any new requirement applicable to charter schools enacted after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.

The Board may deny the revised petition only by making written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts supporting one or more of the grounds identified in Education Code section 47605(c).

Staff Analysis

The requested material revision would authorize ISSAC to operate an additional instructional facility within the boundaries of Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Based on its review of the revised charter petition, supporting documentation submitted with the request, and information presented during the public hearing, staff determined that the revised charter petition satisfies the applicable requirements of Education Code sections 47607 and 47605 and did not identify any statutory basis for denial under Education Code section 47605(c).

Recommendation

OCDE staff recommends that the Board approve the revised charter petition.

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