



## **ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Staff Recommendations and Findings**

#### **Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III**

**May 16, 2025**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The following is a summary of the review conducted by Orange County Department of Education staff of the material revision request submitted by Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III in compliance with Education Code section 47607 and recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

### **II. BACKGROUND**

The Board approved the Orange County Academy of Science and Arts III countywide charter petition for a term of five years from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2029. Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III will begin serving students in transitional kindergarten through grade eight in the 2025-26 school year. On April 14, 2025, Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III submitted a material revision requesting to open a location within the boundaries of the Capistrano Unified School District. A public hearing was held on May 7, 2025, to consider the level of support for the material revision.

### **III. LEGAL STANDARD**

Material revisions of charter schools are governed by the standards and criteria described in Education Code section 47605 and shall include, but not be limited to, reasonably comprehensive descriptions of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.

### **IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Orange County Department of Education staff determined that the revised Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III charter petition meets Education Code section 47605 standards.

### **V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve the Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III material revision to open a location within the boundaries of the Capistrano Unified School District.

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