



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report for the Material Revision of Citrus Springs Charter School

October 20, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to summarize significant findings based on a comprehensive review by Orange County Department of Education staff of the material revision request by Citrus Springs Charter School (CSCS) in compliance with Education Code section 47607, and to provide recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

CSCS is a TK-12 grade charter school located within the boundaries of the Santa Ana Unified School District. On August 4, 2020, CSCS submitted a renewal charter petition. On September 28, 2020, a clarification meeting took place with the charter school petitioners and Orange County Department of Education staff, and as a result of that meeting CSCS submitted revisions to the school's admission preferences. On November 4, 2020, the Board will hold a public hearing and vote to approve or deny the revised admission preferences.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Material revisions of charters are governed by the standards and criteria described in Education Code section 47605, and shall include, but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirements of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. Admission preferences, and priority order for any preferences, are determined in the charter petition and shall be approved by the chartering authority at a public hearing.

IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The revised CSCS charter petition meets the standards outlined in Education Code section 47605. The changes to the school's admission preferences in the charter petition clarify the priority order of the preferences and align to the school's current practice.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve the revisions to the CSCS admissions preferences.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Board has three options for action regarding a charter petition material revision:

- Option One: Approve the material revision.
- Option Two: Approve the material revision with conditions. This action would result in approval of the charter petition and require the school to address concerns raised by the Board by established timelines.
- Option Three: Deny the material revision request.

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