



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report for the Material Revision of Samueli Academy

June 17, 2021

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 Samueli Academy in compliance with Education Code section 47607, and recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

Samueli Academy is a countywide charter school that serves students in grades seven through twelve, with one location within the boundaries of the Garden Grove Unified School District in the city of Santa Ana. On May 14, 2021, Samueli Academy submitted a material revision request to change enrollment preferences to include students who are currently enrolled in Riverdale Elementary School and students that reside in the Riverdale Elementary School attendance area. A public hearing was held on June 2, 2021, to consider the level of support for the charter petition in accordance with Education Code section 47605.

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 Samueli Academy charter petition meets the standards outlined in Education Code section 47605. The change to the school's enrollment preferences allow Samueli Academy to meet the eligibility requirements for SB 740 Charter School Facility Grants and Funding.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve the Samueli Academy material revision to the school's enrollment preferences and the updated charter petition.

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 revised charter petition and require the charter school to address concerns raised by the Board by established timelines.
- Option Three: Deny the material revision.

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