



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report for Explore Academy

June 21, 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 Explore Academy in compliance with Education Code section 47607, and recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

Explore Academy is a county-wide charter school that will begin serving students in grades transitional kindergarten through grade six in the 2023-24 school year. On April 19, 2022, Explore Academy submitted a material revision requesting to add Garden Grove Unified School District and Orange Unified School District as potential locations for charter school facilities. A public hearing was held by the Board on June 1, 2022, 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 47607 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 Explore Academy charter petition meets the standards outlined in Education Code 47605.6.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve Explore Academy's material revision to add Garden Grove Unified School District and Orange Unified School District as potential locations for school facilities.

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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