



## **ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Staff Report for the Material Revision of Vista Condor Global Academy**

**December 22, 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 Vista Condor Global Academy in compliance with Education Code section 47607, and to provide recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

#### **II. BACKGROUND**

Vista Condor Global Academy is a charter school serving grades kindergarten through grade five located within the boundaries of the Santa Ana Unified School District. On September 30, 2020, Vista Condor Global Academy submitted a material revision to expand a grade-level and add transitional kindergarten to the school's charter petition beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. The Board held a public hearing on November 4, 2020, to consider the level of support for the material revision petition by teachers employed by the school district, other employees of the school district and parents.

#### **III. LEGAL STANDARD**

After receiving approval of its petition, a charter school that proposes to expand operations to one or more additional grade levels shall request a material revision to its charter and shall notify the chartering authority of those additional grade levels. The chartering authority shall consider whether to approve those additional locations or grade levels at an open public meeting. If the additional grade levels are approved they shall be a material revision to the charter school's charter. 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.

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

The revised Vista Condor Global Academy charter petition meets the standards outlined in Education Code section 47605. The addition of transitional kindergarten to the school's charter is aligned to the educational program and practices described in the charter petition.

#### **V. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve the Vista Condor Global Academy material revision request to add transitional kindergarten to the school's

charter beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year.

## **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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