



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report for the Renewal of Orange County Workforce Innovation High School

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 renewal petition for Orange County Workforce Innovation High School (OCWIHS) in compliance with Education Code sections 47607 and 47607.2, and to provide recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

OCWIHS is a grade 9-12 countywide charter school with one location in the city of Anaheim. The Board approved the OCWIHS countywide charter petition for a five-year term from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021. On October 7, 2020, OCWIHS submitted a renewal charter petition. The Board held a public hearing on November 4, 2020, on the provisions of the charter to consider the level of support for the petition by teachers employed by the school district, other employees of the school district and parents.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Pursuant to Education Code sections 47607 and 47607.2, a chartering authority may grant one or more subsequent renewals to a charter school. Charter school renewals 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. The Board shall consider, in addition to the charter school's performance on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard, the charter school's performance on alternative metrics applicable to the charter school based on the pupil population served. The Board may deny a charter renewal upon making written findings, setting forth specific facts to support the findings, that the closure of the charter school is in the best interest of pupils.

IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OCWIHS is a Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) program and is eligible for a five-year charter term. OCWIHS educates a broad range of students targeting those who are not successful in traditional public school. Overall, the charter school presented a comprehensive petition for renewal.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve the OCWIHS renewal charter petition for a five-year term from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

VI. CONCLUSION

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

- Option One: Approve the charter petition for a five-year term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026.
- Option Two: Approve the charter petition renewal with conditions. This action would result in approval of the charter and require the school to address concerns raised by the Board by established timelines.
- Option Three: Deny the charter petition renewal.

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