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TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition Renewal for University Preparatory Academy

Associated Goals

Goal 1: Improve student equity and reduce access discrepancies to high quality education
Goal 2: Provide support to districts, communities, schools and students

Background

On September 11, 2014, the Office of Innovative Schools of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) received a petition from University Preparatory Academy seeking renewal of its charter.

California Education Code Section 47605(b) requires that “no later than 30 days after receiving a petition...the governing board of the school district shall hold a public hearing on the provisions of the charter, at which time the governing board of the school district shall consider the level of support for the petition by teachers employed by the district, other employees of the district, and parents.” The Education Code further requires that “the governing board of the school district shall either grant or deny the charter within 60 days of receipt of the petition, provided, however, that the date may be extended by an additional 30 days if both parties agree to the extension.”

This item will be placed on the County Board agenda for a vote on November 5, 2014.