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TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education

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Background

On September 26, 2014, the Office of Innovative Schools of the Santa Clara County Office of Education received a petition from Navigator Schools seeking approval to open Morgan Hill Prep School. This petition was submitted on appeal from the Morgan Hill Unified School District, having been denied by the District’s Board of Education on September 23, 2014.

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 Board agenda for a vote on November 19, 2014.