

Charter Schools Leaders Meeting

January 23, 2020

Safety Announcement

In the event of an emergency evacuation:

- Please notify me if you require assistance exiting
- Follow me as we vacate the room and building
- Proceed to the parking lot evacuation area for roll call
- Do not leave until attendance reporting is completed
- CPR/First Aid certified individuals in the room?
- AED's - locations
- We greatly appreciate your cooperation in the event of an emergency



Santa Clara County Office of Education

Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a state regional service agency that provides:

- instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County;
- directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy through the Board of Education, authorizes county charter schools;
- provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to school districts and the 22 county board authorized charter schools;
- provides essential services and technical assistance throughout the region and statewide.



Leadership, Service, & Advocacy

County Superintendent



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

County Board of Education



Kathleen King, *Area 2*; Peter Ortiz, *Area 6*; Claudia Rossi, *Area 7*;
Rosemary Kamei, *Area 3*; Joseph Di Salvo, *Area 4*;
Grace Mah, *Area 1*; Anna Song, *Area 5*





Vision:

Transforming Education through Leadership, Service and Advocacy

Mission:

SCCOE is committed to serving, inspiring and promoting student and public school success

Goals:

Improve access to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education.

Provide quality support to districts, schools, students and communities.

Be a premier service organization.

Values:

Students First

Service

Collaboration

Strengths-Based

Innovation



AGENDA

ITEM	TIME	LEAD
1. Welcome & Introductions	12:30	Dr. Michelle Johnson & Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
2. New Legislation and SB 126 Review	12:40	Charter Schools Department
3. Oversight and Monitoring	1:00	Charter Schools Department
4. Data Book	2:30	Charter Schools Department
5. Recommendations / Next Steps	3:00	All



Welcome!

SCCOE's Charter Schools Department:

Dr. Michelle Johnson – Director

Justin Fallon – Administrative Assistant

Vickie Teshin-Anderson – Assistant Director

Shallu Sharma – Financial Administrator



New Legislation

- SB 126 – Took effect 1/1/2020
 - SB 75 – Took effect 7/1/2019
 - AB 1505
 - AB 1507
 - AB 967
 - AB 1219
- Takes effect 7/1/2020



SB 126

- Brown Act
- Conflict of Interest Code
- Govt. Code 1090
- Public Records Act
- Political Reform Act – Form 700
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB126



Brown Act

- If one site, follow current process
- If more than one site in one county –
 - Two-way communication available at all sites, post agenda at all sites, roll call votes, quorum must be located in geographic jurisdiction of the board, provide opportunity for public comment



Brown Act Continued

- If more than one site in more than one county
 - Two-way communication available at all sites, post agenda at all sites, roll call votes, quorum must be located in geographic jurisdiction of the board, provide opportunity for public comment
 - Hold meeting in county with most students
 - Post audio/video/both recording of meeting on website



Conflict of Interest Code

- Governed by Political Reform Act
- “No conflict of interest code shall be effective until it has been approved by the code reviewing body” – County Board of Supervisors if operating in one county, the FPPC for agency in more than one county.
- http://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/TAD/COIC%20Documents/Local%20COIC%20Documents/Local_Agency_Biennial_Notice_Instructions.pdf
- <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/rules-on-conflict-of-interest-codes.html>
- <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/rules-on-conflict-of-interest-codes/local-government-agencies-adopting-amending-coi.html>



Govt. Code 1090

- No interested parties on the board – with certain exceptions for charter schools
 - employee/teacher may serve, but may not take action on contract directly regarding them.

“Notwithstanding Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) of Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, an employee of a charter school shall not be disqualified from serving as a member of the governing body of the charter school because of that employee’s employment status. A member of the governing body of a charter school who is also an employee of the charter school shall abstain from voting on, or influencing or attempting to influence another member of the governing body regarding, all matters uniquely affecting that member’s employment.”



Public Records Act

- Everything is a public record (unless protected)
 - Documents, emails, texts, etc.
- If records requested, 10 days to respond to the request
- Must produce unless protected



Political Reform Act

- Designated parties must file Form 700's (see COI Code) – Due by April 1
- Disclosure of:
 - Property interests
 - Investments
 - Income, Loans, Business Positions
 - Gifts

http://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/TAD/Form%20700/2019-2020/Amendments_Form_700_2019.20%20IA.pdf



AB 1505

- 2 year moratorium on new non-classroom based charter schools
- SBE no longer an authorizer
- Appeal process
- Revised petition review
- Revised renewal review
- Credentials



AB 1505 Petition Review

- 60/90 days but publish findings 15 days before decision
- Ethnic/racial balance includes EL, SPED, SES
- Fiscal impact on district and interests of the community (new charters only)



AB 1505 Renewal Review

- 7 year option
- Presume denial
- 2 year look back
- 5 year option



Renewal of a Charter (47607(e)(7))

- Authorizes a chartering authority to deny renewal of a charter school upon a finding that the school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors, or is not serving all pupils who wish to attend, as specified.
- In making this decision, the chartering authority must provide at least 30 days' notice to the charter school of the alleged violation and provide the charter school with a reasonable opportunity to cure the violation, including a corrective action plan proposed by the charter school.
- The chartering authority may only deny renewal after making either of the following findings:
 - The corrective action proposed by the charter school has been unsuccessful.
 - The violations are sufficiently severe and pervasive as to render a corrective action plan unviable.



7 Year Option

- Blue and Green for 2 consecutive years (most current) in academics on Dashboard



Presume Denial

- Red or Orange on dashboard for last 2 years



2 Year Look Back

- Red or orange for last 2 years
- Plan to improve AND
- Students would be harmed if school not there



5 Year Option

- Doesn't fit previous options
- Should be most charters



Credentials

- All teachers in charter schools must hold the Commission on Teacher Credentialing certificate, permit, or other document required for the teacher's certificated assignment, except that a person employed as a teacher in a charter school during the 2019–20 school year has until July 1, 2025, to obtain that authorization.
- Teachers must also obtain a certificate of clearance and must satisfy specified requirements for professional fitness by July 1, 2020. [§ 47605(I) and § 47605.4]



Monitoring and Oversight

- Informal & Formal Visits
- SB 126 reviews
- Website reviews
- Data Book
- Academic performance reviews
- LCAP reviews
- Financial reviews
- Operations reviews



Fiscal Monitoring

- Monthlies
- Audits
- STRS reporting
- Interim Reports



LCAP

- New template
- Should have started annual review process and creating goals for next year
- Make sure to have a public hearing at separate meeting than approval meeting



Renewals

- AB 1505
- Dashboard data



Data Book

- [https://www.sccoe.org/supoffice/charter-schools-office/Documents/2019%20Charter%20Schools%20Data%20Book Eng 110119.pdf](https://www.sccoe.org/supoffice/charter-schools-office/Documents/2019%20Charter%20Schools%20Data%20Book%20Eng%20110119.pdf)



Next Steps

- Data Book school data due March 16
- Next Charter Leaders Meeting – May 14 (12-3pm in Gilroy Room)
 - Share best practices
 - Charter updates
 - Data Book

