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RE: CTA COMMENTS REGARDING Item #3: Petition for the Renewal of a Charter School Under the Oversight of the Local Educational Agency Designated by the State Board of Education Pursuant to California Education Code Section 47605.9 (b): Consideration of Audeo Charter II, which was denied by the Carlsbad Unified School District.

Dear ACCS Commissioners:

The California Teachers Association is concerned with the California Department of Education's approach to the Audeo Charter II appeal review. The CDE's position undermines the authority granted by the state legislature to the local district during the renewal process.

Audeo's charter petition is currently authorized by the SBE. In 2019, AB 1505 repealed Education Code section 47605.8 (which had enabled the SBE to directly grant charter petitions) and replaced it with Section 47605.9, which provides that SBE-authorized charter schools must first submit a petition for renewal to the local district, and then may go to the SBE on appeal.

On December 9, 2020, the board of CUSD voted 4-1 to deny Audeo's renewal petition and the district staff laid out a number of findings that support denying the renewal.

CTA continues to be concerned with the CDE's approach to SBE authorized charter appeals under AB 1505, including the failure to treat as accurate, relevant, and substantial the local district's thorough and comprehensive review, as intended by the legislature.

Sincerely,

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