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# **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 18, 2025

**TO:** MEMBERS, California State Board of Education

**FROM:** Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** California State Board of Education-Authorized Districtwide Charters: Annual Academic Report for the 2023–24 School Year

## Summary of Key Issues

This information memorandum provides a summary of the academic progress of California State Board of Education (SBE)-authorized districtwide charters. Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 47606, a school district may convert all of its schools to charter schools provided that certain specified requirements are met. A districtwide charter petition can be approved only by joint action of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) and the SBE. To date, the SSPI and the SBE have approved nine districtwide charters: seven are active; one has closed; and one surrendered its charter and operates as a non-charter school district.

As the chartering authority, the SBE must provide oversight monitoring of the districtwide charters it authorizes. The SBE has delegated oversight responsibilities to the county offices of education (COE) in whose territories the districtwide charters are located. Under the terms of the agreement between the SBE and each COE that oversees a districtwide charter, the COEs prepare an annual report on the academic performance of each districtwide charter. These reports include a review of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), which includes California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) data.

The respective information submitted by each districtwide charter is provided as an attachment to this information memorandum. Each attachment contains a response to the following prompts:

* Based on Dashboard data, identify the charter district's areas of greatest progress.
* What internal assessments (not CAASPP) are being used to demonstrate the charter district's areas of greatest progress? Are any of these assessments on the approved verified data list? If so, which ones?
* Based on Dashboard data, identify the charter district's areas of greatest need. Include references to student groups.
* How is the charter district addressing these areas of need? Include references to student groups.
* Identify the Measurable Pupil Outcomes in Element 2 of the charter petition. Summarize the performance for each outcome.
* Provide a summary of progress made in meeting the charter district's 2023–24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals.
* Provide a summary of the charter district's 2024–25 LCAP mid-year update that describes what the charter district is doing to increase community input.

In addition to the above, if the charter district was eligible for differentiated assistance (DA) for the 2024–25 school year, the following prompts were provided:

* Under which student groups and state priorities did the charter district meet the eligibility criteria for DA in both the prior and current year?
* Identify the support provider the charter district will be working with for technical assistance with DA.
* What improvement strategies and actions has the charter district selected to address its identified student groups and state priorities?

## California State Board of Education-Authorized Charter Districts

The SBE currently authorizes the following seven charter districts:

### Table of SBE-Authorized Charter Districts

| County | District |
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| Placer | Ackerman Charter |
| Fresno | Alvina Elementary Charter |
| Stanislaus | Hickman Community Charter |
| Kings | Island Union Elementary |
| Kings | Kings River-Hardwick Union Elementary |
| Fresno | Kingsburg Elementary Charter |
| Kings | Pioneer Union Elementary |

## Attachments

* **Attachment 1:** Email to the County Offices of Education Regarding the Annual Academic Report for the 2023–24 School Year (1 Page)
* **Attachment 2:** Districtwide CharterAcademic Memorandum Response Template (24 Pages)
* **Attachment 3:** Placer County Office of Education Cover Letter for Ackerman Charter (1 Page)
* **Attachment 4:** Ackerman Charter Academic Memorandum Response (12 Pages)
* **Attachment 5:** Fresno County Office of Education Cover Letter for Alvina Elementary Charter (1 Page)
* **Attachment 6:** Alvina Elementary Charter Academic Memorandum Response (16 Pages)
* **Attachment 7:** Stanislaus County Office of Education Cover Letter for Hickman Community Charter (1 Page)
* **Attachment 8:** Hickman Community Charter Academic Memorandum Response (13 Pages)
* **Attachment 9:** Kings County Office of Education Cover Letter for Island Union Elementary (1 Page)
* **Attachment 10:** Island Union Elementary Academic Memorandum Response (10 Pages)
* **Attachment 11:** Kings County Office of Education Cover Letter for Kings River-Hardwick Union Elementary (1 Page)
* **Attachment 12:** Kings River-Hardwick Union Elementary Academic Memorandum Response (11 Pages)
* **Attachment 13:** Fresno County Office of Education Cover Letter for Kingsburg Elementary Charter (1 Page)
* **Attachment 14:** Kingsburg Elementary Charter Academic Memorandum Response (14 Pages)
* **Attachment 15:** Kings County Office of Education Cover Letter for Pioneer Union Elementary (1 Page)
* **Attachment 16:** Pioneer Union Elementary Academic Memorandum Response (16 Pages)