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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 Charter Schools: 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 charter schools for the 2023–24 school year. The SBE has delegated oversight monitoring of the charter schools it authorizes to the California Department of Education (CDE). Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the SBE and each SBE-authorized charter school, the CDE reviews the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), which includes California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) data.

If, during oversight monitoring, the CDE finds that a charter school is not making satisfactory academic progress, the CDE may recommend to the SBE that it take appropriate action, as deemed necessary, including issuing a notice of violation or revocation. Additionally, as part of oversight monitoring, the CDE provides ongoing academic and fiscal assistance and support to all SBE-authorized schools through monthly phone calls, webinars, site visits, documentation review, and feedback.

For the purposes of this information memorandum, the CDE requested written responses to the following prompts from all SBE-authorized charter schools that were operative during the 2023–24 school year:

* Identify the areas of greatest progress and greatest need based on the 2024 Dashboard and other internal assessments.
* Provide a summary of the performance in Element 2 (Measurable Pupil Outcomes) in the charter.
* Provide a summary of progress made in meeting the charter school’s 2023–24 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals, including information on the ongoing 2024–25 LCAP process and educational partner engagement

## California State Board of Education-Authorized Charter Schools Operative in 2023–24

In 2023–24, the following 28 SBE-authorized charter schools were in operation.

1. Academia Avance Charter
2. Altus Schools East Bay (formerly Grossmont Secondary)
3. Altus Schools South Bay (formerly Sweetwater Secondary)
4. Baypoint Preparatory Academy - San Diego
5. College Preparatory Middle
6. High Tech Elementary Chula Vista
7. High Tech Elementary Mesa
8. High Tech Elementary North County
9. High Tech High Chula Vista
10. High Tech High Mesa
11. High Tech High North County
12. High Tech Middle Chula Vista
13. High Tech Middle Mesa
14. High Tech Middle North County
15. John Henry High
16. KIPP Bayview Elementary
17. KIPP Navigate College Prep
18. Latitude 37.8 High
19. Los Angeles College Prep Academy
20. Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana
21. New West Charter
22. Olive Grove Charter - Buellton
23. Olive Grove Charter - Lompoc
24. Olive Grove Charter - Orcutt/Santa Maria
25. Olive Grove Charter - Santa Barbara
26. The New School of San Francisco
27. Vista Springs Charter
28. Watsonville Prep

## Renewals

Pursuant to California *Education Code* (*EC*) Section 47607.4, all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025, had their terms extended by two years, and all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027, inclusive, had their terms extended by one additional year. Due to these extensions, no charter school renewals were heard by the SBE in 2023–24.

## Performance Categories

Pursuant to *EC* Section 47607(c), as an additional criterion for determining whether to approve a charter renewal, the chartering authority shall consider a charter school’s placement under the performance categories, which is based on the charter school's performance on the Dashboard.

Under this criterion, a charter school is placed into one of the three performance categories, high, middle, or low. The determination for charter renewals for each category are the following:

* **High:**A charter school in this category is eligible for a five-, six-, or seven-year renewal term.
* **Middle:**A charter school in this category may be renewed for a five-year term.
* **Low:**A charter school in this category may be renewed for a two-year term only if it meets the conditions under *EC*Section 47607.2(a)(4).

Although no charter school renewals were heard by the SBE in 2023–24, performance categories provide an additional indication of how charter schools are performing academically. The CDE provides the following performance category data for each SBE-authorized charter school based on the last two Dashboard years:

### Table. Performance Categories

| **SBE-Authorized Charter School** | **Performance Category Based on the 2023 Dashboard** | **Performance Category Based on the 2024 Dashboard** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Academia Avance Charter | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Altus Schools East Bay\* (formerly Grossmont Secondary) | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| Altus Schools South Bay\* (formerly Sweetwater Secondary) | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| Baypoint Preparatory Academy - San Diego | High Performing | High Performing |
| College Preparatory Middle | High Performing | High Performing |
| High Tech Elementary Chula Vista | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| High Tech Elementary Mesa | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| High Tech Elementary North County | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| High Tech High Chula Vista | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| High Tech High Mesa | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| High Tech High North County | Middle Performing | High Performing |
| High Tech Middle Chula Vista | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| High Tech Middle Mesa | High Performing | High Performing |
| High Tech Middle North County | Middle Performing | High Performing |
| John Henry High | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| KIPP Bayview Elementary | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| KIPP Navigate College Prep | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Latitude 37.8 High | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Los Angeles College Prep Academy | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| New West Charter | Middle Performing | High Performing |
| Olive Grove Charter - Buellton | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Olive Grove Charter - Lompoc | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Olive Grove Charter - Orcutt/Santa Maria | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Olive Grove Charter - Santa Barbara | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| The New School of San Francisco | High Performing | High Performing |
| Vista Springs Charter | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |
| Watsonville Prep | Middle Performing | Middle Performing |

\* An asterisk indicates that the charter school participates in the Dashboard Alternative Schools Status (DASS) program. DASS charter schools are not included in the data file as they have their own renewal criteria and are not eligible to be placed in a performance category.

## Closures

Los Angeles College Prep Academy ceased operations in June 2024 due to declining enrollment.

## Attachments

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