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# **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 19, 2024

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

**FROM:** TONY THURMOND, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** Financial Condition of California State Board of Education-Authorized Districtwide Charters – 2023–24 Second Interim

## Summary of Key Issues

This information memorandum provides a summary of the California Department of Education’s review of the county superintendent certifications of the California State Board of Education (SBE)-authorized districtwide charters’ 2023–24 Second Interim financial reports.

A districtwide charter can be approved only through 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 of which are still active. The SBE delegates oversight duties of the districtwide charters to the county office of education (COE) in which the districtwide charter is located.

In accordance with Assembly Bill 1200 (Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991), the county superintendent of schools has fiscal oversight responsibility over school districts in the county. In assessing a school district’s financial health, the county superintendent uses the District Criteria and Standards adopted by the SBE.

The following districtwide charters submitted positive certifications to their respective COEs:

Table of Districtwide Charter Certifications

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

The COEs reviewed the reports in accordance with the State Criteria and Standards for fiscal stability adopted by the SBE pursuant to California *Education* *Code* (*EC*) Section 33127. The COEs concurred with the positive certifications submitted by the districtwide charters. Pursuant to *EC* Section 42131(a)(1), a positive certification indicates that, based on current projections, the districtwide charter will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years. The county superintendents’ concurrence with the districtwide charters’ positive certifications is based on information available at the time the districtwide charters certified their second interim reports and may not be indicative of the districtwide charters’ current fiscal position. The COE positive certifications of the districtwide charters’ 2023–24 second interim financial reports are included as Attachment 1.

## Attachment

* **Attachment 1:** Financial Condition of California State Board of Education-Authorized Districtwide Charters– 2023–24 Second Interim (31 Pages)