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Charter Petition Review
Wonderful College Prep Academy-Lost Hills

Petition Analysis and Staff Recommendation

Key Information Regarding the WCPA-LH Petition

- WCPA-LH was originally authorized by KCSOS upon denial by Lost Hills School District for a 5-year term in 2017.
- The CDE paused all charter renewals and automatically extended terms for all charters for 3 years in 2019. The charter's term expires on 6/30/25 instead of the original date of 6/30/22.
- The Renewal Petition was received on September 3, 2024 and a public hearing was held on October 8, 2024.
- WCPA-LH was determined by the CDE to be in the Middle Tier for charter performance.

Petition Analysis

- KCSOS staff reviewed the Petition based upon Education Code 47605 requirements.
- Staff found that the Petition principally met all requirements with the exception of the following items which staff felt could be addressed in a mutually agreed-upon MOU:
 1. Reasonably Comprehensive Descriptions of the Educational Program in regard to:
 - The charter's ELD Program and the use of the Alternate ELPAC Assessment for Dually-identified students (EL students with an IEP).
 - The Charter's plan to serve Students with Disabilities in the Early College Pathways and how it will differentiate instruction for them in the general education program.
 - Measurable Pupil Outcomes for Students with Disabilities.
 - The charter's plan for the administration of the Initial ELPAC Assessment in regard to who should be assessed.

All other requirements found in Education Code 47605 for renewal petitions were found to have been met.

Staff Recommendation:

The Wonderful College Prep Academy's Renewal Petition should be approved for a five-year term based upon the following criteria:

1. The Petition's descriptions of each of the required elements were principally met, and the items found to be insufficient can be remedied through a MOU.
2. The Petitioners are likely to successfully implement the program set forth in the Petition based upon the charter's performance over the term of the initial charter. The charter's Dashboard Data places it in the middle tier of charter performance. The charter's graduation and college-going rates are exceptional at 100% and 74%, respectively. In addition, 50% of the 2023-24 graduating class also earned an AA Degree in Agriculture Business from Bakersfield College.
3. The Petition included a signed affirmation by the charter board of all of the required assurances.