

AMEND BOARD REPORT 09-1123-EX10

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 09-0527-EX5
AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-1217-EX3
AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-0723-EX12**

AMEND BOARD REPORT 06-1220-EX3

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 06-0222-EX14
APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
L.E.A.R.N. CHARTER SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

location of the I.E.A.R.N. Charter School campus scheduled to open in 2008 (b) change the name of the

I.E.A.R.N. Charter School campus scheduled to open in 2008 and (c) clarify the relationship of any pro

OVERSIGHT

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 01-0627- EX7) is for a term commencing July 15, 2001, and ending July 15, 2006. The agreement authorizes the operation of a single facility charter school with enrollment not to exceed 400 students in grades Kindergarten through eighth. The Agreement incorporates an accountability plan whereby the school is evaluated by the Board each year.

based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial, and operational performance.

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: F.O.P.N. submitted a renewal proposal on November 22, 2005 to

proposed location on May 12, 2009. The hearing was recorded and a summary of the hearing report is available

In August 2009, L.E.A.R.N. notified the Office of New Schools that it would like to (a) correct the at capacity

enrollment of the L.E.A.R.N Charter School – Romano Butler Campus from 450 to 525 and (b) correct the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 1650 to 1725. A public hearing on the proposed enrollment correction was held on Thursday, September 17, 2009. This hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

The committee also conducted a site visit of the charter school. During the last school year, L.E.A.R.N. satisfied its academic accountability requirements in eight of the eight areas reviewed. On the ITBS Reading, 77.3% of L.E.A.R.N. students performed at or above national norms. 87.9% of L.E.A.R.N. students have ITBS Math scores at or above national norms. On the ISAT, 80.95% of L.E.A.R.N. students met or exceeded state standards. Finally, the school has a high attendance rate of 95.8%. The committee recommends that L.E.A.R.N. be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of L.E.A.R.N.'s charter status is being extended for five (5) years commencing July

10. 2009 and ending July 15, 2014

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions including any

Approved:

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Within Appropriation:

Approved as to Legal Form: *[Signature]*