



## OCS Year in Review 2013-14

During the course of the 2013-2014 school year, the Office of Charter Schools (OCS) reviewed the performance and programming of four (4) existing charter schools that were up for renewal. Review activities conducted at each school site related to the renewal review included:

- Two Day Site Inspection
- Instructional Observations of All Classrooms
- Interviews of school leadership, teachers, classified employees, parents, students and charter board members
- Review and Evaluation of New Charter Petition
- Data Analysis/Reporting of School's Academic Performance Over Five Year Term

### 2014-2015 Charter Renewals

Name of School	Date Submitted	CSQR Site Visits	BOE Hearing	Staff Recommendation	BOE Decision
Aspire Monarch Academy (K-5 <sup>th</sup> )	11/20/13	9/10 and 9/11	12/18	Approve	02/12/14 Approved 5:1
Aspire ERES Academy (K-8 <sup>th</sup> )	11/20/13	9/24 and 9/25	12/18	Approve	02/12/14 Approved 6:0
EC Reems Academy (K-8 <sup>th</sup> )	03/26/14	10/8 and 10/9	04/23/14	Deny	05/28/14 Denied 6:0



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Oakland Military Institute (6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> )	12/11/13	10/29 and 10/30	01/06/14	Approve	02/26/14 Approved 6:0
Aspire Millsmont Academy (K-8 <sup>th</sup> )	11/20/13	10/22 and 10/23	CLOSING		CLOSING

**New Petitions 2013-2014 (2014-15 Opening)**

During the course of the 2013-2014 school year, OCS staff reviewed five (5) petitions from five (5) petitioning groups. In total, OCS recommended approval of four (4) out of five (5) new petitions to establish new charter schools.

Name of School	Proposed Location	Date of Submitted	Interview Date	Public Hearing	Staff Recommendation	BOE Decision Date
East Bay Innovation Academy	West Oakland	08/14/13	09/20/13	09/11/13	Approve	10/23/14 Approved 4:2
Epic Middle School	Fruitvale	08/28/13	09/19/13	09/25/13	Approve	10/23/14 Approved 6:1



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Name of School	Proposed Location	Date of Submitted	Interview Date	Public Hearing	Staff Recommendation	BOE Decision Date
DCA (A Methods) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Submission 13-14)	Satellite Campus	11/20/13	01/07/14	12/18/13	Approve	01/29/14 Approved 6:1
Aspire Tech	Former Aspire Millsmont Campus	12/11/13	01/15/14	01/06/14	Approve	01/29/14 Approved 5:0
COVAH (2 <sup>nd</sup> Submission in 13-14)	TBD	02/12/14	03/10/14	03/12/14	Deny	04/09/14 Denied 6:0

2014-2015 New Petitions (2015-16 Openings)

Name of School	Proposed Location	Date of Submitted	Interview Date	Public Hearing	BOE Decision Date
French American Charter School of the East Bay	TBD	05/28/14	07/24/14	06/25/14	08/13/14
Castlemont Primary Academy	Castlemont	06/11/14	07/29/14	06/26/14	08/27/14
Castlemont Junior Academy	Castlemont	06/11/14	07/30/14	06/26/14	08/27/14



2013-2014 ACOE Appeals

The chart below provides a brief summary of the charter schools that appealed the Oakland BOE denial decisions to the Alameda County Board of Education. Of the three appeals heard by ACOE thus far, ACOE BOE upheld two of OUSD BOE denial decisions. The third denial decision related to Unity Middle School was not upheld, but it was not approved for a Fall 2014 opening; instead the schools is approved to open under ACOE authorization in Fall 2015.

Name of School	ACOE Decision (Upheld/Not Upheld)
East Oakland Leadership Academy (Renewal)	Upheld
Unity MS (New Petition)	Not Upheld *ACOE approved for 15-16 opening date, instead of 14-15, which was reasoning for OUSD denial
COVAH (New Petition)	Upheld
EC Reems (Renewal)	Upheld



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**2013-2014 Material Revisions**

In accordance with California Charter Law, any material revision to a charter petition must be submitted for review and approval by the authorizing agency; in this case Oakland BOE. Below is a summary of the two material revisions submitted and approved in 2013-2014.

Name of School	Material Revision	Date Submitted	Public Hearing	Interview Dates	BOE Decision
OCHS	Creating a satellite campus for grades 9-10th	04/09/14	04/23/14	NA	05/28/14
EFC World	Close World Academy and combine with Achieve Academy	04/23/14	05/13/14	05/27/14	06/11/14

**2013-2014 Summary of Charter Reviews/Staff Reports/Appeals**

Excluding the oversight and compliance responsibilities/work of the Office of Charter Schools related to finances, facilities, special education, credentialing, and complaint processing, the chart below summarizes the number of activities OCS staff executed in the 2013-2014 school year.

New Charter Petitions	5
Renewal Petitions	5

Material Revisions	2
ACOE Appeals	3