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Community Impact

- ▶ Consider community impact only for new charter petitions or existing schools proposing to expand grade levels or sites:
 - ▶ Will the charter school substantially undermine existing school district services, academic offerings, or programmatic offerings?
 - ▶ Will the charter school duplicate a program currently offered that has sufficient capacity?

Fiscal Distress

- ▶ Consider fiscal distress of the school district only for new charter petitions or existing charter schools proposing to expand grade levels or sites if the following applies:
 - ▶ Qualified certification leading to negative certification
 - ▶ Negative certification
 - ▶ State Receivership
- ▶ Rebuttable presumption of denial

County Board and State Board of Education Charter School Approvals

County Board Approvals

- ▶ County-wide benefit charter schools
- ▶ County board approved charters to serve students typically served by the county

State Board Approvals

- ▶ Eliminates statewide benefit charter schools
- ▶ Existing statewide benefit schools may be reauthorized one final time, then assigned to the local district or county board
- ▶ Authorized by the State Board on appeal...

County Board and State Board of Education Charter School Appeals

County Board Appeals

- ▶ Full appeal to the county board
- ▶ District denials for fiscal distress must be considered by the county board on appeal

State Board Appeals

- ▶ Appeals based on abuse of discretion
- ▶ Advisory Committee on Charter Schools to hear the appeal
- ▶ State Board may deny without a hearing

Charter School Renewal

Low Performing

- Non-renewal
- All red and orange indicators - schoolwide
- Same or lower than the statewide average - subgroups
- Consider “verified data” for possible two-year renewal

Middle Performing

- Five-year renewal
- Consider all Dashboard indicators both schoolwide and subgroups
- Consider “verified data”

High Performing

- Five to seven year renewal
- All blue and green indicators - schoolwide
- Same or higher than the statewide average - subgroups

Differentiated Assistance for Charter Schools

- ▶ Achieves parity for charter schools and school districts.
- ▶ Charter schools will be identified for differentiated assistance on the same timeline and with the same criteria as school districts.
- ▶ County Superintendent will provide differentiated assistance to charter schools in the same manner as provided to school districts.
- ▶ New criteria applies to currently operating charter schools as of July 1, 2022.

Teacher Credentialing

- ▶ Eliminates “flexibility” for non-core non-college prep courses.
- ▶ Requires all teachers hired for the 2020-21 school year and beyond to hold the required credential for their assignment.
- ▶ Allows teachers employed in the current school year up to 5 years to obtain the required credential for their assignment. May not hold an emergency style permit (PIP, STSP) after 5 years.
- ▶ During the 5 year transition period, requires all teachers to hold a Certificate of Clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

Nonclassroom-Based Charter Schools

- ▶ Establishes a two-year moratorium on nonclassroom-based charter schools which include virtual schools.
- ▶ Legislative commitment to making necessary reforms during that time.

Additional Charter School Reforms

SB 126 (Leyva/O'Donnell) Conflict of Interest

- ▶ Charter school governing bodies & governing bodies of “entities managing a charter school” shall comply with the:
 - ▶ Brown Act
 - ▶ Public Records Act
 - ▶ Political Reform Act
 - ▶ Government Code 1090

AB 1507 (Smith) Charter School Site Location

- ▶ Prohibits charter schools from being located outside the jurisdiction of the authorizer.
- ▶ Authorizes one resource center located within the jurisdiction of the school district where the school is located.
- ▶ Schools and resource centers must gain approval by the local district prior to renewal.