



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Report

Report Number:	#225-09/10
Date:	February 16, 2010
Subject:	Material Amendment to the Charter of Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood
Responsible Staff:	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action Proposed: Approve the Material Revision of the Charter for Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood to change its lottery preferences.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale: Approve the Material Revision of the Charter of Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood.

The amendment contains language that alters the lottery preferences for Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood as a means to help increase the diversity of the school's student population. The following amends the preferences and their order in the petition resulting in the following changes:

- 1) Students who reside within LAUSD and students currently attending Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood
- 2) Siblings of enrolled students at Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood
- 3) Students who are children of school faculty and founding parents (not to exceed 10% of openings at any grade level)
- 4) Students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch

The preferences are currently stated as:

- 1) Students who are children of school faculty and founding parents (not to exceed 10% of total seats)
- 2) Siblings of enrolled students and students who reside within LAUSD boundaries
- 3) A weighted priority under provisions of ESEA Title I



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Expected Outcomes: Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood is expected to operate its charter school in a manner consistent with local, State and Federal ordinances, laws and regulations and the terms and conditions set forth in its current charter. Benchmarks for achievement will be set forth in the petition for Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood.

Board Options and Consequences: “Yes”- The approval of the material revision would grant Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood the ability to change its lottery preferences beginning immediately and extending through the end of the charter term June 30, 2013.

“No” -The denial of the material revision would not allow Larchmont Charter School West Hollywood to change its lottery preferences.

Policy Implications: No policy implications have been identified by staff

Budget Impact: State Revenue Limit income and various other income sources to the District are reduced when current District students enroll at a charter school, and comparable or offsetting expenditure savings may not occur in such cases. Under Education Code section 47604(c), a school district that grants a charter to or operates a charter school that is formed as a non-profit public benefit corporation is not held liable for the charter school’s debts or obligations as long as the school district complies with all oversight responsibilities. The District will continue to have monitoring and supervisory responsibility for charter school finances, as specified in the Charter Schools Act. Any modifications to the charter school’s petition or operations with significant financial implications would require District approval prior to implementation. Petition approval is also contingent upon adequate liability insurance coverage.

Issues and Analysis: Charter schools are expected to be reflective of the diversity of Los Angeles Unified School District (Education Code 47605(b)(5)(G))

Attachments:

- Informative**
- Desegregation
Impact Statement**



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Respectfully submitted,

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