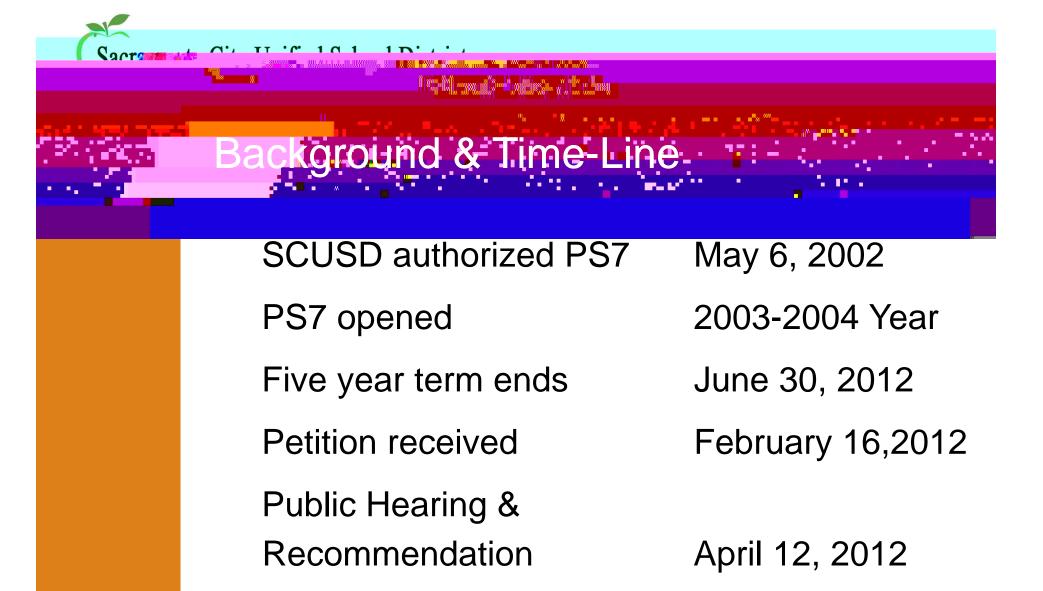




Public Hearing and Staff Report: Charter School Renewal Petition – St. Hope Public School 7 (PS7)

April 12, 2012





Petition shall be granted unless:

Unsound education program

Petitioners unlikely to successfully implement program

Absence of required affirmations



A charter school seeking renewal must also meet one of the standards for academic achievement as set forth in Education Code §47607.



Attained API growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years

Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for similar schools

Charter school's performance is at least equal to district schools students otherwise would attend



District Staff has thoroughly reviewed PS7's renewal petition:

Overall, the petition meets the requirements of charter school laws, including the academic performance standards and the 16 elements. Staff Report

Academic Performance Index (API)

| Year | API Base | API Growth | Growth Target | Gain/ Loss |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2008-2009 | 804 | 873 | А | 69 |
| 2009-2010 | 873 | 913 | А | 40 |
| 2010-2011 | 913 | 911 | А | -2 |

"A" means the school or subgroups scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800



Statewide API Similar School Ranked in Deciles 4 to 10

2011 – Data not yet available 2010 – 10 2009 – 10

> Compares a school to 100 similar schools Establishes a ranking of schools from highest to lowest by school type Range from 1 to 10 (low - high)

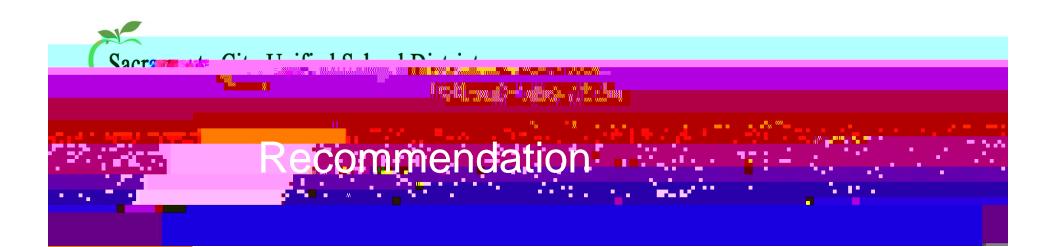


Sound Education Program

Curriculum aligns to state standards

English language learner program and special education plan meet best practices

Extended time for learning, college prep focused



Staff recommends that the Petition be approved