



# Process Update: Charter Oversight, Investigation, and Renewal

Board Meeting

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## SCUSD CORE BELIEF

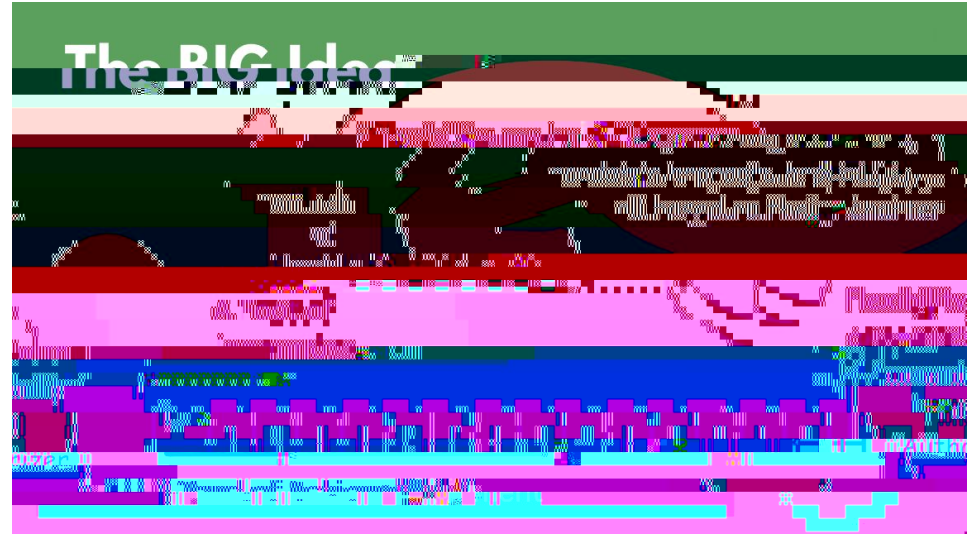
We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

## SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

# Tonight's Information

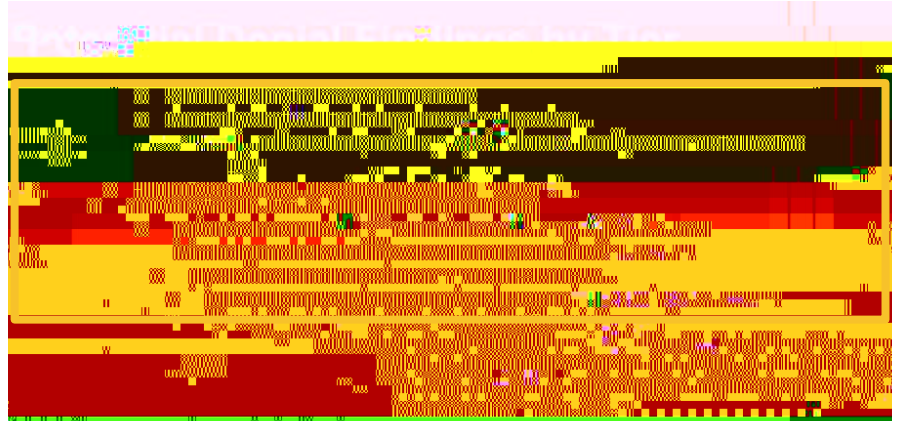
- Annual Oversight Update for 2023-24
- Renewal Timelines and Processes
- Review/Investigation of Concerns







## Middle Tier Schools = Presumptive Renewal



Renewal criteria is tied to each performance category/tier.

MIDDLE TIER:

Consider performance schoolwide and for all subgroups on state indicators, plus performance on local indicators (all reflected on Dashboard)

Greater weight given to performance on academic measurements

Consider verified data (if presented by charter school) showing:

Measurable increases in academic achievement (1 year of progress); OR

Strong postsecondary outcomes

Renewal term = 5 years



# Third Party Investigation of Concerns (Re:SHPS)

## Why a 3rd party investigation?

- Extensive allegations against charter school organization (SHPS) brought by parents and former charter educators
- Authorizer has a legal duty to oversee charter school and monitor fiscal condition
  - Protect student interests
  - Avoid liability
- Third party review separate from standard oversight/renewal evaluation
- Why now?

## Process and Considerations:

- Request for information/records + review of publicly-available information
  - Linked directly to allegations
  - Objective data to validate or disprove allegations
  - Maintained in normal course of business
- Third party review
  - Records review/site visit/interviews (as needed)
  - Prepare report of findings
- District evaluation
  - If necessary, issue notice to cure/correct
  - 30+ days for charter school to respond with corrective action plan

- Late June: Petition Submission
- Early/Mid July: Conclude Investigation
  - By July 26: *If necessary based on reported findings*, Board issues notice to cure and correct
    - o What would this look like?
      - List of violations and findings
      - Citation to law, charter, charter



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Concerns  
Unfounded /  
No Significant  
Findings

Proceed with  
Charter Renewal  
Process;  
Middle Tier

Concerns  
Founded /  
Significant  
Findings

SCUSD Issues  
Notice of Cure  
and Correct

Charter is not  
responsive to  
request for  
records  
needed to  
investigate  
concerns

Charter develops  
and implements  
corrective action  
plan.

Eligible for  
renewal based on  
likelihood of  
successfully  
implementing  
action plan

Eligible for denial  
based on not  
implementing  
action plan

SCUSD notifies  
Charter that  
violations are  
sufficiently severe  
to render  
corrective action  
plan unviable

Basis for denial  
based on  
"demonstrably  
unlikely to  
successfully  
implement..."

IMPORTANT: Process  
IS NOT and CANNOT  
be Predetermined.



Thoughts? Questions? Comments?