



Santa Barbara SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Section 1
12/04/09 Board Brief

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November 25, 2009

Ms. Carol Blakely
California Department of Education
Charter School Division
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RE: Cesar Chavez Dual Language Immersion Charter School (CDS Code 6118202 and District County Code 42-69278)

Dear Ms. Blakely:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that last evening, the Santa Barbara School Districts' Board of Education passed the attached resolution with a material revision to the Cesar Chavez Dual Language Immersion Charter to extend the charter for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. Please continue to fund the school through the end of the school year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Sarvis, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Enclosure

Adams Elementary School
Cesar Chavez Charter School
Cleveland Elementary School
Franklin Elementary School
Harding Elementary School

Home School Santa Barbara
McKinley Elementary School
Monroe Elementary School
Open Alternative School

Peabody Charter School
Roosevelt Elementary School
Santa Barbara Charter School
Santa Barbara Community Academy
Washington Elementary School

Goleta Valley Junior High School
La Colina Junior High School
La Cumbre Junior High School
Santa Barbara Junior High School

Aita Vista Alternative High School
Dos Pueblos High School
La Cuesta Continuation High School
San Marcos High School
Santa Barbara High School

November 24, 2009

**Resolution Regarding the Conditional Approval of an Extension of the Charter of
César Estrada Chávez Dual Immersion Charter School
Resolution No. 2009/10-25**

WHEREAS, The César Estrada Chávez Dual Language Immersion Charter School is in its tenth year of operation with the last charter renewal by Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education five years ago on October 12, 2004, and,

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara School Districts values the mission of César Chávez Charter School to develop bi-literate students whose strong academic and multicultural foundation prepare them to meaningfully participate in their families, their community, and their world to create a more just and equitable society, and,

WHEREAS, César Chávez Charter School is a valuable community resource, it may not qualify for charter renewal under the provisions of California State Education Code 47607 given current data, and,

WHEREAS, the last charter renewal was for a five year period and has expired with no petition for renewal being filed as of November 23, 2009, and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education has acknowledged that the César Chávez charter has expired and is requesting that it be notified by December 1, 2009 whether the school will be closing and funding should be suspended or whether the district will agree to an extension through the end of the school year with material changes to the charter, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education expressed a desire to keep the school open until the end of the school year with major changes to ensure the success of students - particularly English learners, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has expressed an interest in pursuing ways to reconstitute a bilingual or a dual-language immersion program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. César Estrada Chávez Dual Immersion Charter School be allowed to operate through the end of the school year (June 30, 2010) by extension of the expired charter through that date.
2. The Board of Education requests that the community, in collaboration with the school district, come forward with a new restructuring plan for a rigorous dual-language immersion program during Spring 2010 for a school program to commence operating no later than July 1, 2010. The Board of Education will work cooperatively with community members as they design an effective program.

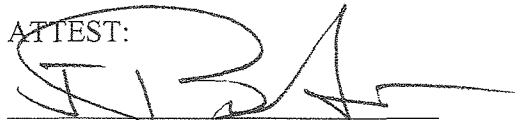
3. The Board of Education is willing to approve extending the charter with the following material revisions as a condition of the charter extension through the end of the 2009-10 school year:
- At its sole cost and expense, the Charter School will reimburse the District, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the cost of a District consultant to advise the school on instructional programs and instructional effectiveness, particularly for English learners;
 - The consultant and school staff will study and implement instructional program changes that may accelerate the academic achievement of English learners on California State Standards tests for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year;
 - The Governance Council will consult with the District in the selection of a principal;
 - The Governance Council will report monthly on its supervision of the principal to the districts' Associate Superintendent for Education;
 - Other conditions as necessary.
4. The Governance Council is asked to approve all of the items in Section 3 prior to December 18, 2009. If the Governance Council determines that these items are not acceptable, the expired charter will not be extended.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, California, held on the 24th day of November, 2009, by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 Noes: 2 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

By: _____
Kate Parker, President, Board of Education
Santa Barbara School Districts

ATTEST:



Clerk, Board of Education
Santa Barbara School Districts