AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. **Public Education Commission Meeting Date:** February 12, 2015

II. **Item Title:** Vote on Charter School Amendment – Coral Community Charter School to change in grade levels served

III. Executive Summary and Proposed Motions:

Request and Rationale

The Coral Community School requests to amend its instructional program, which currently houses grades K-6 with an enrollment cap at 390, to include grade levels 7 and 8 with the same enrollment cap of 390. The school seeks to add Grade 7 in 2016-17 and Grade 8 in 2017-18. The school states the following rationale for its request:

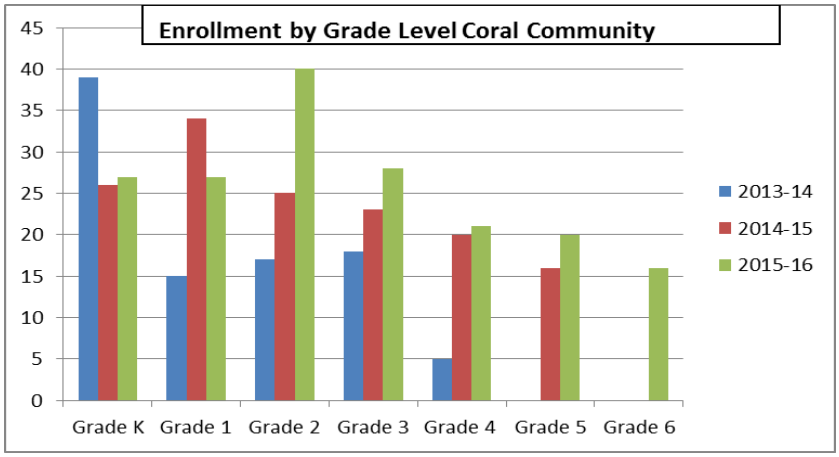
1. Due to the demand of our families and community, it is in the best interest of our students to phase in grades 7 and 8.

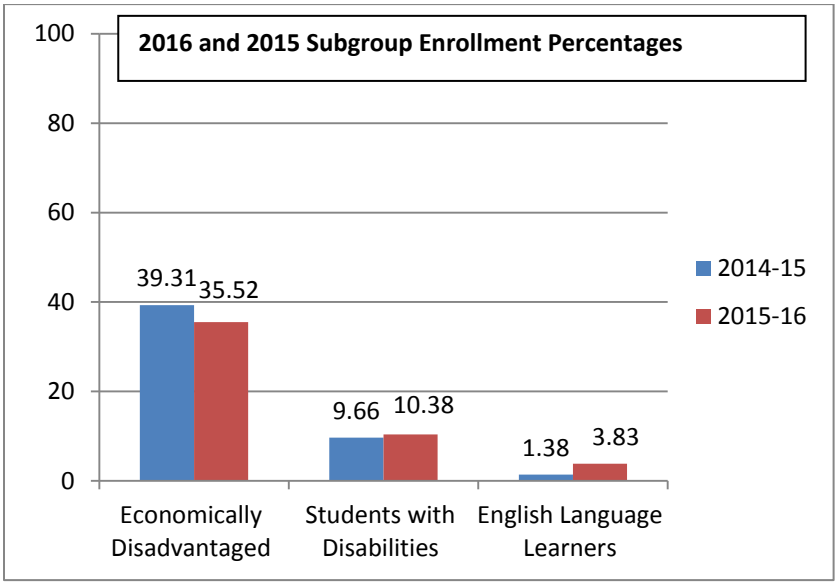
School History and Prior Performance

The Coral Community is currently in its fourth year as a New Mexico charter school. The charter school was approved on June 27, 2012 by the Public Education Commission. Coral Community Charter currently serves Albuquerque students, Kindergarten - sixth grade. In September 2013, Coral Community Charter was granted an amendment to move to a new location so the school could accommodate its enrollment count. In June 2015, Coral Community Charter was granted an amendment to move to a new location to attract students primarily from the International Zone and from families who work at Sandia Labs and Kirkland Air Force Base. The school mission is dedicated to providing single-gender classes, quality instruction, individualization, and family/community involvement to ensure students' proficiency.

School Enrollment and Demographics Data

The 80th day enrollment count for the 2015-2016 school year at Coral Community Charter was 183 students, as compared to the 2014-2015 80th day enrollment count of 145 students. As the graph below substantiates, all grade levels, with the exception of first grade had an increase in enrollment from the prior year.



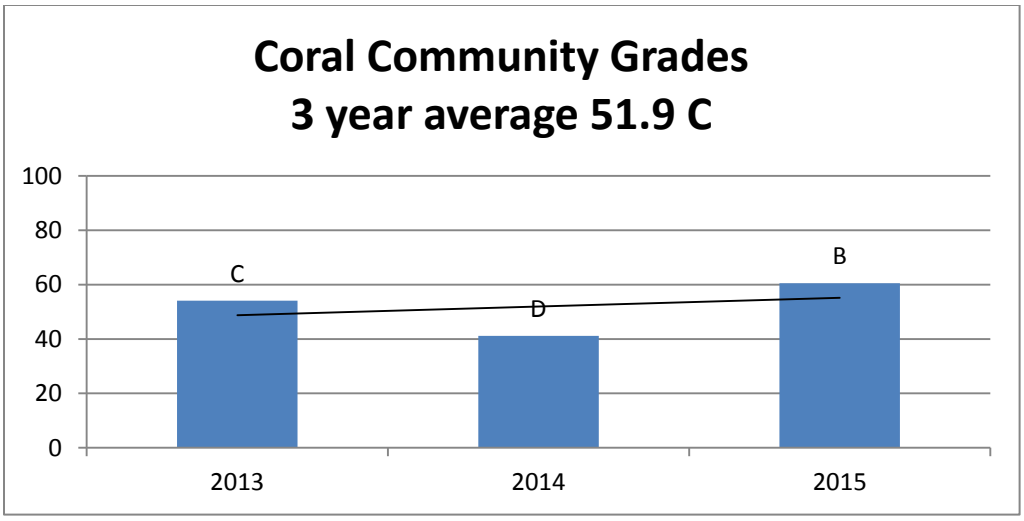


School Performance

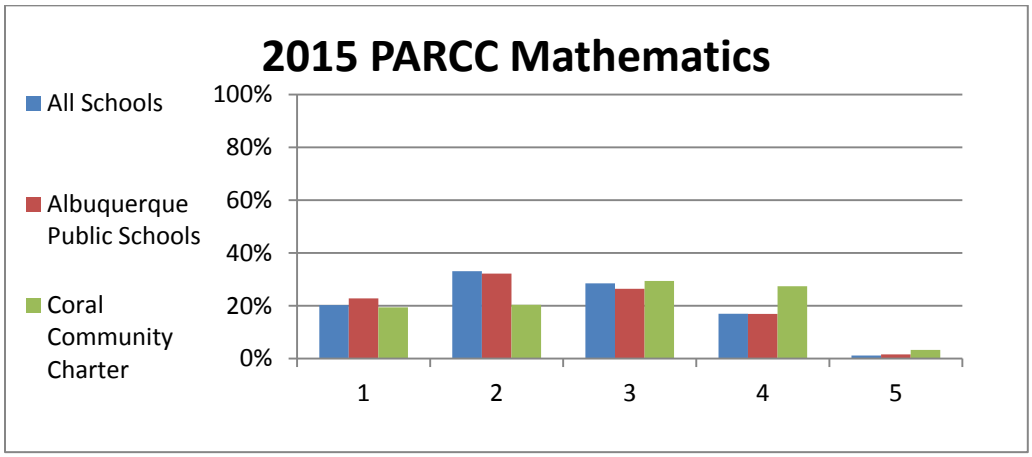
The Coral Community Charter School has received the following school grades:

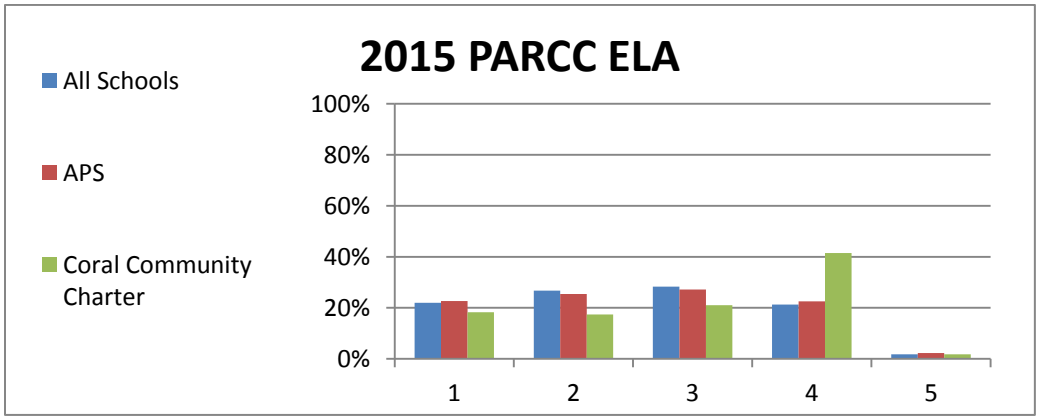
In 2012-13 the school grade was a C
In 2013-14 the school grade was a D
In 2014-15 the school grade was a B

The school currently maintains a three year average of a C.



The tables below show a comparison of the school's state assessment proficiency data to the statewide data for the same grade levels and the APS data for the same grade levels. This comparison for 2015 indicates that the school is scoring higher proficiency rates in Math and Language Arts as compared to APS and NM schools.





Recommendation

At this time, CSD **does** recommend the approval of this amendment request because the school has a current year letter grade of B, a three year average letter grade of C, and proficiency rates in Math and Language Arts that are higher than APS and NM schools.

Proposed Motions

- Move to **approve** the amendment request presented by Coral Community School requesting to amend its instructional program, which currently houses grades K-6 with an enrollment cap at 390, to expand its grade levels to K-7 with an enrollment cap at 390 in 2016-2017 and to expand its grade level to K-8 with an enrollment cap in 2017-2018 with an enrollment cap at 390 because the school is demonstrating acceptable academic performance.

- Move to **deny** the amendment request presented by Coral Community School requesting to amend its instructional program, which currently houses grades K-6 with an enrollment cap at 390, to expand its grade levels to K-7 with an enrollment cap at 390 in 2016-2017 and to expand its grade level to K-8 with an enrollment cap in 2017-2018 with an enrollment cap at 390 because [**PEC to provide reasons that the request should not be approved**].