

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. Public Education Commission Meeting Date: November 15, 2019

II. Item Title: Amendment Request: Enrollment Cap Increase – Middle College High School

III. Executive Summary:

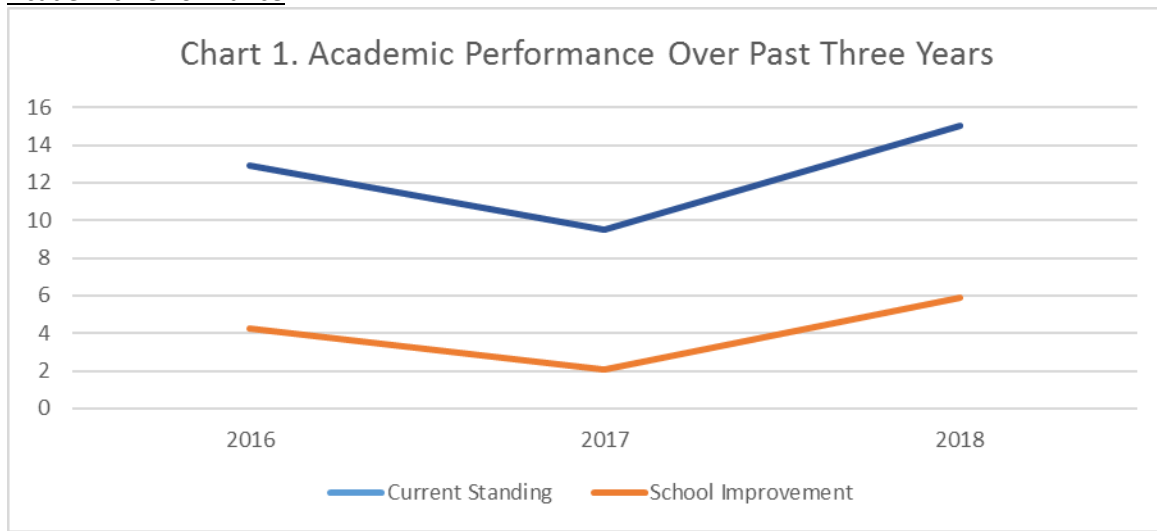
Discussion and Possible Action on Charter School Amendment, Middle College High School

- Middle College High School requests to increase its enrollment cap by 20 students (120-140).

Rationale for Request

“This request is responsive to community concern for an educational alternative to the current offerings of the local school district, as reflected by the waiting list that the school currently maintains.”

Academic Performance



Additional Analysis on Amendment Request

Enrollment data indicates that the school is current operating at or near its current enrollment cap of 120 students. The school reports that the school maintains an annual waitlist of 18 -43 potential students. These waitlist numbers indicate that the school would have no difficulty adding 20 more students to meet the requested cap.

Year	Percent of Students Who Returned in Current Year	Percent of Students Who Withdrew In Prior Year	40 th Day Enrollment
2016-2017	90%	6.12%	91
2017-2018	84.85%	9.86%	100
2018-2019	87.69%	9.72%	98
2019-2020*	89.83%	1.64%	120

***Please note that data for 2019-2020 has not been officially verified and approved**

While academic performance dipped overall in 2017, the school did see a large recovery in 2018. The overall grade in 2017 was a C, increased to an A in 2018. Academic data for 2019 is not available at this time. As the school indicates in the required narrative (see attached appendix), the existing faculty-to-student ratio would change from 20:1 to 23:1. Since this is not a significant change, it can be assumed that the enrollment increase would not have a negative impact on academic performance.

Between the school's two portable buildings and the leased space on the UNM Gallup Campus, the school can accommodate up to 159 students per the attached PSFA letter. The school would therefore still be 19 students under current maximum occupancy.