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2021 Charter School Renewal Recommendation – North Valley Academy

PED RECOMMENDATION

The PED recommends a **renewal term of five (5) years**. The school earned 52 points in 2018-2019, the most recent school year with state assessment data. (The cutoff for Spotlight School designations was 53.33.) The school received a designation of excellence in math growth and met or exceeded its four (4) charter goals during that same year.

Due to the pandemic, the school established two learning models, one for those families who elected full remote regardless of the health orders and a second for the anticipated reentry in hybrid mode. The teachers are online with all students at least twice per day, four (4) days per week with electives/specials activities on Wednesdays. Teachers have balanced daily direct-instruction, student assignments, and off-screen class time for grades K-8 to optimize student learning. In addition, the school continues to offer their After-School Enrichment courses to all enrolled students, facilitated virtually during the remote learning time. The school offered small group instruction for students with disabilities four (4) days per week through November when the Governing Board decided to switch to remote only through the holidays.

In 2019-2020, the school's organizational performance ratings were excellent, meeting standards in 16 of 18 indicators; the remaining two (2) indicators were rated as working to meet standard.

The most recent published financial audit contained two (2) findings, with zero (0) repeats and no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

The school spent an average of 76.25% of its annual operating budget on instructional costs (categories 1100, 2100, and 2200) over the last four (4) years, better than the 68% recommended per 2020 NM HB002. The average percentage of operating budget spent on administrative support was 14.25% with an average funded membership of 461 students.

The school does not have the support of a foundation.

EVALUATION SUMMARY

| Section | Indicator | Rating |
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| ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE | | |
| 1.a | Department’s Standards of Excellence | <i>Meets the Standard</i> |
| 1.b | Specific Charter Goals | <i>Demonstrates Substantial Progress</i> |
| FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE | | |
| 2.a | Audit | <i>Demonstrates Substantial Progress</i> |
| 2.b | Board of Finance | <i>Meets the Standard</i> |
| 2.c | Financial Performance | <i>No concerns at this time</i> |
| CONTRACTUAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, AND GOVERNANCE | | |
| 3.a | Material Terms | <i>Meets the Standard</i> |
| 3.b | Organizational Performance Framework | <i>Meets the Standard</i> |
| 3.c | Governance Responsibilities | <i>Meets the Standard</i> |

NMPED Accountability Data 2018-2019

| | Overall | Reading Proficiency | Math Proficiency | Science Proficiency | English Learner Progress | Reading Growth | Math Growth |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| North Valley Academy | 52 | 30 | 26 | 55 | 31 | 56 | 72 |
| Local District | 49 | 31 | 21 | 38 | 29 | 47 | 50 |
| Statewide | - | 34 | 21 | 40 | 29 | 50 | 50 |

Public Education Commission (PEC) Performance Framework

| North Valley Academy | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Category I. Academic Performance Framework | | | | |
| I-A.00 NM A-F School Grading System | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | |
| I-A.01 Required Academic Performance Indicators | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | |
| I-A.02 Optional Supplemental Indicators (school specific items in charter) | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| Category II. Financial Performance Framework | | | | |
| II-A.00-06 Operating Budget/Audits/Periodic Reports/Expenditures/Reimbursements/Audit Reviews/Meals | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| Category III. Organizational Performance Framework | | | | |
| III-A.00 Educational Plan: material terms of the approved charter application | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| III-A.01 Educational Plan: applicable education requirements | Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| III-A.02 Educational Plan: protecting the rights of all students | Working to Meet Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| III-A.03 Educational Plan: protecting the rights of students with special needs (IDEA, 504, gifted) | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| III-A.04 Educational Plan: protecting the rights of English Language Learners (Title III) | Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| III-A.05 Educational Plan: complying with the compulsory attendance laws | Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| III-A.06 Educational Plan: meet their recurrent enrollment goals | Working to Meet Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| IV-A.00 Business Management & Oversight: meeting financial reporting and compliance requirements | Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Working to Meet Standard |
| IV-A.01 Business Management & Oversight: following generally accepted accounting principles | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| V-A.00 Governance and Reporting: complying with governance requirements | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| V-A.01 Governance and Reporting: holding management accountable | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| VI-A.00 Employees: meeting teacher and other staff credentialing requirements | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| VI-A.01 Employees: respecting employee rights | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| VI-A.02 Employees: completing required background checks | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| VII-A.00 School Environment: complying with facilities requirements | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Working to Meet Standard |
| VII-A.01 School Environment: complying with health and safety requirements | Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard | Working to Meet Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| VII-A.02 School Environment: handling information appropriately | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard | Meets (or Exceeds) Standard |
| Category: Organizational Performance Framework | | | | |
| School Specific Terms: data on any terms specified in the school's Performance Framework | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |