

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- I. **Public Education Commission Meeting Date:** June 11, 2021
  
- II. **Item Title:** Amendment Request: Grade Levels Served– La Tierra Montessori
  
- III. **Executive Summary:**  
Discussion and Possible Action on Charter School Amendment, La Tierra Montessori

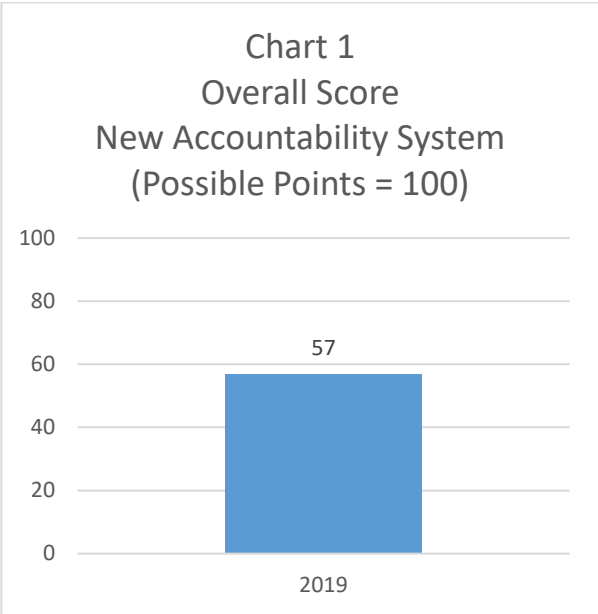
Request

La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts of Sciences is requesting to add grades 7 and 8. The school is currently authorized for grades K-6.

The school’s Governing Council voted to remove grades 7 through 8 starting SY2018-2019 because the school faced challenges in staffing, and there was not a strong need for those grade levels based on the enrollment at the time.

Academic Performance

**Overall Standing:** Chart 1 illustrates the school’s overall score (out of 100 possible points).



The school earned a Spotlight Designation for SY 2018-2019

## Financial Audits

Audit Year	# of Findings	# of Repeat Findings	# of Material Weaknesses and Significant Deficiencies
FY20	5	0	1
FY19	1	0	0
FY18	2	0	1

## Performance Framework

La Tierra Montessori	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
<b>Category I. Academic Performance Framework</b>				
<b>Indicator 1</b> Components of School Accountability System	Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard	Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard	56.71 Points (Spotlight)	
<b>Indicator 2</b> Subgroup Performance	Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard	Not Applicable	Pending	
<b>Indicator 3</b> Mission Specific Goals	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
<b>Financial Performance Framework</b>				
Self-Assessment Survey completed and signed by Head Admin, SBO, and Finance Chair	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Category II. Organizational Performance Framework</b>				
<b>Indicator 1a</b> Educational Program: mission and educational program of approved charter application	Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 1b</b> Educational Program: state assessment requirements	Working to Meet Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 4a</b> Students & Employees: protecting the rights of all students	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 1c</b> Educational Program: protecting the rights of students with disabilities	Working to Meet Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 1d</b> Educational Program: protecting the rights of English Language Learners	Working to Meet Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 4b</b> Students & Employees: attendance, retention, and recurrent enrollment	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Not Applicable
<i>Included in Indicator 4b</i>	Working to Meet Standard	Working to Meet Standard		
<b>Indicator 2a</b> Financial Mgmt & Oversight: meeting financial reporting and compliance requirements	Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Working to Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 2b</b> Financial Mgmt & Oversight: following generally accepted accounting principles	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 3a</b> Governance & Reporting: complying with governance requirements	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Working to Meet Standard
<i>Included in Indicator 3c</i>	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard		
<b>Indicator 4c</b> Students & Employees: meeting teacher and other staff credentialing requirements	Working to Meet Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Falls Far Below (or Does Not Meet) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 4d</b> Students & Employees: respecting employee rights	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Working to Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 4e</b> Students & Employees: completing required background checks / reporting ethical violations	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Working to Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 5a</b> School Environment: complying with facilities requirements	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 5c</b> School Environment: complying with health and safety requirements	Working to Meet Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Working to Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 5d</b> School Environment: handling information appropriately	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>OTHER</b>				
School specific conditions in the Charter Contract, if any	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		
<b>Indicator 1e</b> Educational Program: meeting program requirements for all PED and federal grant programs			Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 1f</b> Educational Program: NM DASH Plan			Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b>Indicator 2c</b> Financial Mgmt & Oversight: responsive to audit findings			Working to Meet Standard	Working to Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 2d</b> Financial Mgmt & Oversight: managing grant funds responsibility			Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 2e</b> Financial Mgmt & Oversight: staffing to ensure proper fiscal management			Working to Meet Standard	Working to Meet Standard
<b>Indicator 2f</b> Financial Mgmt & Oversight: meeting obligations timely / appropriate internal controls			Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b>Indicator 3b</b> Governance & Reporting: complying with nepotism and conflict of interest requirements			Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 3c</b> Governance & Reporting: meeting obligations timely / appropriate internal controls			Meets (or Exceeds) Standard	Meets (or Exceeds) Standard
<b>Indicator 5b</b> School Environment: complying with transportation requirements			Not Applicable	Not Applicable