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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Southwest Preparatory Learning Center Preliminary Analysis and Recommendation

Re: Charter Schools Division's Renewal Analysis and Recommendation dated Nov. 1, 2023

Governing Board Chair- Listed as Alissa Mavridis, currently filled by Cristobal Ortiz. We are not sure if this needs to be updated.

Preliminary Renewal Recommendation- References Southwest Secondary, this just needs a name change.

1.b Mission Specific Goals

This section states that the staff member in charge of data tracking was unavailable during the finalization of the report. That staff member is no longer with the school, we are unsure as to whether this should be corrected. The final sentence utilizes the words 'in detail.' We believe this may set an expectation level above what is needed and are asking that those words be omitted.

2.a. Educational Program-We believe that the last sentence could be removed or modified as it lends itself to the possible interpretation that the school is continuing to utilize educational materials that are known to be ineffective. At this time, we are waiting to see how the company updates their product and implementing hands on activities to supplement the content and increase engagement. The head administrator can also speak about these issues if CSD deems no change is needed.

2.b. Financial Compliance

After speaking with the school's business manager, we are still confused as to what needs to be clarified in regard to cash handling.

We are suggesting that the final sentence of this section be reworded slightly. As it stands, we believe the statement creates ambiguity about whether the school's internal controls and reporting were at some point in the contract term an issue. We suggest the following: "Overall, the school has improved internal controls and maintained consistent reporting to regulatory bodies as reflected in their annual audits."

2.c. Governance Responsibilities

We are aware of one untimely notification of a board vacancy and are requesting that the statement be rewritten in the singular as it currently suggests there were multiple occurrences.

2.d. Equity and Identity

The school does offer transportation through a bus sharing agreement with Southwest Secondary. We are unsure whether this counts and the statement should be amended.