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**Horizon Academy West Enrollment Amendment Request
Charter Schools Division Analysis
Public Education Commission (PEC) Meeting, August 16, 2024**

Horizon Academy West requests PEC approval to amend its contract to increase its enrollment cap from 500 to 521 students, which is more than 20 seats.

According to the 2023-2024 120 Day Enrollment, the school is serving 457 students. The school has received 107 new applications for 2024-25 which would take the school over its current enrollment cap of 500 students. The school has another 21 students that are committed to register if the request is approved.

School's rationale: For the last two years, enrollment has increased in K-5 and there is a waitlist of 145 students for all grades combined. They would like to be able to serve as many students as possible on the westside of Albuquerque. Parents call each day to check on the waitlist status.

CSD Analysis:

For SY 2022-23 the school received an NM Vistas designation of Spotlight with 75.9 points, slightly above the 75th percentile of all schools in the state. 2022-23 proficiencies (with state comparisons in parentheses) were: Reading 54% (38%), Math 46% (24%) and Science 55 (34%).

The school's rating on the 2023-24 Organizational and Financial Performance Framework was Meets the Standard.

The school's demographics (compared to state) in 2023-24 were: Students with Disabilities 12% (19%), English Learners 2% (18%), Economically Disadvantaged 15% (29%), Asian 1% (2%), Black 5% (2%), Hispanic 80% (57%), Native American 1% (10%), White 11% (20%).

Horizon Academy West	2023-24
Organizational and Financial Performance Ratings	
1a Mission and Educational Program	Meets Standard
1b State Assessment Requirements	Pending
1c Rights of Students with Disabilities	Meets Standard
1d Rights of English Learners	Meets Standard
1e Meeting Program Requirements	Meets Standard
1f NM DASH Plan	N/A
2a Governance Requirements	Meets Standard
2b Nepotism, Conflict of Interest	Meets Standard
2c Reporting Requirements	Meets Standard
3a Rights of All Students	Meets Standard
3b Attendance and Retention	Pending
3c Staff Credentialing	Meets Standard
3d Employee Rights	Meets Standard
3e Background Checks, Ethics	Meets Standard
4a Facilities	Meets Standard
4b Transportation	N/A
4c Health and Safety	Meets Standard
4d Handling Information	Meets Standard
4e Information accessible to the public	Meets Standard
4f School climate	Meets Standard
5a Financial Reporting and Compliance	Working to Meet Standard
5b Accounting Principles	Does Not Meet Standard
5c Responsive to Audit Findings	Meets Standard
5d Managing Grant Funds	Meets Standard
5e Staffing for Fiscal Management	Does Not Meet Standard
5f Internal Controls	Meets Standard

CSD Recommendation: Adding a few students to each grade level will not require additional staff, resources, or budgeting. Their enrollment targets will maintain full classes, without needing additional classrooms or space. This change is fiscally responsible and ensures an even distribution of students in each class and grade level. CSD recommends approval of the amendment request.