



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1

**Meeting Date:** May 15, 2014

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## Community Charter School (NJB)

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Accountability Office

**Recommendation:** To conduct a public hearing to consider the level of support for the New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter petition.

**Background/Rationale:** The Governing Board will hold a public hearing in accordance with Education Code section 47607 (b) to consider the level of support for the proposed K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. The district received the New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter Petition on April 23, 2014. The staff report and recommendation are being presented for Board action on June 19, 2014.

**Financial Considerations:** A report on the financial considerations will be made when staff has thoroughly reviewed the charter petition.

**Documents Attached:**

1. Executive Summary
2. Public Notice
3. Charter Petition <http://www.scusd.edu/new-joseph-bonnheim-charter-petition>

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 10 minutes

**Submitted by:** Teresa Cummings, Ph.D., Chief Accountability Officer

**Approved by:** Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent

# Board of Education Executive Summary

Public Hearing on New Charter Petition

The New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School (NJB)

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## I. Overview of New Charter School Petition

On April 23, 2014, the New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School (“NJB” or the “School”) submitted a petition to establish a dependent charter school (“petition”) with the Sacramento City Unified School District (“SCUSD” or “District”). The petition proposes to create a charter school to serve K-6<sup>th</sup> grade that would “develop responsible, respectful, and proactive citizens to become caretakers of our community, our state, our country, and our planet. This begins with our concept for the New Joseph Bonnheim (NJB) being centered on agriculture” (Petition, p.8). Petitioners seek to begin operations with 323 students in 2014-2015 school year.

The public hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2014 to consider the level of support for Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School. After staff does a thorough review of the charter petition, a capacity interview will be conducted with the lead petitioners and proposed founding team for JBCC on May 19, 2014 in an effort to clarify various aspects of the petition, as well as to evaluate the petitioners’ ability to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.

## II. Driving Governance

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 (“Act”) governs the creation of charter schools in the State of California. The Act includes Education Code section 47605(b), which provides the standards and criteria for petition review, and provides that a school district governing board considering whether to grant a charter petition “shall be guided by the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged.” (Ed. Code, §47605(b).) Specifically, the governing board may

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- operations; (2) will not charge tuition; and (3) will not discriminate against any student on the basis on the characteristics set forth in Education Code section 220.
- 5) The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of sixteen certain elements in its program and operations as set forth in Education Code section 47605, subdivision (b)(5) (A-P), which describes sixteen separate elements that must be addressed in every petition to establish a charter school. These elements include a description of the School's governance structure, admissions policy, and health and safety and student discipline policies.

Charter School petitions are also required to include discussion of the impact on the chartering district, including, the facilities to be utilized by the School, the manner in which administrative services will be provided, potential civil liabilities for the school district, and a three year projected operational budget and cash flow. (Ed Code 47605 (g)).

## III. Budget

The budget for the proposed the New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School is detailed in the charter petition and appendices. Staff will present full review of findings at the scheduled Board Meeting, June 19, 2014.

## IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures

The goal of the Public Hearing is for the Board of Education to consider the level of support for Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School's petition.

District staff will present full comprehensive review of the New Joseph Bonnheim's petition and provide the Board finding of facts and recommendations for approval or denial at the scheduled Board Meeting, June 19, 2014.

## V. Major Initiatives

N/A

## VI. Results

N/A

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**Sacramento City Unified School District**  
Proposed New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Sacramento City Unified School District hereby gives notice that a  
Public Hearing will be held as follows:

### **Topic of Hearing:**

**Public Hearing on Charter School Petition- New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School**

Copies of this program may be inspected at: -6<sup>th</sup> grade. The district received the Joseph  
The parties executed an agreement on Nove  
5 C.C.R. 11966.4, subdivision (c), extending  
Petition and the District Board to take action  
report and recommendation are being