



Sacramento County Board of Education
Special Meeting

Tuesday / March 26, 2019 / 6:30 P.M.

Location:

Center Joint Unified School District Board Room
Wilson C. Riles Middle School Campus
4747 PFE Road
Roseville, CA 95747

Please Note:

This meeting will begin at the conclusion of the 6:00 p.m.
March 26, 2019 Sacramento County Committee on
School District Organization Meeting

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TO: Members, County Board of Education

FROM: David W. Gordon, Secretary to the Board

SUBJECT: Agenda – **Special Meeting** – Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Official Correspondence
- V. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations

NOTE: Anyone may address the Board on any item that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. However, the Board may not take action on any item not on this agenda except as authorized by Government Code section 54954.2.

Anyone may appear at the Board meeting to testify in support of or in opposition to any item being presented to the Board for consideration. If possible, notify the Board President or Board Secretary in writing prior to the meeting if you wish to testify.

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- VI. Superintendent's Report
- VII. New Business
 - A. Discussion and Action Re Resolution No. 19-02 – In Opposition to Assembly Bill 1505 – Charter Schools – David W. Gordon
- VIII. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
- IX. Items for Distribution
 - A. March/April Events
 - B. March/April Site Visits
- X. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. April 5, 2019 – Student Programs (Palmiter and EL Hickey)
 - B. April 16, 2019 – Report on Sly Park
- XI. Adjournment

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Subject: Resolution No. 19-02 – In Opposition to Assembly Bill 1505 – Charter Schools	Agenda Item No.: VII.A. Enclosures: 1
Reason: Discussion and Action	From: David W. Gordon Prepared By: Teresa Stinson Board Meeting Date: 03/26/19

BACKGROUND:

At its March 19, 2019 meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Education asked to consider and potentially act upon a resolution expressing its position on Assembly Bill 1505 (O'Donnell, McCarty, Smith), which, if enacted, will impact charter school authorization, appeals, renewals, and revocations. Among other things, AB 1505 would repeal county boards of education's authority to authorize new countywide benefit charter schools, repeal existing charter schools' right to appeal their revocation or non-renewal, limit county boards of education's authority to consider appeals of new charter petitions denied by local districts, and repeal all appeals to the State Board of Education.

If adopted, the attached Resolution No. 19-02 expresses the Board's opposition to Assembly Bill 1505.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board consider and decide whether to act upon Resolution No. 19-02.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 19-02

In Opposition to Assembly Bill 1505 – Charter Schools

Resolution in Opposition to Assembly Bill 1505 (O'Donnell, McCarty, Smith), as amended March 14, 2019, to limit the power and discretion of county boards of education to authorize charter schools and make other changes to law that would result in the closure and denial of charter schools throughout the state, without regard to the quality, need or demand for the school; and

WHEREAS, the California Charter Schools Act was enacted in 1992 to “to provide opportunities for teachers, parents, pupils, and community members to establish and maintain schools that operate independently from the existing school district structure” and to “Increase learning opportunities for all pupils, with special emphasis on expanded learning experiences for pupils who are identified as academically low achieving”; and

WHEREAS, AB 1505 repeals Education Code Section (EC) 47605.6 which would eliminate county boards’ authority to authorize new charter schools providing a countywide benefit, thereby eliminating a critical tool for county boards to authorize high quality programs to meet the needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Board of Education has authorized and oversees the Fortune School of Education countywide benefit charter school, which is focused on closing the Achievement Gap for the lowest performing subgroups of students in Sacramento County; the Fortune charter operates at six sites and serves over 1,200 students, including some of Sacramento County’s most vulnerable students; and the Fortune charter is closing the Achievement Gap, with certain subgroups regularly outperforming state averages; and

WHEREAS, AB 1505 would eliminate the charter appeal process for existing charter schools that are revoked or non-renewed and would severely limit appeals for new charter petitions, thereby denying a critical safeguard for local communities, families, and teachers to appeal to a neutral party an often-political decision to deny or close high-quality schools; and, whereas, denying and/or limiting the right to appeal a local charter decision to a higher authority undermines democratic justice and due process; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond have established a Charter Task Force to evaluate the impact of charter schools on school districts, identify what is best for students, and provide a report and recommendations to the Governor by July 1, 2019; and, whereas, AB 1505 is premature because imposing significant new restrictions on charter schools and changing the charter school authorization and appeal process before the Governor’s Charter Task Force has completed its work would undermine the intent and value of the Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Board of Education hereby opposes AB 1505 (O’Donnell, McCarty, Smith).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Board of Education at a public meeting duly called and held in Sacramento County this 26th day of March 2019 by the following vote:

AYES	_____	_____
NOES	_____	_____
ABSENT	_____	_____
ABSTAIN	_____	_____

O. Alfred Brown, Sr., Board President

David W. Gordon, Board Secretary