

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Application for Replication Charter

Request

Legacy Traditional School—Avondale (“Charter Holder”) submitted a replication charter application on July 26, 2019. The Charter Holder seeks to replicate Legacy Traditional School—Avondale, the Replication Model School, for the purpose of operating a new school in Surprise. The proposed school will be named Legacy Traditional Charter School—West Surprise and will serve students in grades K-8, with a targeted start date of August 3, 2020.

Three Year Plan

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8	K-8
Enrollment	1440	2050	2050

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a new charter in 2011.

Governance

Corporate Board Members
Jenni Ferrin
Diego Gettler
Aaron Hale
Brandon Jones
Heather Jones
Nathan Schlink
Cory Theobald

School Governing Body Members	Type
Jenni Ferrin	Charter Organization
Diego Gettler	Charter Organization
Heather Jones	Charter Organization
Nathan Schlink	Charter Organization
Cory Theobald	Charter Organization

Replication Model School Profile

School Name	Legacy Traditional School—Avondale		
Date Open	August 2011		
Location	Avondale		
Grades Served	K-8		
FY 18 Letter Grade	A		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41%*)	55%	69%	66%
Math AzMERIT (41%*)	62%	68%	71%
Science AIMS (52%*)	77%	82%	81%

*FY 18 State Average Passing

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of Legacy Traditional School—Avondale

Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 18 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average			Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder’s Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>41%)	Math (>41%)	Science (>52%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
10	A	6	10	10	10	0	5	7
5	B	2	2	3	4	0	4	0
5	C	2	0	0	1	0	4	0



Comparison of Nearby Schools to Legacy Traditional School—Avondale

Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 18 State Assessment Data Greater Legacy Traditional School—Avondale		
			AzMERIT ELA (>66%)	AzMERIT Math (>71%)	AIMS Science (>81%)
10	A	6	3	3	3
5	B	2	3	0	0
5	C	2	0	0	0
Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Legacy Traditional School—Avondale (Percentage of Total)					
20		10 (50%)	6 (30%)	3 (20%)	3 (20%)

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of Proposed School

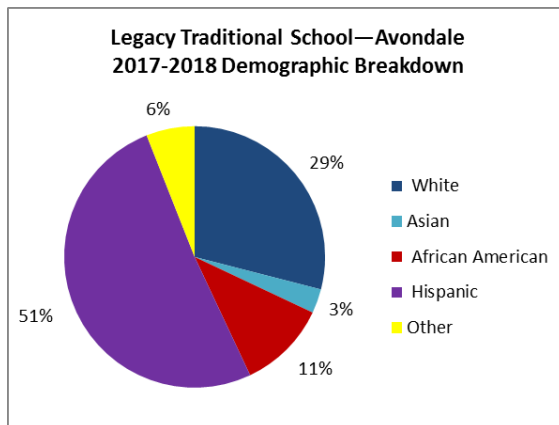
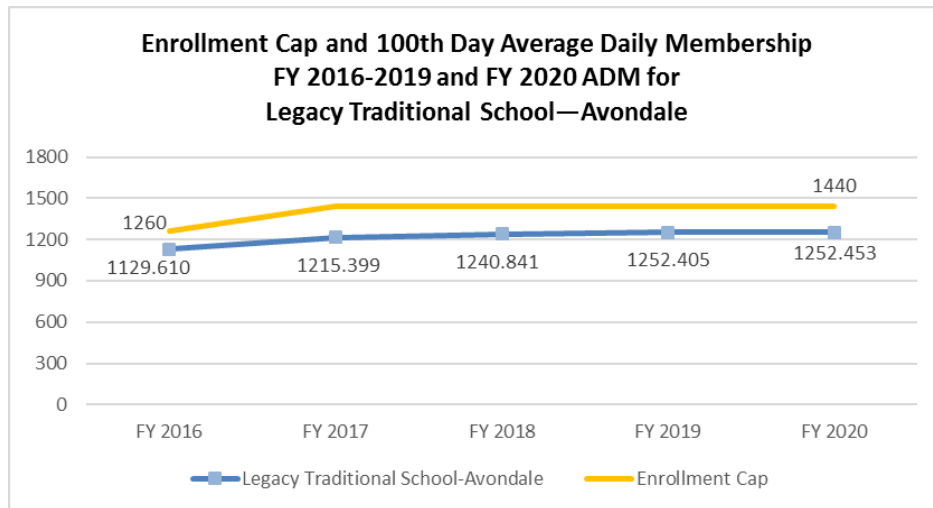
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6	A	3	6	6	6	1	4	4
10	B	1	8	6	8	3	8	1
1	C	1	1	0	1	0	0	0

Schools Associated with Legacy Traditional School—Avondale

Information about associated schools can be found in Appendix B.

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2016–FY 2019, and FY 2020 ADM as of August 27, 2019.



2017-2018 Subgroup Data Legacy Traditional School—Avondale	
Free and Reduced Lunch	52%
English Language Learners	4%
Special Education	5%



Educational Plan Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Educational Plan).

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the Educational Plan of the proposed school will be consistent with the Educational Plan of the Replication Model School.

The Charter Holder’s mission is to provide motivated students with the opportunity to achieve academic excellence in an accelerated, back-to-basics, safe learning environment taught by caring knowledgeable educators in cooperation with supportive, involved parents.”

The Charter Holder states that the curriculum provides a solid foundation of fundamental and higher thinking skills. The structure is based on an alignment to the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards that is consistent within each grade level and sequential throughout the grades. Legacy Traditional Schools (LTS) uses Direct Instruction as a model for teaching that emphasizes well-developed and carefully planned lessons designed around small learning increments and clearly defined and prescribed teaching tasks. In keeping with the Direct Instructional model, the philosophy centers on the Charter Holder’s core values. The core values include work ethic, integrity, leadership, discipline, teamwork, and character. LTS uses the “Back to Basics” academic model with an emphasis on high expectations, structure, patriotism, rigor, character, consistency and responsibility.

The Charter Holder will locate Legacy Traditional Charter School—West Surprise at the intersection of North Citrus Rd and West Cactus Rd in Surprise. The area within this five-mile radius includes portions of the Dysart Elementary District. The anticipated the student population of Legacy Traditional Charter School—West Surprise will be similar to the demographic characteristics of Legacy Traditional School—Avondale. The majority of the students will be primarily neighborhood students in that they are expected to live/travel within five miles of the school; however, there most likely will be a small percentage of students who will live/travel greater than ten miles of Legacy Traditional Charter School—West Surprise.

Operational Plan Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Operational Plan).

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the governance structure of the replication charter will be consistent with the organizational and governance structure of the existing charter.

The replication charter will be held by Legacy Traditional School—West Surprise. The corporate board of Legacy Traditional School—West Surprise and the governing body of the proposed school are identical to the Charter Holder and the Replication Model School governing body.

In the Operational Plan narrative, the Charter Holder described an organizational development plan. The organization aims for one school per year to be built in Arizona with target start dates based on neighboring schools. The organization currently serves over 18,000 K-8 students in its fourteen managed schools throughout Arizona. The organization projects to have a minimum of 20,000 students enrolled in Legacy Traditional Schools by 2020.

Facility Acquisition Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Planned Facility).

Site Information

Proposed School Name:	Legacy Traditional School-West Surprise
Proposed Location	Intersection of North Citrus Road and West Cactus Road
Proposed Facility	The proposed facility will be built on over 10 acres and will have over 70 classrooms, office space, 12,000 sq. ft. of gymnasium and indoor athletic field. Additionally, it will include a 5,000+ sq. ft. cafeteria, labs and multipurpose rooms. The site will have over 120 parking spaces, which will be very useful during evening and weekend community events. The proposed site plan calls for dual playground areas for the Kindergarten and 1st grade students, and the 2nd – 6th grade students.

