

## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Enrollment Cap Amendment Request

### Request

Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley (“Charter Holder”) submitted an expansion request to increase its enrollment cap from 240 to 525, beginning in FY 2018. This enrollment cap accounts for 3 years of projected student enrollment.

*See Appendix A: Amendment Request Materials.*

The rationale for Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley to increase its enrollment cap is because “over the past 22 years, we have consistently exceeded our enrollment estimates and have continued to hold a healthy waiting list at every grade level.” Student retention is over 90% and half of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that have promoted to high school started with the school in Kindergarten. In addition, the Charter Holder states that “we often disappoint families in our neighborhood by not having available spaces for siblings of students – sometimes for more than a year as we wait for space to open.” With strong community advocates the school’s governing body and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley “realize this is the moment and opportunity to expand our capacity to meet the needs of the community.” The increase in the enrollment cap will facilitate the Charter Holder to add one additional classroom teacher per grade level and one full time Academic Coach that will work with teachers and assist in the professional evaluation process. The Charter Holder indicates that they currently have a wait list of approximately 60 students, which is in line with the Mesa Arts Academy’s historic wait list. This is accomplished “without any marketing or outreach beyond word-of-mouth and the occasional flyer in the neighborhood for new kindergarten students.” There are also approximately 200 students that attend the Boys and Girls Club afterschool program that do not attend Mesa Arts Academy, “marketing directly to these families is a natural extension of the work we already do.”

### Staff Recommendation

The Charter Holder has met the criteria to receive a staff recommendation for expansion.

Staff Recommendation Criteria	Analysis
<b>In operation for three years</b>	The Charter Holder has been in operation for 22 years.
<b>“Meets Operational Standard” in the most recent Fiscal Year</b>	The Charter Holder received an Overall Rating of “Meets” on the Operational Performance Dashboard in FY 2017.
<b>“Meets Financial Performance Standard” in the most recent Fiscal Year</b>	The Charter Holder received an Overall Rating of “Meets” on the Financial Performance Dashboard in FY 2016.
<b>Past enrollment trends indicate need for increase within three years</b>	Enrollment in FY 2017 was 225.456, FY 2016 was 226.872 and FY2015 was 225.647. This demonstrates a need for an increase as the Charter Holder has maintained a consistent enrollment, that under the current enrollment cap number, precludes them from expanding their services to the community.
<b>ADM is within 85% of current enrollment cap</b>	According to the Arizona Department of Education (“ADE”) School Finance, the Charter Holder currently serves 220.975 students. The FY 2018 average daily membership is 240 and the Charter Holder is within 92% of its current enrollment cap.
<b>Each school operated by the Charter Holder performs at or above the average performance of a majority of schools within a five mile radius of the school’s location</b>	The school operated by the Charter Holder performed at or above the average performance of the majority of schools within a five-mile radius in ELA and Math for FY 2017.

## Additional Information

The Charter Holder was granted a renewal charter in 2010.

### Governance

School Governing Body Members	Type
David Crummey	Other
Sue Douglas	School Staff
Amadore Gaye	Unknown
Michael Hughes	Unknown
Erica Litz	Parent
John Lopez	Unknown
Christopher Owen	Community Member

### School Profile

School Name	Letter Grade		Month/ Year Open	Location	Grade Levels Served	AzMERIT Passing (State Average)			
	FY 14	FY 17*				ELA		Math	
						FY 16 (35%)	FY 17 (39%)	FY 16 (35%)	FY 17 (40%)
Mesa Arts Academy	A	X	August/1995	Mesa	K-8	45%	52%	47%	43%

\* Please note, the FY 2017 letter grades are expected to be made public before the Charter Board's meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>; therefore, the FY 2017 letter grades will be made available to the Charter Board for its consideration.

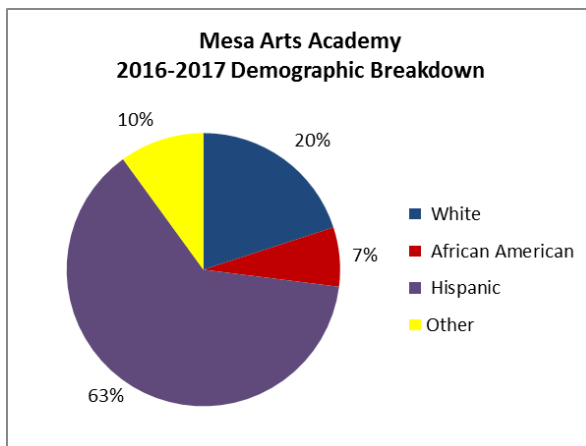
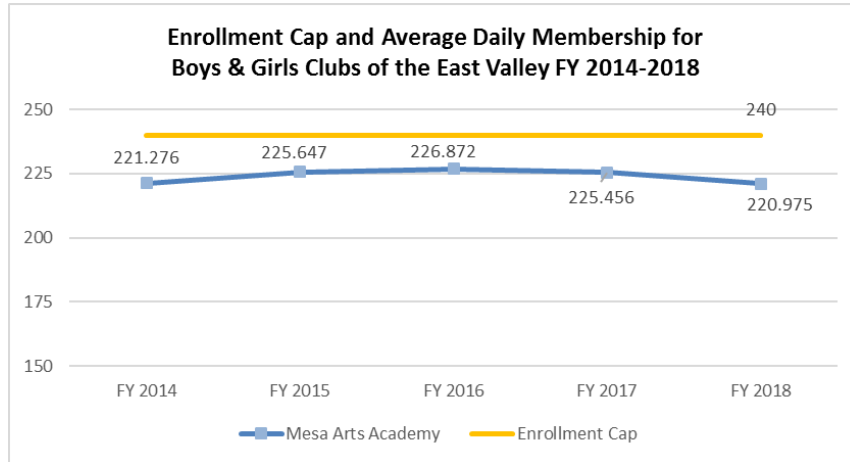
### Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of School

Total Schools	FY 2014* Letter Grade	Number of Charter Schools	FY 2017 AzMERIT Greater than (State Average)		Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder's Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>39%)	Math (>40%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
22	A	8	22	20	1	6	12
26	B	6	14	18	5	18	19
27	C	6	2	2	9	9	17
5	D	2	1	0	1	0	3

\*Because the percentage of FRL students is not available for the Charter Holder, comparison to nearby schools is not possible.

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## Enrollment and Demographic Data



2016-2017 Subgroup Data	
Free and Reduced Lunch	83%
English Language Learners	8%
Special Education	14%

*\*If the percentage of students is 100% or 0%, or the group includes less than 10 students, the percentage for that group is redacted.*