
AGENDA ITEM: Compliance Matters – Principal Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment

Issue

The following charter holders have failed to submit their Principal Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment for fiscal year 2009, which were due to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) on February 4, 2009:

- Academy of Arizona
- Cesar Chavez Learning Community, Inc.
- Liberty High School
- Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc.
- Little Lamb Community School
- Old Pueblo Children’s Academy
- Paragon Management, Inc.
- Paramount Education Studies, Inc.
- Patagonia Montessori Elementary School
- Santa Cruz Valley Opportunities in Education, Inc.
- YCFA Achieve Academy

Background

The Principal Declaration requires that the Principal or school leader, in their official capacity, to affirm that for the current school year the teachers under their supervision:

1. were provided access to the Arizona Academic Standards and the curriculum,
2. received instructional materials aligned to the Standards,
3. received training related to the Standards, unless those teachers were excused for appropriate reasons, and
4. were evaluated to assess whether they integrated the Standards into their instructional practices to the extent the Standards apply to their teaching area(s).

Communications with School

On January 7th, January 20th, and February 23rd, Department of Education sent emails to the charters reminding them that the Principal Declaration was due. On March 25th and March 26th, staff also sent emails to the charter holders reminding them that the Principal Declaration was overdue.

Board Options

1. The Board may direct staff to monitor each charter holder’s progress in submitting the fiscal year 2009 Principal Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment and provide additional updates as they become available.
2. The Board may find the charter holders are in noncompliance with the requirement to timely submit the fiscal year 2009 Principal Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment and approve withholding 10% of each charter holder’s monthly apportionment until the fiscal year 2009 Principal Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment has been submitted.

Staff Recommendation

Staff’s recommendation is option 2 above.