**Keystone Montessori Charter School, Inc. - Entity 10878**
School: Keystone Montessori Charter School

# Renewal Executive Summary

## Sources of Evidence for this Document

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-183.I, a charter may be renewed for successive periods of twenty years. The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (Board) has established a process for the renewal of a charter that is based on affirmative evidence in three areas:

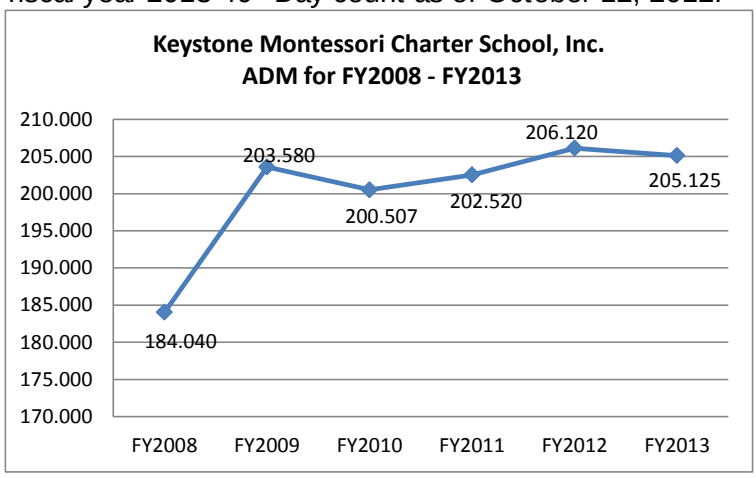
I. Success of the academic program, including academic achievement
II. Viability of the organization, including fiscal management and compliance
III. Adherence to the terms of the charter, including contract and legal compliance

Evaluation of the charter holder's success in these three areas is based on a variety of information that will serve as sources of evidence in determining renewal of a charter. These sources include, but are not limited to:

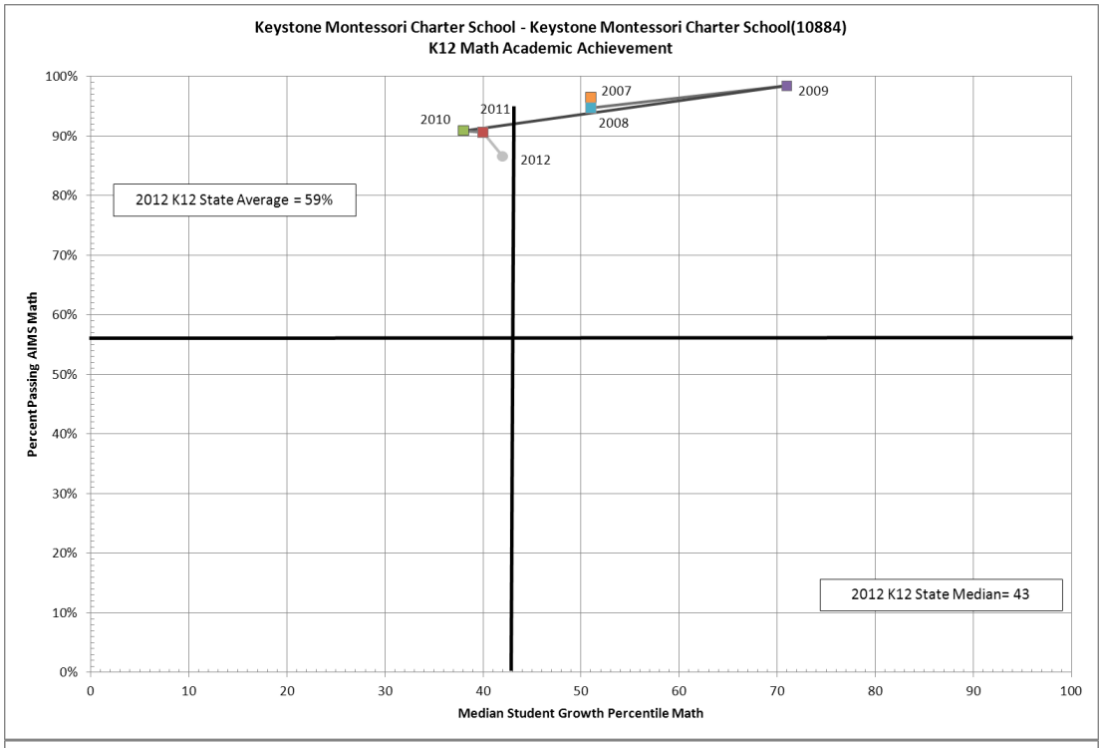
- Pupil achievement data
- Independent financial audits
- Five-year interval summary reviews
- Site visit reports
- Monitoring reports
- Application package for renewal

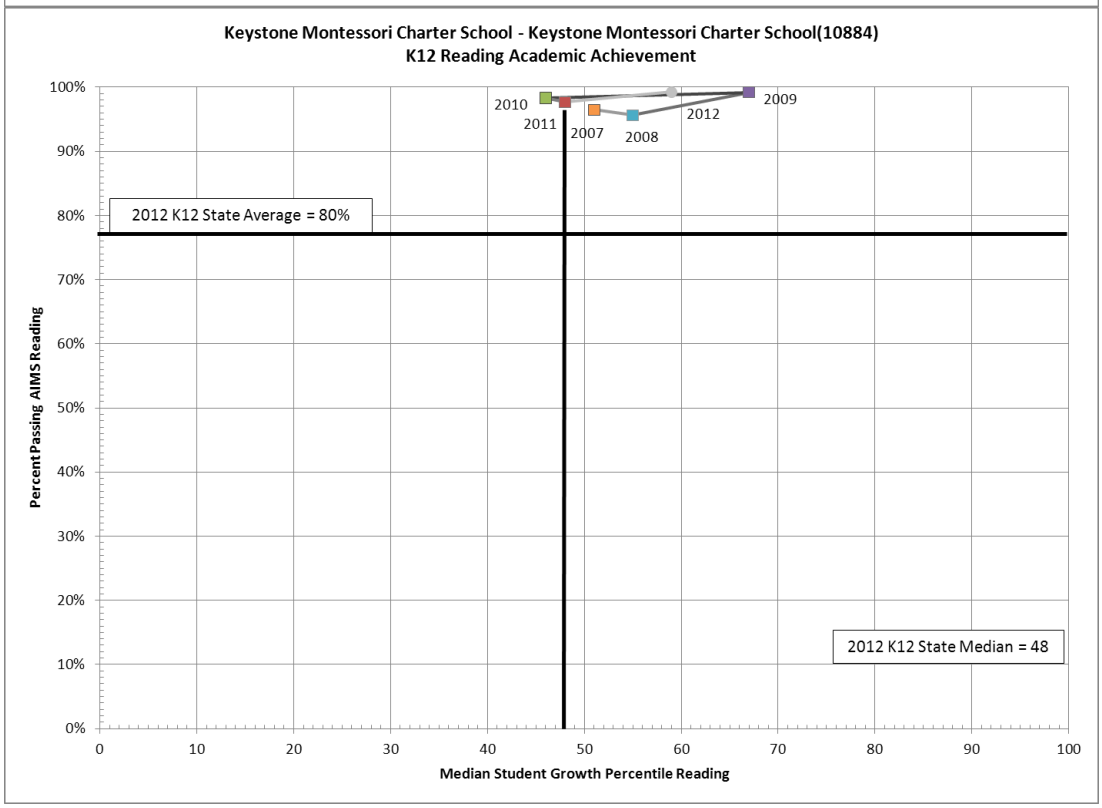
## Profile

Keystone Montessori Charter School operates one school serving grades 1-9. The graph below shows the charter holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2008-2012 and the fiscal year 2013 40th Day count as of October 12, 2012.



Graphs displaying the academic achievement for the past five years, if available, are provided below.



## I. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the charter holder meets or demonstrates sufficient progress toward the Board's level of adequate academic performance. Therefore, the charter holder was not required to submit a Performance Management Plan.

The FY 2012 letter grade for Keystone Montessori Charter School is an A, as reported by the Arizona Department of Education.

### Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

**Charter Holder: Keystone Montessori Charter School**
Entity ID 10878

**Charter School: Keystone Montessori Charter School**
Entity ID 10884, Grades 1-9

1. Growth

| Traditional Elementary | | 1a. SGP | | 1b. SGP Bottom 25% | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | School Year | Math | Read | Math | Read |
| Keystone Montessori | 2011-2012 | 42 | 59 | 44 | 65 |
| Points Assigned | | 50 | 75 | 50 | 75 |
| Weight | | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 |

2. Proficiency

| Traditional Elementary | | 2a. Percent Passing | | 2b. Composite School Comparison | | 2c. Subgroup ELL | | 2c. Subgroup FRL | | 2c. Subgroup SPED | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | School Year | Math | Read | Math | Read | Math | Read | Math | Read | Math | Read |
| Keystone Montessori | 2011-2012 | 87 | 99 | 17 | 17 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 80 | 100 |
| Points Assigned | | 5 | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | | | 100 | 100 |
| Weight | | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.5 | 7.5 |

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

| Traditional Elementary | | 3a. State Accountability | 4a. Graduation Rate | Overall Rating |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| School | School Year | Grade | GradRate | |
| Keystone Montessori | 2011-2012 | 100 | N/A | 74.125 |
| Points Assigned | | 100 | | |
| Weight | | 5 | | 100 |

| Overall Rating | Point Range |
|---|---|
| Exceeds Standard | > or = to 89 |
| Meets Standard | < 89, but > or = to 63 |
| Does Not Meet Standard | < 63, but > or = to 39 |
| Falls Far Below Standard | < 39 |

Additional information regarding the Academic Framework can be found at
http://asbcs.az.gov/userfiles/file/October%202012/Academic%20Performance%20Framework%20and%20Guidance.pdf

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## II. Viability of the Organization

The charter holder meets the standards specified in the *Renewal Application Instructions*. Therefore, the charter holder was not required to submit the charter holder's Financial Sustainability portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section.

## III. Adherence to the Terms of the Charter

A. Compliance Matters Requiring Board or Other Agency Action[1]

The charter holder has been included on the Board's November 26, 2012 meeting agenda for failure to timely submit its fiscal year 2012 audit reporting package, which was due on November 15, 2012.

B. Other Compliance Matters[2]

For the previous five fiscal years, the charter holder has failed to timely submit its Annual Financial Report and Budget for one or more years. For fiscal year 2012, the charter holder has failed to submit its fiscal year 2012 audit reporting package.

C. Charter Holder's Organizational Membership

Because the organizational membership on file with the Board was consistent with the information on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, the charter holder was not required to submit the charter holder's Organizational Membership portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section.

## Board Options

Option 1: The Board may approve the renewal. The following language is provided for consideration: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the charter holder. In this case, there is a record of contractual noncompliance which has been reviewed. With that taken into consideration as well as all information provided to the Board for consideration of this renewal application package and during its discussion with representatives of the charter holder, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Keystone Montessori Charter School.

Option 2: The Board may deny the renewal unless certain provisions are included. Staff recommends the following language provided for consideration: I move that, based upon a review of the information provided by the representatives of the charter holder and the contents of the application package which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the charter holder over the charter term, the Board has sufficient basis to deny the request of Keystone Montessori Charter School for the renewal of its charter on the grounds that it failed to submit the fiscal year 2012 audit

[1] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".
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reporting package in accordance with A.R.S. §15-183(E)(6) and A.R.S. §15-914 and its charter contract.

That taken into consideration, there is an expectation that the charter holder can submit the fiscal year 2012 audit reporting package within 10 days. Therefore, the Board will grant a renewal contract so long as a complete audit reporting package is received by close of business on December 7, 2012.

If Keystone Montessori Charter School fails to submit a complete fiscal year 2012 audit reporting package, then it is the Board's decision that Keystone Montessori Charter School's request for renewal of its charter be denied for the reasons already specified.