AGENDA ITEM: Replication Application - Legacy Traditional Charter School

Legacy Traditional Charter School-Avondale Replication Application Summary Report

Legacy Traditional Charter School, a non-profit entity, submitted a complete replication application for the replication of its Legacy Traditional School site in Maricopa. The new contract will be held by Legacy Traditional Charter School and the proposed new charter school will be named Legacy Traditional Charter School-Avondale.

Legacy Traditional Charter School was granted a charter in 2006 and opened its first site in Maricopa in the fall of 2007, and has grown to serve grades K-10. In 2009, Legacy Traditional Charter School added and opened a second school site named Legacy Traditional School-Casa Grande. In 2010, a third school site was added in Queen Creek. All three schools serve grades K-10.

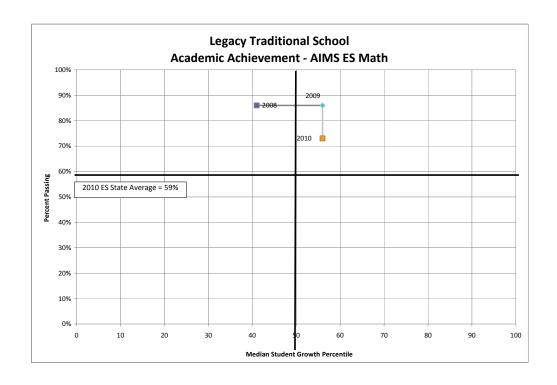
Replication Model - Legacy Traditional School

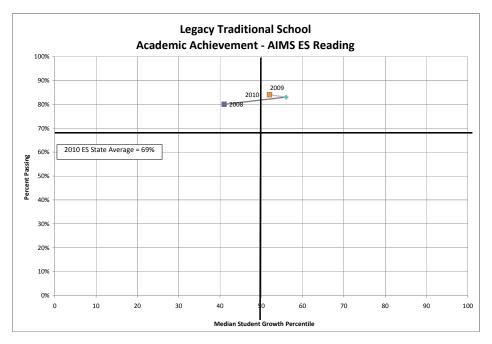
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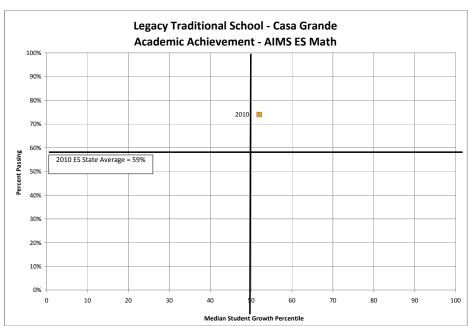
Legacy Traditional Charter School has experienced the following success as measured by the Arizona Department of Education's achievement profiles (AZ LEARNS) and the requirements of No Child Left Behind (Adequate Yearly Progress):

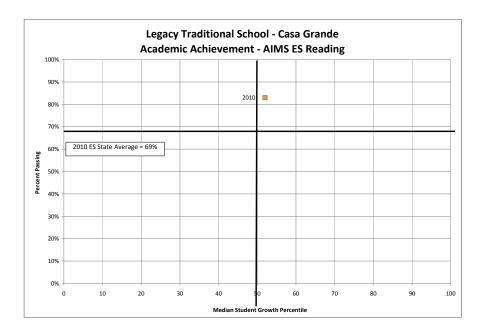
Legacy Traditional School

School Year	AZ LEARNS	Adequate Yearly Progress
2009-2010	Highly Performing	Met
2008-2009	Highly Performing	Met
2007-2008	Performing Plus	Not Met









Legacy Traditional Charter School uses a direct instructional model for all grades. They are a back-to-basics school with a focus on reading, writing, and mathematics. In addition to core subjects, the school teaches social studies, science, physical education, music, visual arts and foreign language. They utilize the Spalding phonics program for language arts and Saxon curriculum for math.

Legacy Traditional Charter School uses standardized pre and post assessments, unit assessments, weekly assessments, independent practice, and state mandated standardized tests. School wide standardized tests are used at the beginning of each year to gauge students current knowledge of key concepts, develop target instructional methods, and determine curricular emphasis to meet each student's individual needs. These same standardized tests are administered at the end of the school year to be used as a measure of student growth during the academic year, to assess their mastery of the concepts presented, and to prepare for future remediation. Unit assessments are used as an ongoing tool to measure student comprehension of new concepts and ideas and track mastery of stated objectives.

School Mission Statement:

"Legacy Traditional Charter School'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 and knowledgeable educators in cooperation with supportive, involved parents."

Market Analysis:

Legacy Traditional Charter School-Avondale plans to target K-8 grade students and provide an alternative to the local schools in west side of the Phoenix Valley. The school will be located at the crossroads of El Mirage Road and Van Buren Road. The cities of Glendale, Goodyear, Tolleson, Laveen and Litchfiled Park are within a 5-mile radius of the school. According to the information provided by the applicant, 34 % of the residents in these areas are children under the age of 18, with 17% between the ages of 5 and 14.

Governance Structure:

Legacy Traditional Charter School is comprised of three officers and an additional three directors who are responsible for corporate policy and for operations of the corporation. The Corporate Board has the general charge of the affairs, property and assets of the corporation.

The school's governing body is comprised of five of the six corporate principals. The Legacy Traditional Charter School governing body is, pursuant to ARS 15-183, responsible for the policy decisions of the charter

schools. The school's governing body will provide oversight of the school's operations, financial matters, and student growth and achievement.

	Legacy Traditional School	Legacy Traditional Charter School- Avondale	
Instructional Program			
Grade Levels	K-10	K-8	
Special Emphasis	Back to Basics	Back to Basics	
Methodology	Direct, Teacher-Centered Instruction	Direct, Teacher-Centered Instruction	
Demographics			
Location	17760 N. Regent Drive	406 N. El Mirage Rd.	
	Maricopa, AZ 85138	Avondale, AZ 85323	
Enrollment	Up to 2700 students	Up to 850 students	
Organizational Structure			
Authorized	William Gregory	William Gregory	
Representative(s)	William Gregory	William Gregory	
Corporate Principals	Aaron W. Hale	Aaron W. Hale	
	William Gregory	William Gregory	
	Steven Ray	Steven Ray	
	Nathan Schlink	Nathan Schlink	
	Derek Samuel	Derek Samuel	
	Cory Theobald	Cory Theobald	
Governing Board	William Gregory	William Gregory	
	Steven Ray	Steven Ray	
	Nathan Schlink	Nathan Schlink	
	Derek Samuel	Derek Samuel	
	Cory Theobald	Cory Theobald	

Suggested Motion: Accept the replication application package and grant the charter for Legacy Traditional Charter School to operate Legacy Traditional Charter School - Avondale.