

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: School Specific Change in Grades Served with Enrollment Cap Amendment Request

Request

Maryvale Preparatory Academy (“Charter Holder”) submitted a School Specific Change in Grades, increasing the grades served at the school from K-8 to K-11, and an enrollment cap expansion request to increase the enrollment cap from 528 to 850, beginning in FY 2019. This expansion request accounts for 3 years of projected student enrollment.

See Appendix A: Amendment Request Materials and Support Materials.

The Charter Holder is moving to a new location in FY 2019 to accommodate students in additional grade levels. The school is adding one grade per year, using a slow growth model. The narrative indicates that the school, Maryvale Prep (“MP”), is adding grades 9-11 to continue serving the students now in 8th grade. “In three years, MP intends to request grade 12, completing the originally planned model.” The Charter Holder plans to hire an additional 12 staff members to accommodate these additional grades, and reports that it has a waiting list to meet its enrollment goals. As stated in the narrative, “The enrollment plan of MP is to move the K-8 students currently at the old site over to the new site...while enrolling a new class of kindergarteners. We will also tap the waitlists and recruit students to fill an additional 2 Kinder and one 1st grade class in FY19. The experience of Great Hearts in operating 15 other schools assures us that these enrollment targets are plausible and feasible.”

Three Year Plan

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Grade Levels	K-8	K-9	K-10	K-11
Enrollment	476	658	756	850

Staff Recommendation

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

Staff Recommendation Criteria	Analysis
In operation for three years.	The Charter Holder has been in operation for 6 years.
“Meets the Board’s Operational Performance Expectations” based on the dashboards for the most recent two prior years and the current year.	The Charter Holder “Meets” the Board’s Operational Performance Expectations.
“Meets the Board’s Financial Performance Expectations” based on the most recent dashboard.	The Charter Holder “Meets” the Board’s Financial Performance Expectations.
Past enrollment trends indicate the charter will exceed its enrollment cap within the next three years.	ADM in FY 2016 was 364.227, in FY 2017 was 422.111, and in FY 2018 was 459.424 (as of April 4, 2018). Based on these trends, the charter is likely to exceed its enrollment cap in FY 2019. Information regarding enrollment trends is provided on page 3.
ADM is within 85% of current enrollment cap.	According to ADE School Finance, the Charter Holder currently has an ADM of 459.424. The charter holder is currently operating at 87% of its current enrollment cap of 528.
Each school operated by the charter holder performs at or above the	Great Hearts Academies – Maryvale Prep performs at or above the average performance of nearby schools in ELA and Math.

average performance of a majority of schools within a five-mile radius of the school's location.

Information regarding nearby schools is provided on page 2.

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a new charter in 2010.

Governance

Corporate Board Members
James Heiler
Daniel Scoggin

School Governing Body Members	Type
Lesley Bennett	Community
Kristen Jennifer Brook	Community
Sarah Dworkin	Community
Steve Erickson	Community
Robert Jackson	Charter Organization
Christina Lucas-Sheffield	Community
Phil Matteis	Community
Greta Mayans	Community
Tiffany Quayle	Community
Sarah Ragland	Community
Katie Stewart	Community
Kristen Twist	Community

School Profile

School Name	Great Hearts Academies – Maryvale Prep		
Date Open	August 2012		
Location	Phoenix		
Grades Served	K-8		
FY 17 Letter Grade	B		
	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
ELA AzMERIT (39%*)	34%	38%	41%
Math AzMERIT (40%*)	44%	51%	45%
Science AIMS (53%*)	49%	56%	34%

*FY 17 State Average Passing

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-11 within 5 Miles of Great Hearts Academies – Maryvale Prep

Total Schools	FY 14 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 17 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average			Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder's Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>39%)	Math (>40%)	Science (>53%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
13	A	4	3	6	6	1	3	0
40	B	8	3	5	10	0	11	37
35	C	1	0	1	2	0	14	22
11	D	0	0	0	1	0	1	10
1	F	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
16	N/A	13	0	1	0	0	6	9

Comparison of Nearby Schools to Great Hearts Academies – Maryvale Prep

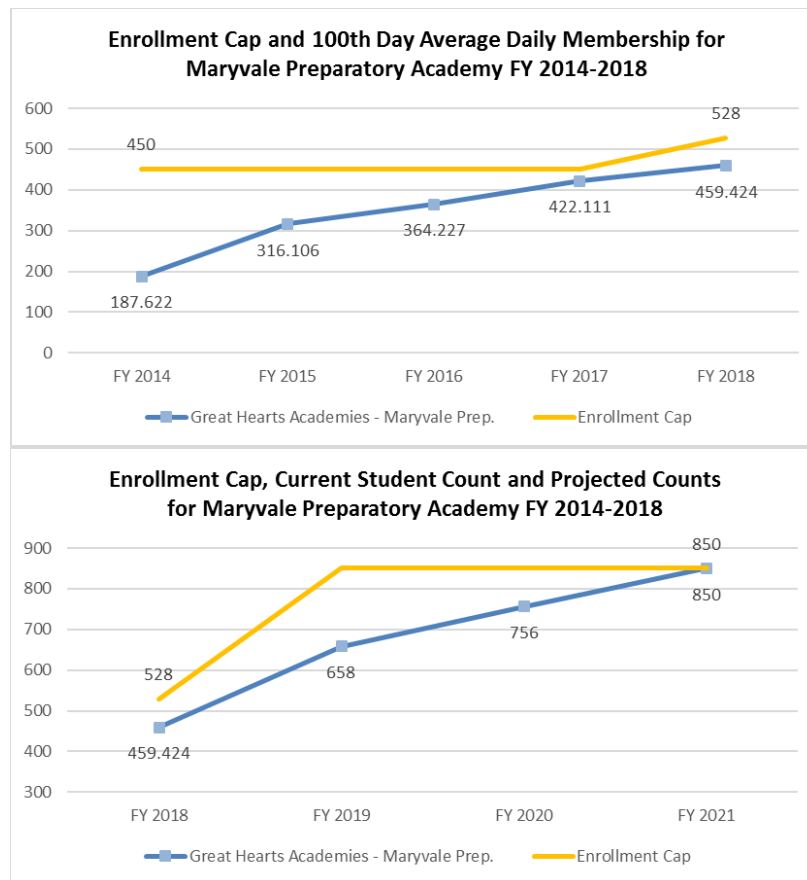
Total Schools	FY 14 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 17 State Assessment Data Greater than Great Hearts Academies – Maryvale Prep		
			AzMERIT ELA (>41%)	AzMERIT Math (>45%)	AIMS Science (>34%)
4	A	1	2	2	3
19	B	5	2	0	12
19	C	1	0	0	14
9	D	0	0	0	7
4	N/A	4	0	1	2
Total Number of Schools			Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Great Hearts Academies – Maryvale Prep (Percentage of Total)		
55		11 (20%)	4 (7%)	3 (5%)	38 (69%)

Schools Associated with Great Hearts Academies – Maryvale Prep

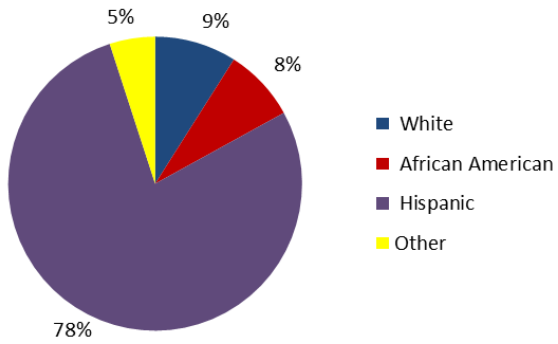
See Appendix C: Associated Schools for more information.

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2014–FY 2018.



**Great Hearts Academies - Maryvale Prep.
2016-2017 Demographic Breakdown**



2016-2017 Subgroup Data

Free and Reduced Lunch	62%
English Language Learners	7%
Special Education	11%