Nosotros- Entity ID 79881
School: Nosotros Academy

Early Renewal Executive Summary

I. Performance Summary

Area	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Academic Framework	☒	☐
Financial Framework	☒	☐
Operational Framework	Not Yet Rated See Section V	Not Yet Rated See Section V

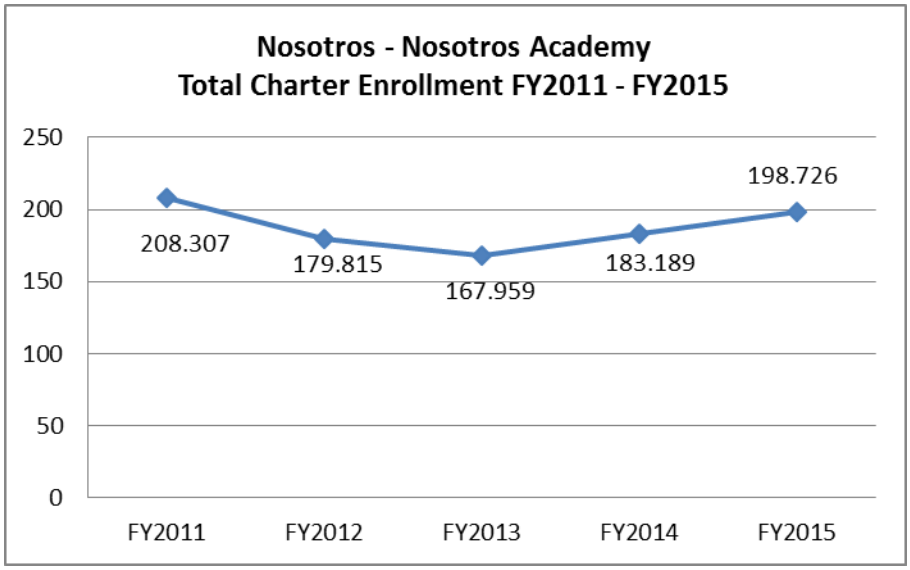
A.R.S. § 15-183(I)(2) allows a charter operator to seek the opportunity to apply for early renewal by submitting a letter of intent to the sponsor at least nine months before the Board's intended renewal consideration of the charter. According to the Board's Eligibility to Apply for Early Renewal of a Charter Contract Policy Statement, a Charter Holder may submit a letter of intent to apply for early renewal to the Board no later than 21 months prior to the original contract expiration date.

On April 6, 2015, Nosotros submitted a letter of intent to apply for early renewal. Based on a review of the early renewal criteria and the Charter Holder's performance history, Nosotros was eligible to apply for early renewal because:

- The applicant has been operating schools under the charter for at least five years;
- The applicant is waived from submitting the Academic Performance Section of the renewal application;
- The applicant is waived from submitting the Detailed Business Plan Section of the renewal application; and
- Within the last 5 years, the applicant did not have any compliance matters that required action by the Board or other government agencies.

II. Profile

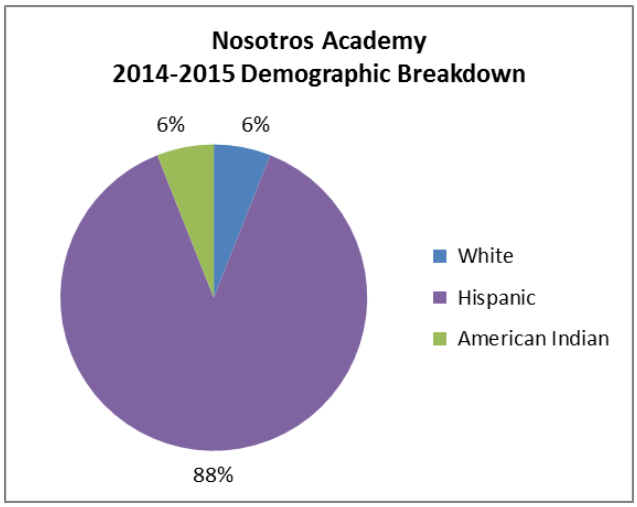
Nosotros operates one school serving grades 3-12. Nosotros Academy is designated as an alternative school. The graph below shows the Charter Holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2011-2015.



The academic performance of Nosotros Academy is represented in the table below. The Academic Dashboard for the school can be seen in the portfolio: c. Academic Dashboard.

School Name	Opened	Current Grades Served	2012 Overall Rating	2013 Overall Rating	2014 Overall Rating
Nosotros Academy	08/14/2002	3-12	48.75/ C	71.25/C-ALT	64.79/C-ALT

The demographic data for Nosotros Academy from the 2014-2015 school year is represented in the charts below.[1]



[1] Information provided by the Research and Evaluation Division of the ADE.

The percentage of students who were eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch, classified as English Language Learners, and classified as students with disabilities in the 2013-2014 school year is represented in the table below.[2]

Category	Nosotros Academy
Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL)	90%
English Language Learners (ELLs)	4%
Special Education	14%

Nosotros was last before the Board on January 13, 2015 with a request to add grade levels K-2 to the Charter. The Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request was approved as part of the consent agenda items.

III. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the Charter Holder meets the Board's Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board. Therefore, the Charter Holder was not required to submit a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress.

IV. Viability of the Organization

The Charter Holder meets the Board's Financial Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board. Therefore, the Charter Holder was not required to submit a Financial Performance Response.

V. Adherence to the Terms of the Charter

Does the delivery of the education program and operation reflect the essential terms of the educational program as described in the charter contract?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder's education program, in operation, reflects the essential terms as described in the charter contract.

Does the Charter Holder adhere with applicable education requirements defined in state and federal law?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder adheres with applicable education requirements defined in state and federal law.

Do the Charter Holder's annual audit reporting packages reflect sound operations?

[2] Information provided by the Research and Evaluation Division of the ADE. If the percentage of students in a non-ethnicity-based demographic group is not reported or is 0% or 100%, the percentage for that demographic group was redacted.

Yes. As reported in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to the fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014 annual audit reporting packages, respectively.

Is the Charter Holder administering student admission and attendance appropriately?
Yes. Based on the available information and as reported in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to administering student admission and attendance.

Is the Charter Holder maintaining a safe environment consistent with state and local requirements?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to maintaining a safe environment.

Is the Charter Holder transparent in its operations?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to transparency of operations.

Is the Charter Holder complying with its obligations to the Board?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to its obligations to the Board.

Is the Charter Holder complying with reporting requirements of other entities to which the Charter Holder is accountable?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to operational requirements monitored by other entities to which the Charter Holder is accountable.

Is the Charter Holder complying with all other obligations?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to all other obligations.

VI. Staff Recommendation

Based upon the Charter Holder meeting the Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Board's Performance Framework, completing the obligations of the contract, complying with applicable statutory requirements, and the information in the renewal application package, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Nosotros.