

AGENDA ITEM: Reconsideration of Charter Notification Request – The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc.

Issue

The Board's consideration and approval of the charter holder's request to increase its enrollment cap after the end of the fiscal year precludes it from receiving funding for the additional students enrolled the previous year unless a specific effective date is included in the motion.

Background

On or about February 26, 2013, The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. submitted a request for an increase in its enrollment cap from 1700 to 2000 to serve the students currently enrolled in the charter schools operated by the charter holder.

The Board approved the request at its July 8, 2013 meeting.

The Arizona Department of Education uses the Board's approval date as the effective date for the change unless the motion language indicates a different effective date. Because the motion did not specify that the approval was to be retroactive for the 2012-2013 school year, the charter holder has not received funding for the additional 300 students.

Board Options

1. Take no action.
2. Reconsider the request. Staff recommends the following language provided for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the request to increase the enrollment cap of the charter held by The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. to 2000 to be effective for the 2012-213 school year.