Pathfinder Charter School Foundation - Entity ID 79024
School: Imagine Cortez Park Elementary

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:

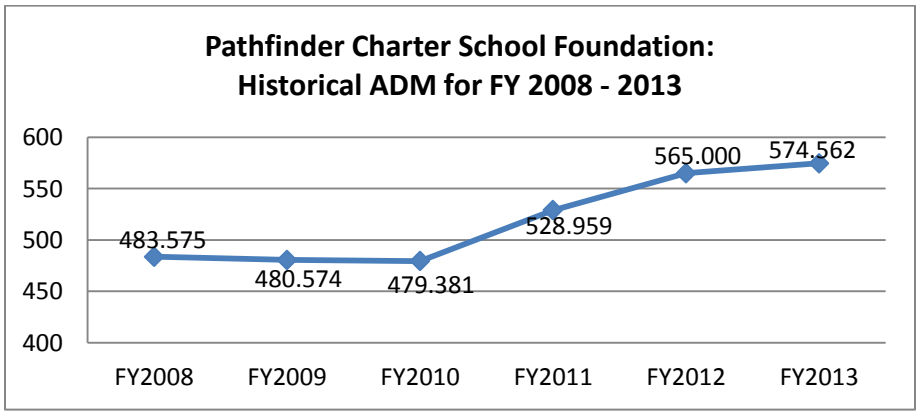
I. Meeting academic performance expectations
II. Meeting financial performance expectations
III. Adhering to the terms of the charter, including contract and legal compliance

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

Pathfinder Charter School Foundation operates one school serving grades K-5. 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 ADM as of January 8, 2013.



A dashboard representation of Imagine Cortez Park Elementary's academic outcomes, based upon the indicators and measures adopted by the Board, is provided below.

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: Pathfinder Charter School Foundation
Entity ID 79024

Charter School: Imagine Cortez Park Elementary
Entity ID 79509, Grades K-5

1. Growth

Traditional Elementary			1a. SGP		1b. SGP Bottom 25%	
School	**Grades**		**Math**	**Read**	**Math**	**Read**
Imagine Cortez Park	K	5	53	49	70	49.5
Points Assigned			**75**	**50**	**100**	**50**
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	**Grades**		**Math**	**Read**	**Math**	**Read**	**Math**	**Read**	**Math**	**Read**	**Math**	**Read**
Imagine Cortez Park	K	5	63	64	2.5	-6.2	61	52	63	63	25	29
Points Assigned			**50**	**50**	**75**	**50**	**75**	**75**	**75**	**50**	**50**	**50**
Weight			**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Traditional Elementary			3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	Overall Rating
School	**Grades**		**Grade**	**GradRate**	
Imagine Cortez Park	K	5	75	N/A	64.375
Points Assigned			**75**		
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

I. 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.

The overall rating for the school on the Board's academic performance measures was 64.375 including points received for the FY 2012 letter grade of B as reported by the Arizona Department of Education.

II. Viability of the Organization

The charter holder meets the Board's financial performance expectations. 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

Over the past six years, there were no items to report.

B. Other Compliance Matters

Over the past six years, there were no items to report.

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.

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 Pathfinder Charter School Foundation.