Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) - Entity ID 4294
School: Ball Charter Schools (Hearn)

Renewal Executive Summary

Sources of Evidence for this Document

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-183.I, 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. Success of the academic program, including academic achievement
II. Viability of the organization, including fiscal management and compliance
III. Adherence to the terms of the charter, including contract and legal compliance

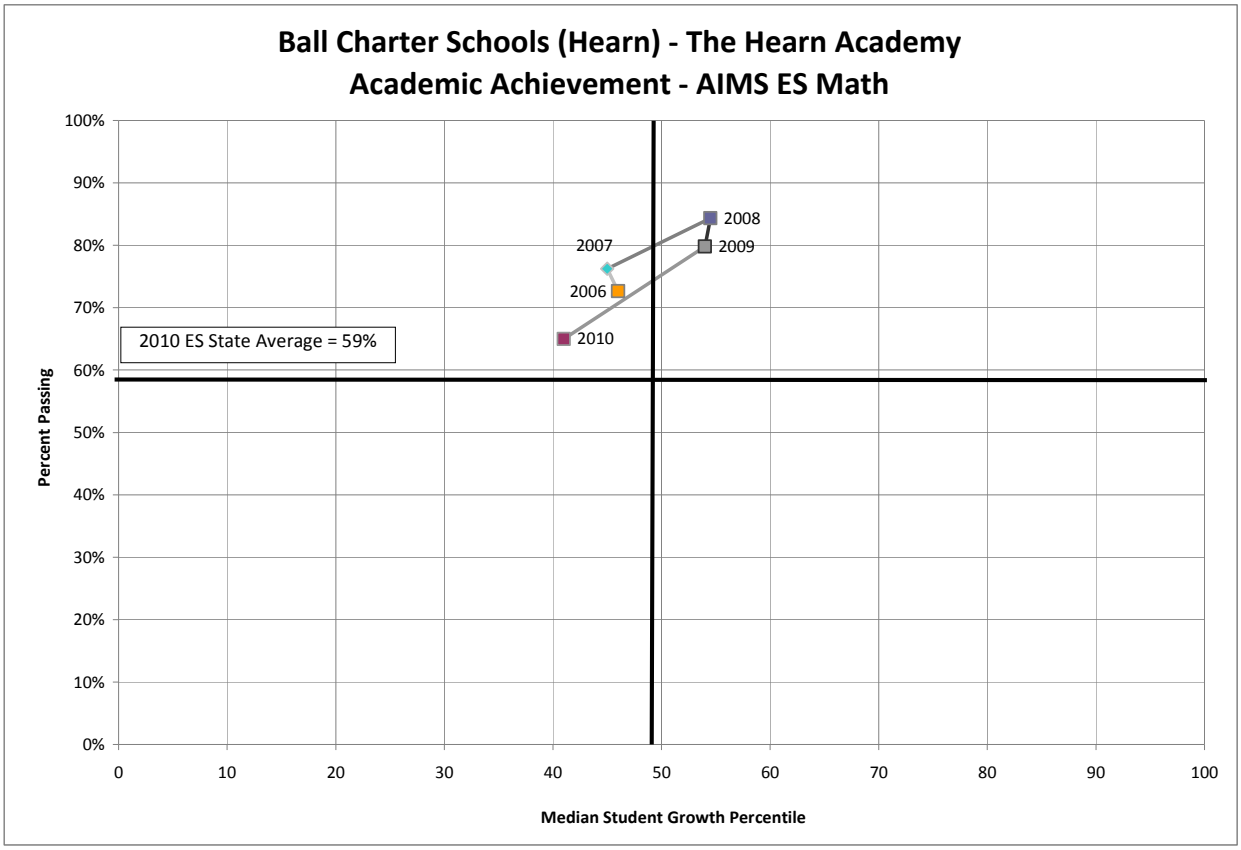
Evaluation of the Charter Holder's success in these three areas is based on a variety of information that will serve as sources of evidence in determining renewal of a charter. These sources include, but are not limited to:

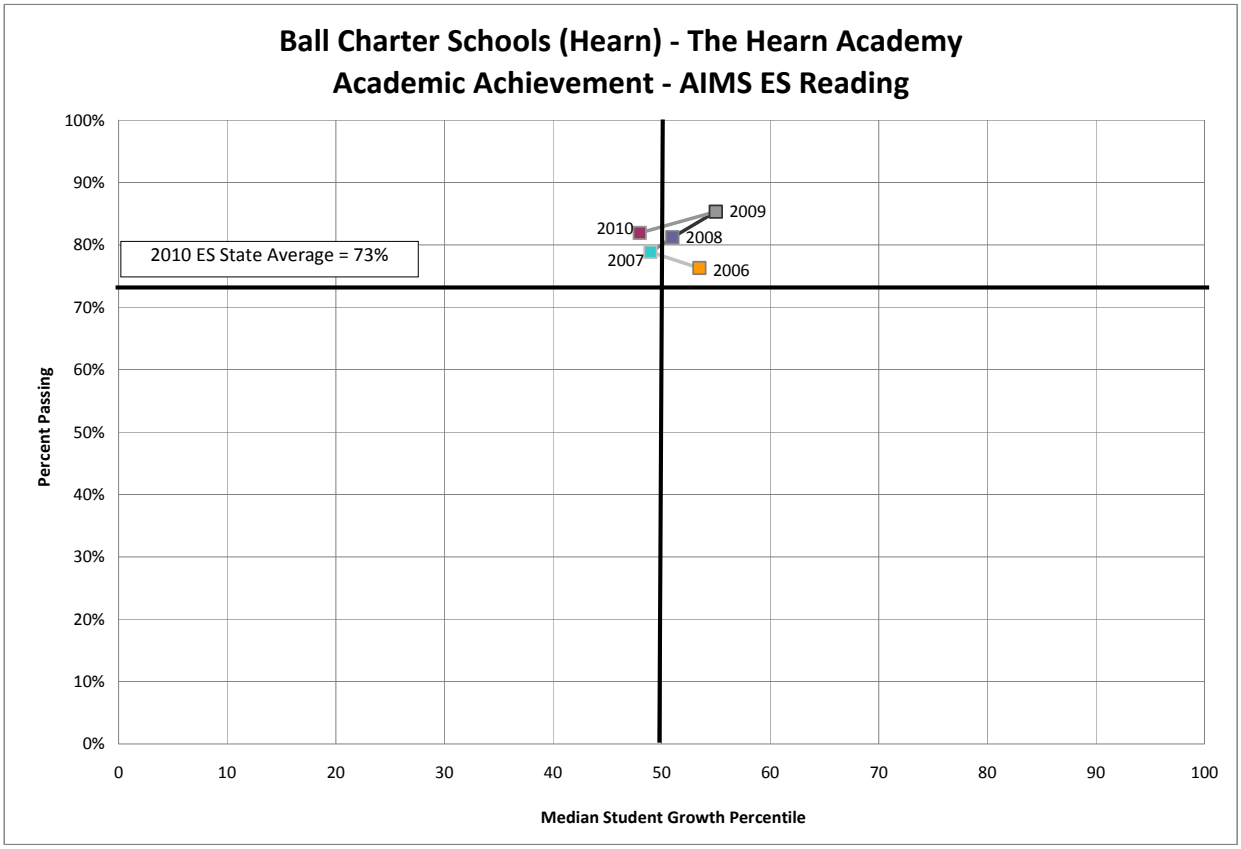
- Pupil achievement data
- Independent financial audits
- Five-year interval summary reviews
- Site visit reports
- Monitoring reports
- Application package for renewal

Profile

Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) operates one (1) school serving grades K - 8 with a total FY10 average daily membership (ADM) of 560.3875. Additional information can be found in the Renewal Summary Review.

Graphs displaying the academic achievement for the past five years, if available, are provided on the next page.


Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) - The Hearn Academy
Academic Achievement - AIMS ES Math
2008
2009
2007
2006
2010
2010 ES State Average = 59%
Percent Passing
Median Student Growth Percentile


Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) - The Hearn Academy
Academic Achievement - AIMS ES Reading
2009
2010
2008
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2010 ES State Average = 73%
Percent Passing
Median Student Growth Percentile

I. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the Charter Holder meets or demonstrates sufficient progress toward the Board's level of adequate academic performance. Therefore, the Charter Holder was not required to submit a Performance Management Plan.

II. Viability of the Organization

The Charter Holder meets the standards specified in the *Renewal Application Instructions*. 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[1]

In November 2006, the Board voted to withhold 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment for failure to timely submit the fiscal year 2006 audit. The issue was resolved prior to the December payment, so no withholding occurred.

B. Other Compliance Matters[2]

In February 2007, ADE Exceptional Student Services notified the charter holder of partial compliance in some areas with regard to specific regulations for Part B, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Arizona Revised Statutes. The compliance issues were reported by ADE as resolved in May 2007.

In February 2006, ADE Academic Achievement Division (ADE/AAD) identified noncompliance items for the NCLB Programmatic Monitoring Cycle 3 Packet for 2005-06. The charter holder was required to submit missing pages by March 2006. The compliance issues were reported by ADE as resolved in May 2006.

In March 2005, ADE Academic Achievement Division (ADE/AAD) identified noncompliance items for the NCLB Programmatic Monitoring Cycle 2 Packet. The items were required to be corrected by April 2005. The compliance issues were reported by ADE as resolved in Juen 2005.

For the previous five fiscal years, the charter holder has failed to timely submit its annual audit, Annual Financial Report, and Budget for one or more years.

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

[1] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".
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required to submit the Charter Holder's Organizational Membership portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section.

Staff Recommendation

Based upon the academic performance, fiscal compliance, legal and contractual compliance, and the information in the renewal application package, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Ball Charter Schools (Hearn).