Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh Charter School, Inc. - Entity ID 5978
School(s): Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh (K-2)

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:

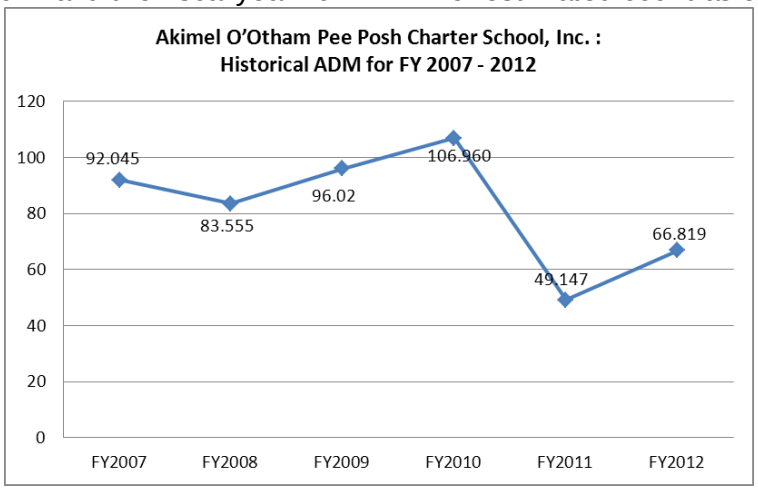
I. Success of the academic program, including academic achievement
II. Viability of the organization, including fiscal management and compliance
III. Adherence to the terms of the charter, including contract and legal compliance

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

Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh Charter School, Inc. operates one school serving grades K-2. The graph below shows the charter holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2007-2011 and the fiscal year 2012 ADM or estimated count as of April 16.



Because the charter holder operates a school serving grades K-2, no graphs displaying the academic achievement for the past five years are available.

I. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the charter holder meets 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]

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

B. Other Compliance Matters[2]

In May 2010, ADE Exceptional Student Services notified the charter holder of findings of noncompliance 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 on April 25, 2011.

The fiscal year 2010 audit identified an issue that required a corrective action plan (CAP). Specifically, the school did not maintain written documentation to support the completion of goals supporting the performance pay distributions of Classroom Site Funds to employees. The charter holder submitted a satisfactory CAP.

Additionally, the fiscal year 2008 audit identified an issue that required a CAP. Specifically, a current fingerprint clearance card was not on file for one substitute teacher. The charter holder submitted a satisfactory CAP.

Further, the same issue was identified as repeated in the fiscal years 2007 through 2009 audits. In each fiscal year, the charter holder did not properly fingerprint its governing board members. In fiscal year 2009, a second issue was identified as repeated. The issue pertained to the charter properly coding certain expenses in its accounting records.

[1] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".
[2] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".

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 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 Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh Charter School, Inc., Entity ID 5978.