AGENDA ITEM: Replication Application – Horizon Community Learning Center, Inc.

Horizon Community Learning Center, Inc. (HCLC) submitted a complete replication application on April 28, 2014. The corporate entity seeks a charter to move the K-6 grades of Horizon Community Learning Center to a new charter operated by the same charter holder, HCLC. The school will be named Horizon Honors Elementary School, and will serve the current students in grades K through 6 at the currently operating site on South 48th Street in Ahwatukee, Phoenix. HCLC is an Arizona non-profit corporation that was incorporated on February 5, 1996. HCLC currently holds one charter, which operates 1 school site: Horizon Community Learning Center, serving grades K-12 in Phoenix.

HCLC met the Board's academic requirements to be eligible to apply for a replication charter.

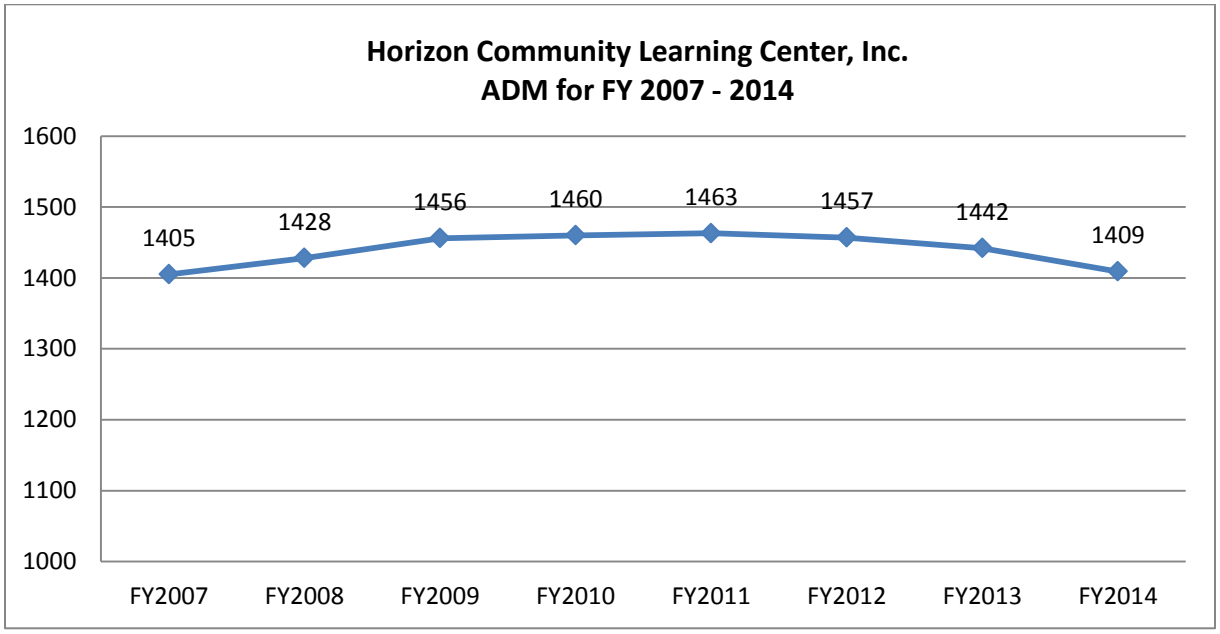
Replication Model – Horizon Community Learning Center

Grades Served – K-12 (only the K-6 grades would be served by the replication charter)

Mission - Horizon Community Learning Center is committed to providing a safe learning environment rich in technology where students achieve academic and social excellence while solving real life problems in a cooperative manner.

Enrollment

Horizon Community Learning Center has experienced steady enrollment. The table below summarizes enrollment in the last eight years, based on ADE 100th day ADM. The enrollment cap has been 1925 since 2005.



(Data provided by Arizona Department of Education)

ACADEMICS

Horizon Community Learning Center, the Replication Model School, is eligible to replicate based on three years of academic performance meeting the Board's expectations, summarized in the table below:

Fiscal Year	Grades Served	State Letter Grade	Overall Rating
FY2013	K-12	A	75.62
FY2012	K-12	A	77.5
FY2011	K-12	B	n/a

The Academic Dashboard of the Replication Model School is provided below:

Academic Performance

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Horizon Community Learning Center

		2012 Traditional K-12 School (K-12)			2013 Traditional K-12 School (K to 12)		
1. Growth		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
1a. SGP	Math	46	50	10	41	50	10
	Reading	54	75	10	53	75	10
1b. SGP Bottom 25%	Math	52	75	10	41	50	10
	Reading	59.5	75	10	63.5	75	10
2. Proficiency		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
2a. Percent Passing	Math	78 / 62.8	75	7.5	75.1 / 63.3	75	7.5
	Reading	94 / 77.6	100	7.5	94.1 / 78.9	100	7.5
2b. Composite School Comparison	Math	8.7	75	5	-0.8	50	5
	Reading	11	75	5	5.2	75	5
2c. Subgroup ELL	Math	71 / 39.6	75	3.75	83.3 / 40.5	75	3.75
	Reading	71 / 51.9	75	3.75	83.3 / 52.5	75	3.75
2c. Subgroup FRL	Math	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
	Reading	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
2c. Subgroup SPED	Math	49 / 25	75	3.75	38.1 / 22.9	75	3.75
	Reading	68 / 37	75	3.75	57.4 / 37.3	75	3.75
3. State Accountability		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
3a. State Accountability		A	100	5	A	100	5
4. Graduation		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
4a. Graduation		99	100	15	99	100	15
Overall Rating		Overall Rating			Overall Rating		
Scoring for Overall Rating 89 or higher: Exceeds Standard <89, but > or = to 63: Meets Standard <63, but > or = to 39: Does Not Meet Standard Less than 39: Falls Far Below Standard		77.5		100	75.62		100

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

The following summary was created from excerpts and summaries of the information submitted for the applicant's Education Plan.

In the application, HCLC has affirmed that the Educational Plan of the new entity and school will be consistent with the Educational Plan of the existing entity and Replication Model School, and that the target population of the new school will be the current population of the Replication Model School.

Educational Plan

According to the narrative, the Horizon Community Learning Center provides a "gifted education program for all students" featuring project-based classes featuring teamwork, collaboration, problem-solving, and leadership in a small school environment. Students are given Individual Learning Plans ("ILP") and are challenged at the appropriate level. Monitoring occurs quarterly at the ILP conference. Details can be found on pages 12-13 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

Target Population and Enrollment

Demographic Profile	HCLC
White	80%
Hispanic	6%

Black	4%
Asian	6%
Native American	1%
Unclassified	3%

In their analysis of how the implementation of the existing program of instruction will meet the needs of the target population, HCLC states the new school will serve the students currently served by the K-6 grades of the existing school in the same facility.

The narrative describes the enrollment procedure including a lottery if the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building, and that the students enrolled in grades K-6 of Horizon Community Learning Center will be transitioned to Horizon Honors Elementary School in July, 2014. Details can be found on pages 7-8 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

OPERATIONAL PLAN

The following summary was created from excerpts and summaries of the documents submitted for the applicant's Operational Plan.

In the application, HCLC has affirmed that organizational structure and governance structure will be consistent with the organizational structure and governance structure of the existing charter. The applicant plans to open the proposed school to serve 863 students in grades K-6 the first year, increasing to 900 students in year 2 and 1043 in year 3.

The replication charter will be held by HCLC, which is the current charter holder entity. Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-183 (E)(8), the current School Governing Body separate from the corporate board will serve both schools at the Ahwatukee school site.

The narrative states that HCLC has no immediate plans for additional expansion. Details can be found on page 15 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

BUSINESS PLAN

The following summary was created from excerpts and summaries of the documents submitted for the applicant's Business Plan.

Site Information

Proposed School Name:	Horizon Honors Elementary School
Proposed Location:	Confirmed location: 16233 South 48th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85048 – the current site of Horizon Community Learning Center
Current Facility:	The current HCLC facility is approximately 26,000 square feet. There are 5 kindergarten classrooms (725 sq. ft.) and playground, 16 multi-age classrooms for grades 1-2 and 3-4 (740 sq. ft.), and 10 classrooms for grades 5-6 (727 sq. ft.). There are also playing fields and a courtyard with play equipment.

Financial Performance of Applicant

Based on the financial performance of HCLC as measured by the Financial Performance Framework, the applicant was not required to submit additional financial information or budgets.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option 1: The Board may approve the replication application package. Staff recommends the following language for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the replication application and grant the replication charter to Horizon Community Learning Center, Inc. to establish Horizon Honors Elementary School charter school to serve grades K-6.

Option 2: The Board may deny the replication application. The following language is provided for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board deny the request for the replication charter of Horizon Community Learning Center, Inc. to establish a charter school for the reason:

- (list the specific reasons the Board may have found during its consideration).