

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Application for Replication Charter

Request

Candeo Schools, Inc. (“Charter Holder”) submitted a replication charter application on September 9, 2019. The Charter Holder seeks to replicate Candeo Peoria, the Replication Model School, for the purpose of operating a new school in Scottsdale. The proposed school will be named Candeo North Scottsdale and will serve students in grades K-8, with a target start date of August 5, 2020.

Three Year Plan

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8	K-8
Enrollment	260	340	380

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a new charter in 2008.

Governance

Corporate Board Members
Robert Burns
Teresa Foulger
Stephanie Musser
Michael Peugnet
James Updike

School Governing Body Members	Type
Unnamed	Charter Organization
Unnamed	Community Member
Unnamed	Community Member
Unnamed	Community Member
Unnamed	Parent
Unnamed	Parent
Unnamed	Other

Replication Model School Profile

School Name	Candeo Peoria		
Date Open	July 2008		
Location	Peoria		
Grades Served	K-8		
FY 19 Letter Grade	A		
	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19
ELA AzMERIT (42% ⁺)	88%	83%	80%
Math AzMERIT (42% ⁺)	92%	87%	81%
Science AIMS (52% ⁺)	96%	>98%	95%

**FY 19 State Average Passing*

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of Candeo Peoria

Total Schools	FY 19 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 19 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average			Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder’s Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>42%)	Math (>42%)	Science (>52%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
19	A	5	19	19	17	*	*	14
7	B	2	6	7	6	*	*	5

**Because the percentage of FRL and ELL students is not available for the Charter Holder, a comparison to nearby schools is not possible.*



Comparison of Nearby Schools to Candeo Peoria

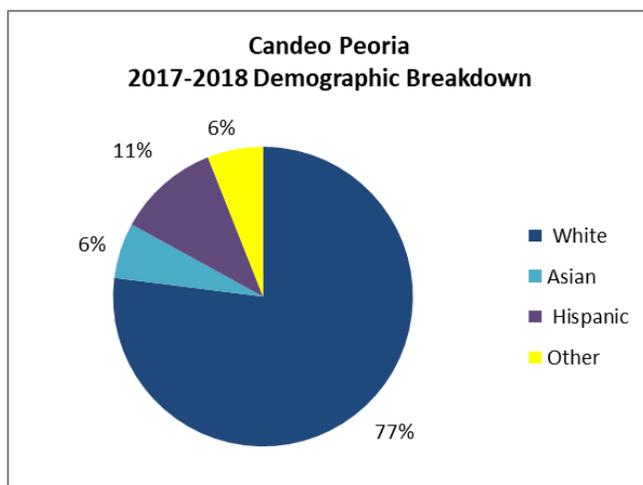
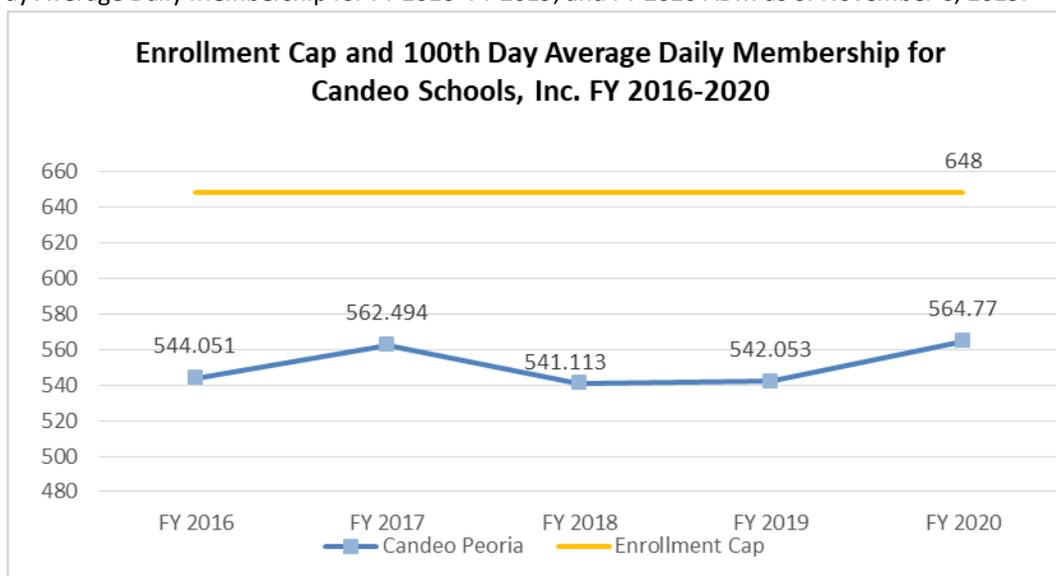
Total Schools	FY 19 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 19 State Assessment Data Greater than Candeo Peoria		
			AzMERIT ELA (>80%)	AzMERIT Math (>81%)	AIMS Science (>95%)
19	A	5	2	2	2
7	B	2	0	0	0
Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Candeo Peoria (Percentage of Total)					
26		7 (27%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of Proposed School

Total Schools	FY 19 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 19 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average		
			ELA (>42%)	Math (>42%)	Science (>52%)
6	A	1	6	6	6
2	B	0	2	2	2

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2016–FY 2019, and FY 2020 ADM as of November 6, 2019.



2017-2018 Subgroup Data Candeo Peoria	
Free and Reduced Lunch	*
English Language Learners	*
Special Education	6%

**If the percentage of students is 0% or 100%, or the group includes less than 10 students, the percentage for that group is redacted.*



Educational Plan Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Educational Plan).

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the Educational Plan of the proposed school will be consistent with the Educational Plan of the Replication Model School.

The Charter Holder's mission is "to grow wisdom and virtue for a life well lived through rigorous knowledge-based schooling in the classical liberal arts."

The Charter Holder states that "the program of instruction utilizes the Core Knowledge® classical liberal arts curriculum for content in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The curriculum contains cumulative, coherent, and specific content in the areas of World and American History and Geography, Civics, Mathematics, Science (Physics, Chemistry, Life, Earth, and Biology), English Language Arts, Fine Arts (music (elements, history, and instrumentation), theater arts, studio art and art history, Physical Education, Latin, Logic, French, and Civility)."

Instructional staff will "utilize a combination of direct instruction, shared inquiry, small group, whole group, one-to-one instruction, flexible grouping, and independent and cooperative learning strategies to enable students to acquire facts, discover truth, goodness, and beauty in the world and in humanity." The philosophical approach to improving pupil achievement centers on the idea that building sequential, relevant, and essential knowledge through a grade-by-grade, classical liberal arts curriculum is the best and most equitable approach to improving student achievement in grades K-8.

The Charter Holder will locate Candeo North Scottsdale at Scottsdale Road and Lone Mountain Road in Scottsdale. The target population in this area is approximately 90.2% White, 6.6% Hispanic/Latino, 1.4% Black/African American, 4.1% Asian, .1% Pacific Islander, .4% native American, 2.1% Multi-race, and 1.7% Other.

Operational Plan Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Operational Plan).

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the governance structure of the replication charter will be consistent with the organizational and governance structure of the existing charter.

The replication charter will be held by Candeo Schools, Inc. and will have the same corporate board. The new school will be operated by the existing entity but with a new, separate governing body which shall follow the same membership structure and responsibilities as the replication model school: 1 (Charter Organization), 3 (Community Members), 2 (Parents), and 1 (Other).

In the Operational Plan narrative, the Charter Holder described an organizational development plan that includes a total of three K-8 schools within the next 5 years: Candeo Peoria (replication model school), Candeo North Scottsdale (Fall 2020), and Candeo Surprise (Fall 2023). Each would open in August of the year shown. Peoria serves 648 students at its capacity. North Scottsdale will serve 540 at capacity and Surprise would serve 648 at capacity.

The Charter Holder has established systems and experienced leadership teams and has increased its leadership capacity to the extent that multiple individuals are prepared to step in and lead in both the existing and new school with fidelity to the program and integrity to the brand.

Facility Acquisition Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Planned Facility).

Site Information

Proposed School Name:	Candeo North Scottsdale
Proposed Location	Scottsdale Road and Lone Mountain Road
Proposed Facility	The proposed facility has a minimum of 19,000 sf and 16 classrooms to start (13 regular classrooms and 3 specialty area classrooms). The layout would include the use of outdoor learning space, 4 administrative offices, a science lab, a staff retreat, and a multi-purpose room.