

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Application for Replication Charter

Request

Self Development Charter School, Inc. dba Self Development Academy (“Charter Holder”) submitted a replication charter application package on August 16, 2017. The Charter Holder seeks a charter for a new entity, Self Development Scottsdale Academy to replicate Self Development Academy, the Replication Model School, and to operate a new school in Scottsdale. The proposed school will be named Self Development Scottsdale Academy and will serve students in grades K-8 with a targeted start date of August 13, 2018.

Eligibility

Academic Performance

The Replication Model School is eligible to replicate based on 3 years of academic performance meeting the Board’s standard, based on the Board’s academic framework in effect at that time. The Charter Holder’s academic dashboard is included in Appendix A. Summary Review.

As part of the replication eligibility, the academic performance of associated schools is reviewed, as summarized in the table below.

School	Opened	Grades Served	FY 2014* Overall Rating	FY 2017 AzMERIT Passing (State Average)	
				ELA (39%)	Math (40%)
Self Development Academy-Phoenix	August/2015	K-8	N/A	30%	33%

* Please note, the FY 2017 letter grades are expected to be made public before the Charter Board’s meeting on October 10th; therefore, the FY 2017 letter grade for Self Development Academy-Phoenix will be made available to the Charter Board for its consideration.

Operational Compliance

As stated in Board policy, prior to a replication application being considered by the Board, staff conducts a compliance check. The Charter Holder and Associated Schools do not have any compliances issues.

Additional Information

The Charter Holder was granted a renewal charter in 2015.

Governance

Corporate Board Members
Rachel Hunt
Vernetta Madsen
Anjum Majeed
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School Profile

School Name	FY 2014* Letter Grade	Month/ Year Open	Location	Grade Levels Served	FY 2017 AzMERIT Passing (State Average)	
					ELA (39%)	Math (40%)
Self Development Academy	A	August/2003	Mesa	K-8	84%	89%

* Please note, the FY 2017 letter grades are expected to be made public before the Charter Board’s meeting on October 10th; therefore, the FY 2017 letter grade for Self Development Academy will be made available to the Charter Board for its consideration.



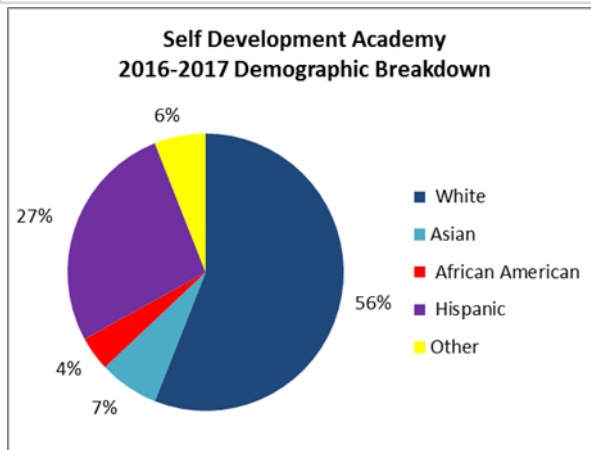
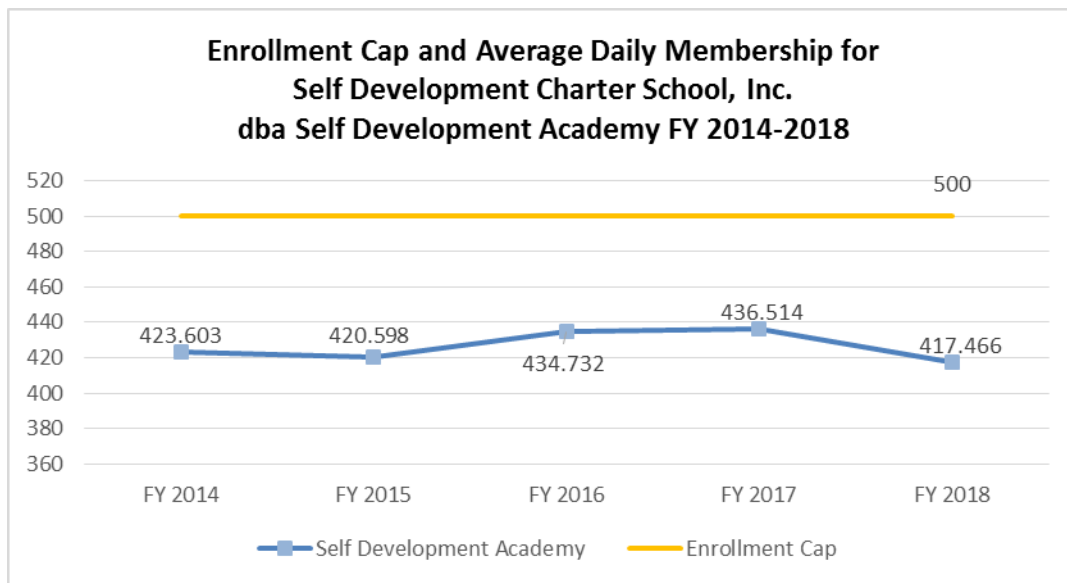
Additional Schools Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of New School Location

Total Schools	FY 2014** Letter Grade	Number of Charter Schools	FY 2017 AzMERIT Greater than State Average		Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder's Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>39%)	Math (>40%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
10	A	4	10	10	*	*	9
19	B	3	10	10	*	*	8
24	C	4	1	2	*	*	6
4	D	2	0	0	*	*	2

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

** Please note, the FY 2017 letter grades are expected to be made public before the Charter Board's meeting on October 10th; therefore, the letter grades for schools serving grades K-8 within 5 miles of the new school location will be made available to the Charter Board for its consideration.

Enrollment and Demographic Data



2016-2017 Subgroup Data	
Free and Reduced Lunch	*
English Language Learners	*
Special Education	7%

*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

The following information has been summarized and is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix B: 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 "Self Development Charter School is dedicated to providing an enriched learning environment that inspires each child to achieve his/her potential. We are committed to laying a foundation for developing lifelong learners".

According to the Charter Holder, the existing program features a rigorous curriculum that includes high standards, a rigorous curriculum to gain 21st century skills with challenging mathematics and inquiry-based science programs with laboratory experience, direct instruction, fluency building, mastery learning, and a modified traditional model with emphasis on strong foundational skills.

The Charter Holder has identified a target location near Curry Road and Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale. The Charter Holder has stated that the population of the Replication Model School is 21% Hispanic, 5% African American, with the majority of the remaining population being categorized as white. The Charter Holder indicates that the proposed school's target population demographic majority is categorized as white along with 39% Hispanic.

Proposed Growth Plan for the New School

FY	Grades Served	# of Students
2019	K-8	350
2020	K-8	500
2021	K-8	700

Operational Plan Summary

The following information has been summarized and is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix C: Operational Plan).

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the governance structure of the new entity, Self Development Scottsdale Academy, will be consistent with the organizational and governance structure of the existing entity.

New Entity for Replication Charter

The replication charter will be held by Self Development Scottsdale Academy. The corporate board of Self Development Scottsdale Academy and the governing body of the proposed school are identical to the Charter Holder and the Replication Model School governing body.

In the Operational Plan narrative, the Charter Holder described an organizational development plan that indicates a five-year growth to replicate in south Scottsdale with Self Development Scottsdale Academy and in east Mesa with Self Development Eastmark Academy for FY 2019. Additionally, the Charter Holder states that "in SY 2020 through SY2022, we plan to expand at a rate of 1-2 schools per year. Each school will serve 500-700 K-8 students."

Facility Acquisition Summary

The following information has been summarized and is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix D: Facility Acquisition)

Site Information

Proposed School Name:	Self Development Scottsdale Academy
Proposed Location	Scottsdale Road and Curry Road
Proposed Facility	The school will include a secured entrance and office spaces separate from the classrooms. The facility will provide for 12 classrooms during the first year and by the third year 20 classrooms in a two-story complex. The facility will also include a technology room/library, a staff room, multipurpose room/cafeteria, conference room, offices/reception area, gym, a courtyard surrounded by the classrooms and a playground that will include climbing equipment, jogging tracks, and soccer field.