

**AGENDA ITEM: Transfer Application – Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy**

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**Issue**

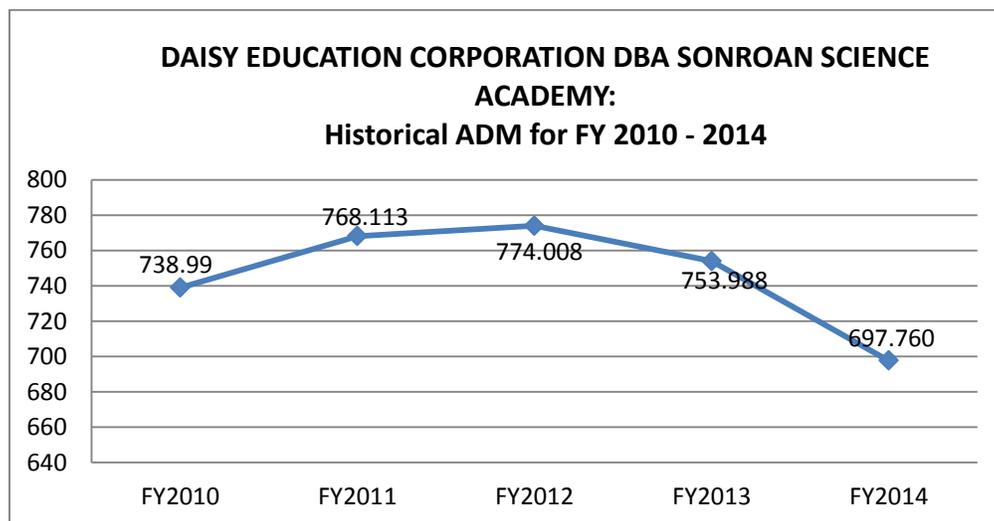
Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy, submitted a complete Transfer Application for transfer of sponsorship from the Arizona State Board of Education to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy was granted a charter in 2001 and opened Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson located in Tucson in August 2002. The charter becomes eligible for renewal on February 27, 2015 and expires on August 29, 2016

Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy, underwent a five-year interval review in FY 2012. Because the school operated by the charter holder met the Board’s expectations, the charter holder was not required to submit a Performance Management Plan as a part of the review process.

As stated in Board policy, prior to a charter holder being placed on an agenda, staff conducts a compliance check as part of the approval process. The charter holder is compliant in all areas.

**Curricular Emphasis:**

Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy operates one school, Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson, serving grades K-12. The school is located in Tucson. According to the curricular emphasis narrative, the school serves a diverse population: 53% Caucasian, 25% Hispanic, 11% Asian, 4.7% mixed ethnicity, 4.4% African American, and 1% Native American; 38% of the students participate in the federal free and reduced lunch program. The graph below shows the charter holder’s actual 100<sup>th</sup> day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2010-2014.



Sonoran Science Academy – Tucson provides college prep, STEM-focused education integrating science, technology, engineering and math across multiple disciplines. In addition to the regular program of instruction, Sonoran Science Academy – Tucson offers Engineering through Robotics, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, and Calculus for high school students; and character education classes to middle school students. Sonoran Science Academy – Tucson uses Gardner’s multiple intelligences as an instructional model and is a data-driven culture using NWEA’s MAP and I-Ready assessments for placement and monitoring growth and performance.

## Academic Performance

The academic performance of the school during the FY2012 AND FY2013 school years, as based upon the Board's academic framework, is represented in the dashboard below:

Academic Performance							
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Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson							
		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	51	75	10	50	75	10
	Reading	51.5	75	10	48	50	10
1b. SGP Bottom 25%	Math	43	50	10	50	75	10
	Reading	48	50	10	43	50	10
2. Proficiency		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
2a. Percent Passing	Math	89 / 61.9	100	7.5	89 / 62.8	100	7.5
	Reading	93 / 77.9	100	7.5	91.1 / 76.6	100	7.5
2b. Composite School Comparison	Math	21.4	100	5	19.2	100	5
	Reading	12.2	75	5	8.7	75	5
2c. Subgroup ELL	Math	70 / 44.3	75	2.5	64.3 / 43.2	75	2.5
	Reading	63 / 58.2	75	2.5	76.9 / 55.5	75	2.5
2c. Subgroup FRL	Math	81 / 52.3	100	2.5	82.3 / 53.3	100	2.5
	Reading	90 / 69.6	75	2.5	90.4 / 71.6	75	2.5
2c. Subgroup SPED	Math	66 / 34.4	100	2.5	62.5 / 23.6	100	2.5
	Reading	72 / 37.2	75	2.5	62.5 / 36.8	75	2.5
3. State Accountability		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
3a. State Accountability		2	100	5	2	100	5
4. Graduation		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
4a. Graduation		81	100	15	81	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		79.38			81.25		
		100			100		

## Governance Structure:

The charter holder's corporate board consists of Abdullah Yilmaz, Fatih Karatas, and Volkan Tekin. The Arizona Corporation Commission identifies Abdullah Yilmaz, Fatih Karatas, and Volkan Tekin as officers and directors. The organizational structure for the board is included in the transfer application package.

## Board Options

1. Approve the Transfer Application for Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy. Staff recommends the following language provided for consideration: I move to approve Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy's request for transfer of sponsorship from the Arizona State Board of Education to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

2. Deny the Transfer Application for Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy. The following language is provided for consideration: I move to deny Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy's request for transfer of sponsorship from the Arizona State Board of Education to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools for the following reasons: (Board member must specify reasons the Board found during its consideration.)