ALAMEDA COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

ACLC Charter Renewal Petition 2010

AUSD Board Presentation February 9, 2010







U.S. News Rank

The Alameda Community Learning Center is an educational model that empowers all youth to take ownership of their educational experience, to celebrate their diverse community, and to actively participate as members in a democratic society.





- Became Alameda's first charter school in 2001
- Expanded to include grade 6 in 2004
- Renewed in 2005
- Over time, learner population has expanded from 150 to 248 learners



California Distinguished School Award – 2007 First Charter School in Alameda County to Receive this Award

"One of the Best High Schools in the Nation" US News and World Report 2008, 2009, 2010 Bronze Award Highest Award for which it is Eligible

CCSA "Certified Charter School" - 2008

WASC Approved Educational Program



- API 826 (Over 800 for six years in a row, the state standard for excellence)
- Overall Ranking 10 (five years in a row)
- Similar Schools Ranking 9 (four years in a row)
- ACLC has met all growth targets every year
- ACLC has met AYP targets every year



AUSD Similar School Rankings Comparison 2002-2008

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average
Alameda Community				_	_			
Learning Center	8	10	10	4	8	9	9	8.57
Encinal High School	4	6	8	8	8	6	4	6.29
Chipman Middle School	6	6	6	8	4	3	3	5.14
Wood Middle School	3	4	5	6	2	7	2	4.14
Lincoln Middle School	2	3	3	5	5	5	5	4.00
Alameda High School	2	2	1	4	8	4	4	3.57

Poverty-Adjusted Performance Index (US News)

1.24



In addition to academic success

- Learners participate in the democratic model
- Learners get extensive experience working in teams
- Learners become technologically literate due to unlimited access to technology in a school setting
- Project based component to learning fosters creativity



High Learner and Parent Satisfaction Rates (Annual Report)

All ACLC Learners meet the UC a-g requirements as part of the ACLC Graduation Standards



- Independent Charter Status Starting 2010-11
 - Staff will become employees of CLCS
 - Business services will by provided by EdTec
 - ACLC will join El Dorado County Charter School SELPA for Special Education
 - Growth to 300 in 2010 and 350 in 2011



- Criteria for Charter Application Approval/Denial
- Education Code 47605
- A Charter shall be denied only if the Board presents written factual findings specific to the petition that one or more of the following conditions exist:
 - The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the charter school.
 - The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
 - The petition does not contain the number of signatures required.
 - The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Ed Code 47605(d)
 - The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the charter provisions in Ed Code 47605(b) listed in "Components of Charter Petition" set forth on slide 5.



ACLC Meets all 5 Renewal Criteria:

- 1. The ACLC has been a sound educational program as a charter school for 10 years.
- 2. The ACLC program has been successfully implemented as a charter for 10 years. Executive Director has experience implementing an independent charter school (Nea).



3.The charter petition does have the required signatures: All current ACLC staff have signed the charter renewal petition.

4.The petition does contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Ed Code 47605(d)

5.The petition does contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the charter provisions in Ed Code 47605(b)

- Community Learning Center Schools, Inc. and the ACLC Governing Board and Staff look forward to serving the Alameda community for the next five years.
- We are here tonight to answer your questions.
- We seek your approval on March 9.

