



K-12 Public Charter School Proposal

Our Goals with the Nea Community Learning Center

- Adapt the successful ACLC educational model for more families, reaching children earlier in their development.
- Fulfill the vision for a K-12 school, providing an innovative choice for Alameda public school children at every grade level.
- Provide an innovative educational option that is fully integrated into the Alameda Community's Vision for Public Education.

What Educational Leaders Say

- “Schools like (ACLC) with a good track record should be replicated.” – State Supt. Jack O’Connell
- “NCLC should be a local district-chartered school.” – Alameda County Supt. Sheila Jordan
- “If you don’t want a charter ‘problem’, charter them yourself.” – Santa Clara County Supt. of Education
- “Charters can fly the flag of innovation; fill the innovation portfolio for the district.” – Former San Carlos Supt. Don Shalvey

NCLC Revised Petition: Addressing AUSD concerns

- NCLC petitioners appreciate the previous charter review proceeding
- We fully incorporated the feedback from that review process with AUSD and the Alameda County Board of Education
- ***This NCLC charter petition addresses all of these concerns and continues the vision of the Alameda community***

Revised Petition: Completely Independent of AUSD

- NCLC will be a fully independent school
 - Charter petition makes NO assumption of service agreement with AUSD
 - NCLC has engaged El Dorado SELPA to provide special education services
- Our ideal choice is a mutually beneficial arrangement with AUSD, but plans are in place for an alternative

Revised Petition: Comprehensive K-5 Curriculum

- Petition includes a 300+ page course guide for the elementary school curriculum, addressing each grade.
- Educational model is based on internationally recognized educational programs in Ontario, Canada, the Columbia Teachers' College, and the Alameda Community Learning Center.
- This detailed curriculum adheres to California curriculum standards in all grades.

Revised Petition: Transparent, accountable governance structure

- NCLC petitioners developed a governing structure founded on the principles of democracy and responsibility.
- Petition includes comprehensive details on NCLC Governing Board, including scope of responsibility, selection, conflict resolution procedures, and board accountability.

Revised Petition: Representative of Alameda

- NCLC strives to be an accurate representation of Alameda's student population in all respects and pledges to make every effort to achieve this goal.
- We have already started our targeted outreach efforts, which include:
 - Advertisements in non-English community papers
 - Outreach efforts at community center and gathering places specific to individual communities
 - Active engagement with several West End organizations to publicize the new school.
- NCLC cannot make racial or ethnic distinctions in our admissions policy, but we are committed to ensuring our applicant pool reflects the diversity of Alameda.

Revised Petition: Respected accounting and auditing procedures

- NCLC will be a financially viable, financially transparent, and financially accountable institution.
- Worked with EdTec, the premier school financial accounting firm, to develop our revenue and cost projections based on commonly used education finance assumptions.
- Auditing procedures are clear and comprehensive and include provisions to address deficiencies or exceptions and resolve these items with the chartering agency.

In Conclusion

- We are all here tonight for the same reasons:
 - Provide quality education for all students
 - Provide parent/student choice within the public school system
- We are willing to work with the district (through MOU, etc.) to make this a true win-win.
- Thank you. We are available to answer any questions from the Board as well.

Nea Community Learning Center Vote Yes on November 25th!



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