

Board Agenda Item #	IV. C- Discussion Item
Date:	May 24, 2018
То:	Magnolia Board of Directors
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	David Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer
RE:	Annual Oversight by Our Charter Authorizers (Overview, Visit Reports, and Discussion)

Proposed Board Recommendation

Information Item

Background

Update

The Board was presented an overview of authorizer oversight at the April 12 board meeting, including discussion of 2017-18 oversight visit reports. Those reports delineated the schools' areas of strength and areas for improvement as well as areas of compliance and non-compliance, if applicable. The school leadership and the Home Office continue to review those reports very carefully for continuous improvement of our schools. Since the last board meeting we have had four more authorizer visits, i.e., LAUSD visit to MSA-7 and LACOE visits to MSA-1, 2, and 3, concluding all annual oversight visits to our schools for 2017-18.

Attached are the comments from our LACOE visit and the report by LAUSD for MSA-7. Both LACOE visits and the LAUSD visit were very successful. We received positive comments and no findings from LACOE. The following are LAUSD's ratings for MSA-7:

Authorizer Oversight Visit Reports	Governance		Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations	Fiscal Operations
		20	17-18	
MSA-7	3	3	4	3

Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement from Oversight Visit Reports

MSA-7:

- --Same comments as presented at the April 12, 2018 board meeting for Governance and Finance.
- --Additional comments:

Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement

O4: The school has implemented and monitors the components of the charter's instructional program designed to meet the learning needs of all students, including its subgroups, and generally modifies instruction based on data analysis

- Per school leadership and responses to guiding questions, an Action Plan & School-Wide Goals/Areas of Focus 2017-2018 was created in response to the 2016-2017 data. Some of the components include the following:
 - o Implementation of school-wide math facts fluency program, X-tra Math
 - More targeted and leveled reading interventions during the school hours and outside of the regular school hours (e.g. After School Tutoring Program, Summer School Program, Math Intervention Program, etc.)
 - o Implementation of more ELD instruction in the classroom using the Wonders Language Arts Curriculum
 - o Targeted intervention for English Learners who are also students with disabilities
 - o Developing more effective Culturally Responsive Teaching Program School-wide

Corrective Action Required

None

Budget Implications

N/A

How Does This Action Relate/Affect/Benefit All MSAs?

N/A

Name of Staff Originator:

David Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer

Attachments

- LACOE Visit Comments
- Oversight Visit Report for MSA-7

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Downing David < Downing David@lacoe.edu>

Date: Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 1:07 PM Subject: School Visit 04/24/18

To: Mustafa Sahin <<u>msahin@magnoliapublicschools.org</u>>
Cc: "Dr. Caprice Young" <cyoung@magnoliapublicschools.org>

Greetings Mustafa,

My thanks once again to you and your team for taking time to meet and visit classrooms yesterday. In addition to your presentation, I appreciate your having taken time to collect and prepare detailed documentation for us to review.

As we visited classrooms, I noted the following:

Several teachers were taking time to engage students and setting a positive tone for the class period.

Teachers consistently configured areas of their boards to include pertinent content standards, agendas, and objectives for the class

Teachers effectively used SMART boards to model and highlight key learnings for students; particularly in mathematics and science classes.

Students were attending to the instruction happening at the moment

Classes using blended learning effectively

Current student work posted in several classrooms

The full inclusion of your special education students.... A para-educator working with a student to make sure they had accurate notes

Students collaborating with classmates on assigned tasks

In addition, I appreciated seeing teachers making an effort to implement the professional development around explicit direct instruction and using response boards check for understanding.

Thanks also for sharing the things in your English department is doing around the organization of, and teaching of academic writing.

Next steps: I will be contacting you to schedule a follow-up review meeting; this will take place toward the end of May where the beginning of June.

Enjoy the rest of your week. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

David Downing

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LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS DIVISION

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE-BASED OVERSIGHT VISIT REPORT 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY 7

Name and Location Code of Charter School

LAUSD Vision

Every student will receive a quality education in a safe, caring environment, and will be college-prepared and career-ready.

CSD Mission

The LAUSD Charter Schools Division (CSD) fosters high quality educational opportunities and outcomes for students in the greater Los Angeles community through exemplary charter public school authorizing, oversight, and sharing of promising practices so that all students maximize their potential.

CSD Core Values

We believe that our success depends on:

- Making decisions that put the interests of students first.
- Serving with high expectations, integrity, professionalism, and commitment.
- Employing authentic, responsive, and effective leadership and teamwork.
- Continuously learning as a dynamic organization.
- Building and sustaining a healthy workplace culture where high performance, diversity, and creativity thrive.
- Developing productive relationships with our charter schools and all stakeholders.

SCHOOL NAME: Magnolia Science Academy 7

Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report

DATE OF VISIT: 4/5/2018

Charter School Name: Ma	lagnolia S	Science	Acaden	my 7					Location Code:	8014
Current Address:				C	ity:		ZIP C	ode:	Phone:	Fax:
18355 Roscoe Blvd.				N	orthridge		91325		818-221-5328	818-975-5215
Current Term of Charter:						LAUSD B	oard Di	strict:	LAUSD Distric	t:
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019						3			Northwest	
Number of Students Currentl	ly Enrolle	ed: E	nrollme	ent Capacity	y Per Charter:	Grades Cu	ırrently	Served:	Grades To Be S	Served Per Charter:
286		30	00			K-5			K-5	
Total Number of Staff Member	ers: 3	30	Ce	ertificated:	14	•		Classified:	16	
Charter School's Leadership Team Members: Fatih Metin, Principal; M			, Principal; Me	agan Alonso, Assistant Principal						
Charter School's Contact for	Charter School's Contact for Special Education: Sharee Lear			•						
CSD Assigned Administrator:	: Yo	olanda J	Jordan			CSD Fiscal Services Manager: Loui		Lourdes Echa	varria	
Other School/CSD Team Men	mbers:		Helen	na Yoon-Fo	ontamillas					
Oversight Visit Date:		April 5, 2018			Fiscal Review Date (if different):		: Februai	y 1, 2018		
Is school located on a District	chool located on a District facility?			LAUSD Co-Location Campus (if applicable):		N/A				
If so, please indicate the appli (e.g. Prop 39, PSC, conversion	_	ogram	No		DATE OF CO-LOCATION MEETING WITH OPERATION TEAM:		NS N/A			

SUMMARY OF RATINGS (4)=Accomplished (3)=Proficient (2)=Developing (1)=Unsatisfactory			
Governance	Student Achievement and Educational Performance	Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations	Fiscal Operations
3	3	4	3

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CHARTER RENEWAL CRITERIA

IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE §§ 47605 AND 47607, IN ORDER TO RENEW A CHARTER, THE DISTRICT MUST DETERMINE WHETHER THE CHARTER SCHOOL HAS MET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SB 1290, THE DISTRICT "SHALL CONSIDER INCREASES IN PUPIL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL GROUPS OF PUPILS SERVED BY THE CHARTER SCHOOL AS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO GRANT A CHARTER RENEWAL." ED. CODE § 47607(A)(3)(A).

REPORT GUIDE

In conducting oversight as a charter school authorizer, the District places an emphasis on performance and compliance with applicable law, policy, and the approved charter, as well as on the lead fiduciary role of a charter school's governing board in the overall success of the school for students. Information gathered through oversight serves as part of the school's ongoing record of performance and provides important data for the CSD, LAUSD Superintendent, and ultimately the LAUSD Board of Education in making informed decisions about charter school authorization. In designing this document, the District has considered California charter school law, as well as the California State Board of Education's criteria for evaluating charter schools and the National Association of Charter School Authorizers' *Principles and Standards of Quality Authorizing*. This reporting tool provides guidelines and criteria used by the CSD to observe, record, assess, and reflect with the charter school on school performance as captured during the annual oversight visit process in these four categories:

<u>Governance</u> – demonstrating fulfillment of the governing board's fiduciary responsibility to effectively direct and provide oversight for the charter public school, including but not limited to enactment and monitoring of policies and procedures to ensure the school's full compliance with applicable law, policy, and the terms of the charter approved by the LAUSD Board of Education

<u>Student Achievement and Educational Performance</u> – demonstrating academic achievement and growth for all students

<u>Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations</u> – demonstrating effective leadership and implementation of the governing board's policies and procedures, as well as the school's educational program and systems and procedures for the day-to-day operations of the school

<u>Fiscal Operations</u> – demonstrating sound fiscal management, appropriate use of public funds, and compliance with regulatory requirements

This report, including the ratings in each category, is based on information and evidence gathered at the time of the annual oversight visit. The CSD considers evidence provided through CSD staff observations, document review, interviews, and discussion with school representatives. All charter schools are expected to prepare for the visit and have available, as applicable, all documentation requested in the *Annual Performance Based Oversight Visit Preparation Guide 2017-2018*. The "Sources of Evidence" sections below identify key information sources generally relevant to their respective indicators; these lists are not exhaustive, however, and some items may not be applicable to the grades served. Schools may present additional evidence as deemed relevant and appropriate. As needed, CSD staff also may request additional information and/or documentation prior to, during, and/or following the visit.

The tool employs the following four-point rubric to rate the school's performance in each category: (4) Accomplished, (3) Proficient, (2) Developing, and (1) Unsatisfactory. In addition, the Summary of School Performance section in each category captures key findings under one or more of the following headings: (1) Areas of Demonstrated Strength and/or Progress (Note: potential "promising practices" are identified within this section with an asterisk [*]); (2) Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement; and, if applicable, (3) Corrective Action Required. Under "Corrective Action Required," the CSD reports findings of material noncompliance with applicable law, LAUSD charter policy, or the school's approved charter. If the report includes any findings under "Corrective Action Required," the charter school must take immediate and appropriate steps to remedy the identified concern. In accordance with its "tiered intervention" approach to charter school non-compliance and poor performance, the CSD may also send the school appropriate notices, separate and apart from this report, to provide and document time-specific follow-up as necessary. At the other end of the spectrum of performance, any school that earns a rating of Accomplished in any category is encouraged to submit to the CSD a summary of those

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"promising practices" that the school believes have contributed to its success, in order to support the CSD's ongoing efforts to promote and facilitate reciprocal sharing of promising practices among education leaders from across the entire portfolio of LAUSD schools.

GOVERNANCE	RATING*
Summary of School Performance	3

Areas of Demonstrated Strength and/or Progress

G1: The Governing Board has substantially implemented the organizational structure set forth in approved charter, including any mandated committees/councils, and an adequately developed system for the evaluation of the school leader(s)

- As evidenced in Binder #1, there is evaluation protocol that details how and when school leaders are evaluated. Additionally, it measures school leaders using the California Professional Standards for Education Leaders (CPSELs)
- While there is evidence of a Superintendent Performance Evaluation Form, it recommended that the Magnolia Public School (MPS) Board create an evaluation protocol for the CEO/Superintendent of MPS.

G4: The Governing Board has established and monitors comprehensive policies and procedures to ensure staffing in compliance with applicable provisions of law and the charter related to qualifications, clearances, credentialing, and assignment as evidenced by reviewing MPS board meeting minutes and agendas, as well as the ESSA Grids at school sites.

G5: The Governing Board monitors school performance and other internal data to inform decision-making

• As evidenced in Board meeting agendas, minutes, and Academic Committee meeting minutes, academic "Glows, Grows and Next Steps" are discussed to inform decisions regarding each MPS school's academic trajectory

Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement

Corrective Action Required

None

Notes:

Other: The Magnolia Public Schools governing board is encouraged to continue discussions and supports at the school site level in the incorporation of STEM, STEAM, or STREAM within different content areas and classrooms.

UPDATE regarding the Settlement Agreement with LAUSD: Magnolia Education and Research Foundation (MERF) and School Services California executed an amendment to the original contract on 12/12/17 to extend the oversight services through July 31, 2018. This amendment extended the scope of work to cover the months of January through April 2018, with field work and management letters addressing these four months by June 30, 2018.

The Charter School Division will continue to monitor MERF's compliance of the fiscal oversight provision required in the March 2015 Settlement Agreement between LAUSD and MERF through the end of MSA 7's current charter term.

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On 11/7/17 the LAUSD BOE voted on non-renewal for MSA 5. All details are delineated in the Findings of Fact BOE Report #179-17/18.

*NOTE: If the CSD gathers or otherwise receives substantial evidence of actual conflict(s) of interest with respect to a governing board member or person in a school leadership position (e.g. CEO or principal), a charter school shall receive a rating of 1 in this category.

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G1: GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND EVALUATION OF SCHOOL LEADER(S) - GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #1

The G	Governing Board has implemented the organizational structure, roles and responsibilities set Governing Board (composition, structure, roles and responsibilities) committees/councils, including but not limited to those mandated by laws or regulations evaluation of school's executive level leadership	forth in the approved charter, including:
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence
Performance	 □ The Governing Board has fully implemented the organizational structure set forth in approved charter, including any mandated committees/councils, and a highly developed system for the evaluation of the school leader(s) ☑ The Governing Board has substantially implemented the organizational structure set forth in approved charter, including any mandated committees/councils, and an adequately developed system for the evaluation of the school leader(s) □ The Governing Board has partially implemented the organizational structure set forth in approved charter, including any mandated committees/councils, and a partially developed system for the evaluation of the school leader(s) □ The Governing Board has not implemented the organizational structure set forth in approved charter or any mandated committees/councils, and no system for the evaluation of the school leader(s) 	 ☑ Organization chart (B1: 1) ☑ Bylaws (B1: 2) ☑ Board member roster (B1: 3) ☑ Board meeting agendas and minutes (B1: 4) ☐ Observation of Governing Board meeting ☑ Evidence of committee/council calendars and agendas ☑ Documentation related to system for evaluation of executive level administrator(s) who reports to the Board. (B1: 7) ☑ Discussion with leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)

G2: BROWN ACT - GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #2

The Governing Board has a system in place to ensure it is adhering to applicable open meeting requirements, which protect the public interest in transparency and help to ensure that decisions are made without apparent or actual conflicts of interest:

- Governing Board meetings occur regularly, are conducted openly, and provide opportunity for public participation in accordance with the Brown Act
- Governing Board holds its meetings at a location(s) and in a manner that complies with teleconferencing, closed session, and access and Reasonable Accommodation requirements and the public has access to the meetings from a location(s) within the jurisdictional boundaries of LAUSD, as noted in the charter petition
- Governing Board meeting agendas and minutes are posted and maintained, as appropriate, including on the school's website and in accordance with the Brown Act and with sufficient specificity

Brown Act and with sufficient specificity	
Rubric	Sources of Evidence

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	☑ The Governing Board complies with all material provisions of the Brown Act	⊠ Board meeting agendas and minutes (B1: 4)
4)	☐ The Governing Board complies with most material provisions of the Brown Act	☐ Board meeting calendar (B1: 5)
nce	☐ The Governing Board complies with some material provisions of the Brown Act	☑ Brown Act training documentation (B1: 8)
ma	☐ The Governing Board complies with few material provisions of the Brown Act	☐ Documentation of the school's agenda posting procedures
for		(B1: 9)
er		☐ Observation of Governing Board meeting
		☐ Discussion with school leadership
		☐ Other: (Specify)

G3: DUE PROCESS - GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #3

The Governing Board has systems in place to ensure that the school provides adequate due process, in accordance with applicable law, the school's charter, and LAUSD charter policy, to honor and protect the rights of students, employees, parents, and the public in the following areas:

- student discipline
- employee grievances and discipline
- parent/stakeholder complaint resolution
- Uniform Complaint Procedures

L	•	Uniform Complaint Procedures		
		Rubric	Sources of Evidence	
	Performance	 □ The Governing Board has highly developed systems in place to ensure that the school provides adequate due process, in accordance with applicable law, the charter, and LAUSD charter policy, for students, employees, parents, and the public □ The Governing Board has well-developed systems in place to ensure that the school provides adequate due process, in accordance with applicable law, the charter, and LAUSD charter policy, for students, employees, parents, and the public □ The Governing Board has partially developed systems in place to ensure that the school provides adequate due process, in accordance with applicable law, the charter, and LAUSD charter policy, for students, employees, parents, and the public □ The Governing Board has minimal or no systems in place to ensure that the school provides adequate due process, in accordance with applicable law, the charter, and LAUSD charter policy, in for students, employees, parents, and the public 	 ☑ Board meeting agendas and minutes (B1: 4) ☑ Parent-Student Handbook(s) (B1: 10) ☑ Uniform Complaint Procedure documentation (B1: 11) ☑ Stakeholder complaint procedure(s) (B1: 12) ☑ H.R. policies and procedures regarding staff due process (B1: 13.1) ☐ Observation of Governing Board meeting ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify) 	

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G4: STAFFING - GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #4

The Governing Board has a system in place to ensure that appropriate employment and other staffing decisions are made in accordance with applicable law and the terms of its approved charter governing qualifications, clearances and credentialing:

- The Governing Board has established policies and procedures to ensure that faculty, staff, substitute teachers, and other persons providing service in a certificated position, are appropriately credentialed, authorized and/or otherwise qualified for the positions for which they have been employed/contracted and assigned, in accordance with applicable provisions of law and the school's charter.
- The Governing Board has established policies and procedures to ensure that the school obtains all necessary employee clearances, including criminal background and tuberculosis (TB) clearances, prior to employment, and keeps all clearances current.
- The Governing Board has established policies and procedures to ensure that the school obtains, monitors, and maintains all necessary and appropriate vendor certifications/waivers regarding vendor employee clearances, including criminal background and tuberculosis (TB) clearances.
- The Governing Board has established policies and procedures regarding requirements for school volunteers, including criminal background clearances for all volunteers who perform school site services while not under the direct supervision of a school employee, and tuberculosis (TB) risk assessments/clearances for all volunteers with frequent or prolonged contact with students per AB 1667.
- The Governing Board has established and monitors policies governing whether and under what circumstances the school may consider, for paid and volunteer service, candidates who have criminal records.

Rubric	Sources of Evidence
procedures to ensure staffing in compliance with applicable provisions of law and the charter related to qualifications, clearances, credentialing, and assignment requirements ☑ The Governing Board has established and monitors policies and procedures to ensure staffing in compliance with applicable provisions of law and the charter related to qualifications, clearances, credentialing, and assignment requirements	 ☑ Parent-Student Handbook(s) (B1: 10) ☑ H.R. policies and procedures regarding ESSA qualifications, credentialing, and clearance requirements (B1: 13.2) ☐ Observation of Governing Board meeting ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)

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G5: DATA-BASED DECISION-MAKING - GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #5

The Governing Board has a system in place to ensure: • review and use of academic and other internal school data and information to ensure sound Governing Board decision-making in support of continuous improvement of student achievement, fiscal viability, compliance, and overall public school excellence ongoing monitoring of the school's implementation of its LCAP action plans and progress toward LCAP goals **Sources of Evidence** Rubric ☐ The Governing Board regularly monitors school performance and other internal data to ⊠ Board meeting agendas and minutes with supporting inform decision-making materials and evidence of school performance and internal Performance ☑ The Governing Board monitors school performance and other internal data to inform other data (B1: 4) ☑ Other evidence of system for Board review and analysis of decision-making ☐ The Governing Board inconsistently monitors school performance and other internal data internal school data to inform decision-making (B1: 14) to inform decision-making ☐ Observation of Governing Board meeting ☐ The Governing Board seldom monitors school performance and other internal data to ☑ Discussion with leadership inform decision-making ☐ Other: (Specify)

G6: FISCAL CONDITION - GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #6

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 The Governing Board has a system in place to ensure fiscal viability: The school is fiscally strong and net assets are positive in the prior two independent audit reports. 			
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence	
Performance	 ☑ The school is fiscally strong with positive net assets in the prior two independent audit reports ☐ The school is fiscally stable, with positive net assets in the most current independent audit report ☐ The school is fiscally weak and net assets are negative in the most current independent audit report, or the school does not have an independent audit report on file with the Charter Schools Division ☐ The school is consistently fiscally weak and net assets are negative in the prior two independent audit reports, or the school does not have an independent audit report on file with the Charter Schools Division 	 □ Board meeting agendas and minutes (B1: 4) □ Other evidence of system for Board review and monitoring of fiscal policies, procedures, budget, and finances (B1: 15) □ Observation of Governing Board meeting □ Discussion with leadership ☑ Independent audit report(s) ☑ Other: (see Fiscal Operations section below) 	

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G7: FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY - GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #7					
 The Governing Board has a system in place to ensure sound fiscal management and accountability: The school adheres to the Governing Board approved fiscal policies and procedures, and does not have any areas noted for improvement. 					
	Rubric Sources of Evidence				
Performance	 □ The school adheres to the Governing Board approved fiscal policies and procedures, and does not have any areas noted for improvement ☑ The school generally adheres to the Governing Board approved fiscal policies and procedures, but has areas noted for improvement □ The school is not adhering to the Governing Board approved fiscal policies and procedures, and has areas noted for improvement, or has significant fiscal-related issues (e.g., fiscal mismanagement, audit findings, potential conflicts of interest, inadequate cash flow, etc.) □ The school is continuously not adhering to the Governing Board approved fiscal policies and procedures, and has recurring areas noted for improvement, or has significant and recurring fiscal-related issues (e.g., fiscal mismanagement, audit findings, potential conflicts of interest, inadequate cash flow, etc.) 	 ☑ Board meeting agendas and minutes (B1: 4) ☐ Other evidence of system for Board review and monitoring of fiscal policies, procedures, budget, and finances (B1: 15) ☐ Observation of Governing Board meeting ☑ Discussion with leadership ☐ Independent audit report(s) ☑ Other: (see Fiscal Operations section below) 			
Progr	ess on LAUSD Board of Education and/or MOU Benchmarks related to GOVERNANCI	E (if applicable):			

Progress on LAUSD Board of Education and/or MOU Benchmarks related to GOVERNANCE (if applicable):		

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE	RATING*
Summary of School Performance	3

Areas of Demonstrated Strength and/or Progress

A3: The schoolwide percentage of students who Met and Exceeded Standards in $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$, 11^{th} Grade on the SBAC in ELA is at a rate higher than the Resident Schools Median

- Per CDE, the school's ELA rate was at 47.57%, compared to the Resident Schools Median at 36.00%
- **A4:** The schoolwide percentage of students who Met or Exceeded Standards in $3^{rd} 8^{th}$, 11^{th} Grade on the SBAC in Math is at a rate higher than the Resident Schools Median
 - Per CDE, the school's Math rate was at 39.04%, compared to the Resident Schools Median at 27.71%
- A5: The school reclassifies English Learners at a rate higher than the District average
 - Per CDE, the school's reclassification rate was 18.5%, compared to the District average of 16.8%

Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement

- A1: Some subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP ELA performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17
 - Per CDE, one out of four numerically significant subgroups (White) demonstrated growth
- A2: Some subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP Math performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17
 - Per CDE, two out of four numerically significant subgroups (Socioeconomically Disadvantaged and White) demonstrated growth
- A6: The school's percentage of "At Risk" English Learners is at a rate higher than the District average
 - Per CDE, 16.7% of English Learners are "At Risk," compared to the District average of 5.9%
 - o Per school leadership, 19 out of 85 EL students are classified as "At Risk." Furthermore, 13 out of the 19, are students with disabilities.

A9:The school has demonstrated developing levels of student achievement and progress as measured by school's internal assessments and other school data that are regularly monitored and analyzed and that reflect limited growth in student achievement in ELA and Math for some subgroups and grade-levels

- Per school leadership, TK-2nd grade students use curriculum based benchmark assessments to measure student growth in ELA and Math. The assessments are given regularly to track progress. Some of the assessments include Wonders Reading and Fluent assessments and My Math chapter and benchmark assessments.
 - o Per school leadership, while K-2 show strengths in ELA and Math (e.g. upper and lowercase letter identification, identification of numbers, efficiency in reading grade level high frequency words, understanding place value, grammar skills, 3-dgit addition with and without regrouping, etc.), students with disabilities and English Learners need additional support in both ELA and Math in acquiring basic skills and concepts. **See indicator O4 for more information regarding the school's intervention plans.**

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A1: S	BAC SUBGROUP ELA - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORM	IANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #1
 The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, as measured by: Performance of all subgroups on the CAASPP ELA (students with disabilities, English Learners, and socio-economically disadvantaged students, etc.)(CDE) In accordance with SB1290, increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school. 		
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence
Performance	 □ All subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP ELA performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 □ The majority of subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP ELA performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 ☑ Some subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP ELA performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 □ None of the school's subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP ELA performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 □ No assessment of performance for this indicator 	

A2: SBAC SUBGROUP MATH - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #2

The sc	The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, as measured by:				
•	 Performance of all subgroups on the CAASPP Math (students with disabilities, English Learners, and socio-economically disadvantaged students, etc.)(CDE) 				
•	In accordance with SB1290, increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupil	ls served by the charter school,			
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence			
Performance	 □ All subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP Math performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 □ The majority of subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP Math performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 ☑ Some subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP Math performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 □ None of the school's subgroups demonstrated growth in CAASPP Math performance from 2015/16 to 2016/17 □ No assessment of performance for this indicator 	SBAC report (CDE) (B2: 1.2) ☐ Other: (Specify)			

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A3: SBAC SCHOOLWIDE ELA - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #3

The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, as measured by: • Schoolwide ELA data (CDE)			
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence	
Performance	 ☑ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met and Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in ELA is at a rate higher than the Resident Schools Median ☐ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met and Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in ELA is at a rate equal to the Resident Schools Median ☐ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met and Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in ELA is at a rate lower than the Resident Schools Median ☐ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met and Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in ELA is substantially lower than the Resident Schools Median ☐ No assessment of performance for this indicator 	 ⊠ SBAC report (CDE) (B2: 1.3) ⊠ Review of Data Set LAUSD Office of Data & Accountability □ Other: (Specify) 	

A4: SBAC SCHOOLWIDE MATH - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #4

The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, as measured by:					
•	Schoolwide Math data (CDE)				
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence			
Performance	 ☑ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met or Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in Math is at a rate higher than the Resident Schools Median ☐ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met or Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in Math is at a rate equal to the Resident Schools Median ☐ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met or Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in Math is at a rate lower than the Resident Schools Median ☐ The schoolwide percentage of students who Met or Exceeded Standards in 3rd – 8th, 11th Grade on the SBAC in Math is significantly lower than the Resident Schools Median. ☐ No assessment of performance for this indicator 	 ⊠ SBAC report (CDE) (B2: 1.4) ⊠ Review of Data Set LAUSD Office of Data & Accountability □ Other: (Specify) 			

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A5: ENGLISH LEARNER RECLASSIFICATION - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #5

The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, as measured by: • English Learner reclassification rate for 2016-2017 (CDE)			
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence	
Performance	 ☑ The school reclassifies English Learners at a rate higher than the District average ☐ The school reclassifies English Learners at a rate equal to the District average ☐ The school reclassifies English Learners at a rate lower than the District average ☐ The school does not reclassify English Learners ☐ No assessment of performance for this indicator 	 ☑ Reclassification report (CDE) (B2: 1.5) ☐ CELDT Criterion reports (CDE) (B2: 1.5.1) ☐ School internal reclassification data ☐ Other: (Specify) 	

A6: "AT RISK" ENGLISH LEARNERS – (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #6

 Providing supports for At-Risk English Learners 2016-2017 (CDE) 			
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence	
Performance	 □ The school's percentage of "At Risk" English Learners is at rate lower than the District average □ The school's percentage of "At Risk" English Learners is at a rate equal to the District average ⋈ The school's percentage of "At Risk" English Learners is at a rate higher than the District average □ The school's percentage of "At Risk" English Learners is at a rate that is substantially higher than the District average □ No assessment of performance for this indicator 		

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A7: LONG TERM ENGLISH LEARNERS (LTELs) - (SECONDARY SCHOOLS) - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #7

<u> </u>	QUILLIT I INDICATION III		
 The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, as measured by: Providing supports for Long Term English Learners 2016-2017 (CDE) 			
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence	
Performance	 □ The school's percentage of LTELs is at rate lower than the District average □ The school's percentage of LTELs is at a rate equal to the District average □ The school's percentage of LTELs is at a rate higher than the District average □ The school's percentage of LTELs is at a rate that is substantially higher than the District average ☑ No assessment of performance for this indicator 	□ Long-Term English Learners (LTEL) by Grade report (CDE): (2016-2017) (B2: 1.6)	

A8: FOUR-YEAR COHORT GRADUATION RATE - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #8

	 The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, as measured by: Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (CDE) (high schools only) 		
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence	
e	 □ The school's Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate is at a rate higher than the District average □ The school's Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate is at a rate equal to the District average 	☐ Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (CDE) (B2: 3.1) ☐ Other: (Specify)	
Perfor	 □ The school's Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate is at a rate lower than the District average □ The school's Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate is at a rate substantially lower than the District average ☑ No assessment of performance for this indicator 	List of the school's A-G requirements (CSD internal use only)	

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*INDICATOR A9 IS ONLY APPLICABLE TO NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS WHICH DO NOT HAVE CAASPP (SBAC) SCORES AND CHARTER SCHOOLS WHICH SERVE GRADE LEVELS K, 1, 2, 9, AND 10 (THE GRADE LEVELS WHICH ARE NOT ADMINISTERED THE CAASPP).

A9: INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (Grades K, 1, 2, 9, 10 and New Charter Schools) - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY INDICATOR #9

The school demonstrates student academic achievement, including progress towards closing the achievement gap, for grades K, 1, 2, 9 and 10 or as a new school with no CAASPP data as measured by:

- The school's internal assessments (with analysis of results) by subgroups and grade-levels
- Other academic achievement data gathered or produced by the school, such as Advanced Placement examination participation and passage rates, A-G requirements progress and completion rates, high school graduation rates, and college acceptance rates
- Results of internal assessments show growth in student achievement in ELA and Math

NOTE: For purposes of evaluation of school performance for this indicator, the CSD considers only such data that is derived from standards-based high quality standardized or widely accepted assessments (e.g. NWEA, DIBELS, or Stanford 10) and/or other assessment instruments for which the school can demonstrate validity/reliability.

	Rubric	Sources of Evidence
Performance	 □ The school has demonstrated accomplished levels of student achievement and progress as measured by school's internal assessments and other school data that are regularly monitored and analyzed and that reflect significant growth in student achievement in ELA and Math for all subgroups in all grade-levels □ The school has demonstrated proficient levels of student achievement and progress as measured by school's internal assessments and other school data that are regularly monitored and analyzed and that reflect moderate growth in student achievement in ELA and Math for the majority of subgroups and grade-levels. ☑ The school has demonstrated developing levels of student achievement and progress as measured by school's internal assessments and other school data that are regularly monitored and analyzed and that reflect limited growth in student achievement in ELA and Math for some subgroups and grade-levels □ The school has demonstrated unsatisfactory levels of student achievement and progress as measured by school's internal assessments and other school data and that reflect no growth or a decline in student achievement in ELA and Math for the majority of subgroups and grade-levels. □ The school has not collected and/or analyzed and monitored internal assessment or other academic achievement data 	 ☑ Internal academic performance and progress data and information (B2: 2.1 – 2.6) ☑ School Internal Assessment Data Report or equivalent ☐ Other: (Specify)

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CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DASHBOARD STATE PRIORITIES **Summary of School Performance** *Indicators A10-A19 reflect the school's ratings on the Dashboard. For Indicators A10 –A19 the school's ratings on the California School Dashboard will not impact the overall Student Achievement and Educational Performance Rating for 2017-2018 oversight but will provide informational areas of focus. California School Dashboard Indicators will figure into 2018-2019 oversight ratings. Blue Green Yellow Orange Red A10: Priority 4-3.1 Student Achievement Academic Indicator (Grades 3-8) Distance from Level 3 English Language Arts The school has achieved the performance level of _____ Yellow A11: Priority 4-3.2 Student Achievement Academic Indicator (Grades 3-8) Distance from Level 3 Mathematics The school has achieved the performance level of ______Yellow A12: Priority 4-3.5 Student Achievement English Learner Progress Indicator The school has achieved the performance level of _______Blue A13: Priority 5-3.7 Student Engagement- Chronic Absenteeism Indicator The school has achieved the performance level of ______N/A *this indicator will be available Fall 2018 A14: Priority 6-3.8 School Climate- Suspension Rate Indicator The school has achieved the performance level of ______ Blue A15: 2.5 Suspension and Expulsion Rates The school has achieved the performance level of _______N/A

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	HIGH SCHOO	OLS ONLY:	
A16. Priority 4-3 3 Student Achievement Academic Indi	A16: Priority 4-3.3 Student Achievement Academic Indicator (Grade 11) Distance from Level 3 English Language Arts		
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The school has achieved the following status	and change	N/A	
A17: Priority 4-3.4 Student Achievement Academic India	cator (Grade 11) Dista	ance from Level 3 Mathematics	
The school has achieved the following status	and change	N/A	
A18: Priority 5-3.6 Student Engagement-Graduation Ra	te Indicator		
The school has achieved the performance level of	N/A		
A19: Priority7 & 8-3.9 Access to and Outcomes in a Bro	ad Course of Study-C	ollege/Career Indicator	
The school has achieved the following status N/A *this indicator will be available Fall 2017			
NOTES:			
Progress on LAUSD Board of Education and/or MOU Benchmarks related to STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (if applicable):			

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ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT, PROGRAMS, AND OPERATIONS	RATING*
Summary of School Performance	4

Areas of Demonstrated Strength and/or Progress

O5: The school continues to fully implement the key features of the educational program described in the charter (e.g. STEAM instructional program, character education and social emotional programs, etc.)

O8: The school has fully implemented a professional development plan for teachers and other staff that supports instructional practices, targets identified needs, and aligns with the education program set forth in the charter

- As evidenced in Binder #3, emails from the Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) office, and discussion with school leadership, MSA 7 has ongoing professional development for staff, on campus and MSP-wide.
- As part of the school's **Action Plan & School-Wide Goals/Areas of Focus 2017-2018,** school leadership shared the following additional professional development for teachers: math professional development by the MPS Math Coordinator and school site teachers; ELD and Special Education professional development from school site teachers and MPS home office staff; and monthly ELD and Special Education grade level meetings.

O10: The school has a highly developed communication system to share information with stakeholders, that is easily accessible via its documents available both manually, electronically and on its website

• Per discussion with leadership and a review the school's website, MSA 7 has wide variety of information available, including but not limited to the following: Title IX information in accordance with SB1375 and complaint procedures.

Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement

O4: The school has implemented and monitors the components of the charter's instructional program designed to meet the learning needs of all students, including its subgroups, and generally modifies instruction based on data analysis

- Per school leadership and responses to guiding questions, an **Action Plan & School-Wide Goals/Areas of Focus 2017-2018** was created in response to the 2016-2017 data. Some of the components include the following:
 - o Implementation of school-wide math facts fluency program, X-tra Math
 - o More targeted and leveled reading interventions during the school hours and outside of the regular school hours (e.g. After School Tutoring Program, Summer School Program, Math Intervention Program, etc.)
 - o Implementation of more ELD instruction in the classroom using the Wonders Language Arts Curriculum
 - o Targeted intervention for English Learners who are also students with disabilities
 - o Developing more effective Culturally Responsive Teaching Program School-wide

Corrective Action Required

None

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Notes:			

*NOTE: A charter school shall receive a rating of 1 in this category for any of the following reasons: (1) Failed to have Health, Safety, and Emergency Plan in place; (2) Failed to conduct child abuse mandated reporter training in accordance with AB 1432; (3) Failed to complete criminal background clearances for all new staff (as defined on the ESSA Grid) prior to employment; or (4) Failed to obtain DOJ clearance certification, as appropriate, from a vendor. A charter school cannot receive a rating in this category greater than 2 if any teacher of the core instructional program is not appropriately credentialed and assigned per legal requirements and the school's current approved charter.

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O1: SCHOOL SAFETY AND OPERATIONS: SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN AND PROCEDURES - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #1

The school has a system in place to ensure that:

- the school has a current site-specific comprehensive Health, Safety, and Emergency Plan (Note: for co-locations, the charter school complies with the District school's Health, Safety and Emergency Plan)
- the school is able and prepared to implement its emergency procedures in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency (includes threat assessment protocol)
- school staff and other mandated reporters working on behalf of the school receive timely training on child abuse awareness and reporting in accordance with the requirements of AB 1432
- school staff receives annual training on the handling of bloodborne pathogens
- the school has a Visitor's policy and it's visible in the main office
- a Pupil Suicide Prevention Policy (grades 7-12) is in place, in compliance with AB 2246

	Rubric	Sources of Evidence
Performance	 ☑ The school has a highly developed system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety ☐ The school has a well-developed system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety ☐ The school has a partially developed system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety ☐ The school has a minimal or no system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety 	 ☑ Parent-Student Handbook(s) (B1: 10) ☑ Comprehensive Health, Safety, and Emergency Plan (B3: 1.2) ☑ Evacuation route maps (B3: 1.2) ☑ Documentation of emergency drills and training (B3: 1.3) ☑ Evidence of provision and location of onsite emergency supplies (B3: 1.4) ☐ Evidence of AB 2246 implementation (grades 7-12) (B3: 1.6) ☑ Child abuse mandated reporter training documentation (B3: 1.5 and B3A:4) ☑ Bloodborne pathogens training documentation (B3: 1.7 and B3A:4) ☑ Certification of Clearances, Credentialing, and Mandated Reporter Training 2017-2018 ("ESSA Grid") (B3A) ☑ Site/classroom observation ☐ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)

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O2: HEALTH AND SAFETY - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #2

The school has a system in place to ensure that:

- for each school site, the school has a current site-specific Certificate of Occupancy or equivalent that authorizes the current use of the site
- school provides for student immunization and health screening per applicable law and terms of the charter
- school maintains an emergency epinephrine auto-injector ("epi-pen") onsite and has provided training to volunteer staff member(s) in the storage and emergency use of the epi-pen

	Rubric	Sources of Evidence
Performance	 ☑ The school has a highly developed system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety for Certificates of Occupancy, immunization, health screenings and emergency epi-pens ☐ The school has a well-developed system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety for Certificates of Occupancy, immunization, health screenings and emergency epi-pens ☐ The school has a partially developed system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety for Certificates of Occupancy, immunization, health screenings and emergency epi-pens ☐ The school has a minimal or no system in place to ensure protection of student and staff health and safety, and compliance with applicable legal and charter requirements related to health and safety for Certificates of Occupancy, immunization, health screenings and emergency epi-pens 	 ☑ Parent-Student Handbook(s) (B1: 10) ☑ Certificate of Occupancy or equivalent (B3: 1.1) ☑ Evidence that school provides for student immunization and health screening (B3: 2.2) ☑ Epi-pen documentation (B3: 2.3) ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)

O3: STANDARDS-BASED INSTRUCTION - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #3

The school has:

- implemented standards-based instruction schoolwide in accordance with the California academic content standards, including the California Common Core State Standards (CA CCSS), that are applicable to the grade levels served
- demonstrated evidence of transitioning to implementation of the California Next Generation Science Standards
- obtained WASC accreditation (high schools only)
- implemented a system to monitor student progress toward and completion of graduation and A-G requirements (high schools only)
- received UC/CSU approval of courses (UC Doorways) (high schools only)

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	Rubric	Sources of Evidence
Performance	 ☑ The school has fully implemented grade-level-appropriate standards-based instruction in accordance with the California academic content standards, including the CA CCSS ☐ The school has substantially implemented grade-level-appropriate standards-based instruction in accordance with the California academic content standards, including the CA CCSS ☐ The school has partially implemented grade-level-appropriate standards-based instruction in accordance with the California academic content standards, including the CA CCSS ☐ The school has minimally implemented, or not at all, grade-level-appropriate standards-based instruction in accordance with the California academic content standards, including the CA CCSS 	 ☑ Evidence of standards-based instructional program (B3: 3.1) ☑ Evidence of transitioning to CA NGSS (B3:) ☑ LCAP (B3: 3.2) ☐ Evidence of technology readiness to administer CAASPP assessments (B3: 3.3) *new schools only ☑ WASC documentation (B3: 3.4) ☐ UC Doorways course approval documentation (B3: 3.5) ☑ Evidence of implementation of Transitional Kindergarten (B3: 3.6) ☑ Professional development documentation (B3: 3.7) ☑ Classroom observation ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)

O4: MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS; SUBGROUP DATA ANALYSIS - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #4

The school:

- implements the differentiation, intervention, and other instructional strategies and approaches described in the charter designed to meet the learning needs of all students, including all subgroups identified in the school's LCAP and by CDE
- disaggregates and analyzes data on a regular basis to address individual student needs
- implements, monitors, and modifies, as appropriate, its Master Plan for English Learners (EL identification, designated and integrated ELD instruction, progress monitoring, assessment, and reclassification)

•	has appointed a designee to assist and support foster youth	
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence

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Performance	 □ The school has fully implemented and monitors the components of the charter's instructional program designed to meet the learning needs of all students, including its subgroups, and modifies instruction based on data analysis □ The school has substantially implemented and monitors the components of the charter's instructional program designed to meet the learning needs of all students, including its subgroups, and generally modifies instruction based on data analysis □ The school has partially implemented the components of the charter's instructional program designed to meet the learning needs of all students, including its subgroups, and partially modifies instruction based on data analysis □ The school has minimally implemented, or not at all, the components of the charter's instructional program designed to meet the learning needs of all students, including its subgroups, and does not consistently modify instruction based on data analysis 	 ☑ Evidence of standards-based instructional program (B3: 3.1) ☑ LCAP (B3: 3.2) ☑ Professional development documentation (B3: 3.7) ☑ Evidence of intervention and support for all students, including but not limited to foster youth, at-risk students, and high performing students (B3: 3.8) ☑ Implementation of the school's English Learner Master Plan (B3: 3.8) ☑ Evidence of implementation of data analysis system program ☑ School Internal Assessment Data Report, or equivalent ☑ Classroom observation ☑ Discussion with school leadership
		 ☑ Classroom observation ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)

O5: IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY FEATURES OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #5

	The school has implemented the key features components of the educational program described in the school's charter		
		Rubric	Sources of Evidence
-	Performance	 ☑ The school has fully implemented the key features of the educational program described in the charter ☐ The school has substantially implemented the key features of the educational program described in the charter ☐ The school has partially implemented the key features of the educational program described in the charter ☐ The school has minimally implemented, or not at all, the key features of the educational 	 ☑ Professional development documentation (B3: 3.7) ☑ Evidence of implementation of key features of educational program (B3: 3.9) ☑ Classroom observation ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)
		program described in the charter	

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O6: SPECIAL EDUCATION - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #6

The school has a system in place to ensure that the school:

- provides special education programs and services in accordance with students' IEPs and the terms of the Modified Consent Decree
- provides special education training for staff in accordance with requirements of the Modified Consent Decree
- conducts a special education self-review annually, using the Special Education Self-Review Checklist

•	maintains timely IEP timeline records and accurate service provision records in Welligent	
	Rubric	Sources of Evidence
Performance	 □ The school has a highly developed system in place for full implementation and monitoring of its special education processes and program in compliance with all requirements, including the Modified Consent Decree ☑ The school has a well-developed system in place for full implementation and monitoring of its special education processes and program in compliance with all requirements, including the Modified Consent Decree □ The school has a partially developed system in place for full implementation and monitoring of its special education processes and program in compliance with all requirements, including the Modified Consent Decree □ The school has a minimal or no system in place for full implementation and monitoring of its special education processes and program in compliance with all requirements, including the Modified Consent Decree 	 ☑ Parent-Student Handbook(s) (B1: 10) ☐ Professional development documentation (B3: 3.7) ☐ Evidence of intervention and support for students with disabilities (B3: 3.8) ☑ Self-Review Checklist (B3: 4.1) ☑ Other special education documentation (B3: 4.1) ☑ Consultation with Charter Operated Programs office ☑ Welligent reports and/or other MCD documentation, including from the Division of Special Education ☐ Classroom observation (B3: 4.1) ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify)

O7: SCHOOL CLIMATE AND STUDENT DISCIPLINE - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #7

The school has a school climate and schoolwide student discipline system in place to ensure that the school's practices:

- align with the principles of the District's Discipline Foundation Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights Resolution, including but not limited to, tiered behavior intervention, alternatives to suspension, and schoolwide positive behavior support, data monitoring and, includes a discipline system complaint process
- provide positive opportunities for student wellness, growth and success, aimed at making the school safe, welcoming, supportive and inclusive
- minimize discretionary suspensions and expulsions
- reduce or eliminate suspension disproportionality for student subgroups

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Rubric	Sources of Evidence

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	☑ The school has a highly developed school climate and student discipline system in place	⊠ Parent-Student Handbook(s) (B1: 10)
	that is aligned with the principles of the Discipline Foundation Policy and School	⊠ LCAP (B3: 3.2)
	Climate Bill of Rights	□ Professional development documentation (B3: 3.7)
	☐ The school has a well-developed school climate and student discipline system in place	⊠ Evidence of implementation of school climate and student
	that is aligned with the principles of the Discipline Foundation Policy and School	discipline system that aligns with Discipline Foundation
	Climate Bill of Rights	Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights principles (B3:
	☐ The school has a partially developed school climate and student discipline system in	4.2)
ce	place that is aligned with the principles of the Discipline Foundation Policy and School	⊠ Evidence of implementation of tiered behavior
ıan	Climate Bill of Rights	intervention, such as SST/COST (B3: 4.2)
Performance	☐ The school has a minimally developed or no school climate and student discipline	⊠ Evidence of implementation of alternatives to suspension
irfc	system in place that is aligned with the principles of the Discipline Foundation Policy	(B3: 4.2)
Pe	and School Climate Bill of Rights	⊠ Evidence of implementation of schoolwide positive
		behavior support system (B3: 4.2)
		⊠ Evidence of data monitoring (B3: 4.2)
		□ LAUSD suspension and expulsion data reports
		☐ Interview of stakeholders
		☐ Discussion with school leadership
		☐ Other: (Specify)
		Suspension rates, and disproportionality rates

O8: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #8

The school:

- has a schoolwide professional development plan for teachers and other staff that supports the educational program set forth in the charter and targets identified needs
- provides faculty and other instructional staff with professional development opportunities to improve instructional practice
- provides opportunities for teachers to collaborate regularly for the purpose of planning and improving curriculum and instruction

Rubric Sources of Evidence

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	☐ The school has fully implemented a professional development plan for teachers and	☑ LCAP (B3: 3.2)
	other staff that supports instructional practices, targets identified needs, and aligns with	☑ Professional development documentation (B3: 3.7)
	the education program set forth in the charter	☐ Interview of teachers and/or other staff
ė	oximes The school has implemented a professional development plan for teachers and other staff	☑ Discussion with school leadership
anc	that supports instructional practices, targets identified needs, and aligns with the	☐ Other: (Specify)
Ę.	education program set forth in the charter	
for	☐ The school has partially implemented a professional development plan for teachers and	
er	other staff that supports instructional practices, targets identified needs, and aligns with	
<u> </u>	the education program set forth in the charter	
	\Box The school has not implemented a professional development plan for teachers and other	
	staff that supports instructional practices, targets identified needs, and aligns with the	
	education program set forth in the charter	

O9: STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVEMENT - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #9

The school has a stakeholder communication system for gathering input, facilitating and encouraging involvement, sharing information, and resolving concerns, which:

- engages in communication that notifies parents and other stakeholders of the process for resolving concerns, including how they may contact board members, and supports students, families, and other stakeholders in effectively resolving concerns
- provides all stakeholders (e.g., parents/guardians, students, and teachers) with appropriate, accessible and relevant information about individual student and schoolwide academic progress and performance
- informs parents of high school students about transferability of courses to other public high schools and the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements (high schools only)
- provides parents, teachers, and students with meaningful opportunities for involvement and engagement that meet the requirements and goals of applicable federal and state law, the school's charter, and the school LCAP

Rubric	Sources of Evidence
☑ The school has a highly developed stakeholder communication system for gathering input,	☐ Parent-Student Handbook (B1: 10)
encouraging involvement, sharing information, and resolving concerns	⊠ LCAP (B3: 3.2)
\square The school has a well-developed stakeholder communication system for gathering input,	⊠ Evidence of stakeholder consultation (B3: 4.3)
encouraging involvement, sharing information, and resolving concerns	⊠ Evidence of parent/stakeholder involvement and
	engagement (B3: 4.3)

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Performance	 □ The school has a partially developed stakeholder communication system for gathering input, encouraging involvement, sharing information, and resolving concerns □ The school has a minimal or no stakeholder communication system for gathering input, encouraging involvement, sharing information, and resolving concerns 	 ⊠ Evidence of sharing accessible and relevant information about individual student and schoolwide academic progress and performance with all stakeholders as appropriate (B3: 4.3) ⋈ Evidence of communication to parents and other stakeholders of complaint resolution process(es) (B3: 4.3) □ Evidence that parents are informed about transferability of courses/course credit and eligibility to meet A-G requirements (B3: 4.3) ⋈ Evidence of provision of stakeholder access to school's approved charter (B3: 4.3) □ Interview of stakeholders ⋈ Discussion with school leadership □ Other: (Specify)

O10: STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY- ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #10

The school's documents that are available both manually and electronically (website preferred) serve as a vehicle for transparency through its displays and provision of information.

- information is easily accessible to the public and school stakeholders
- complaint procedures**
- Title IX information in accordance with SB1375**
- AB 2246 Suicide Prevention applicable posting (Gr 7-12)**
- Applicable categories described in Charter School Transparency Resolution

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Rubric	Sources of Evidence
 □ The school has a highly developed communication system to share information with stakeholders, that is easily accessible via its documents available both manually, electronically and on its website □ The school has a well-developed communication system to share information with stakeholders via its documents available both manually, electronically and on its website □ The school has a partially developed communication system to share information with stakeholders via its documents available manually/electronically or on its website □ The school has a minimally developed communication system to share information with stakeholders with limited to no availability of documents manually/electronically or on its website 	 ☑ Review of the availability of information to the public/stakeholders (B3:4.4) for: SB 1375 Information UCP Procedure and Forms Complaint Forms AB2246 (grades 7-12) LCAP Financial Audit Student Demographics

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•	Student Achievement Information

O11: EVALUATION OF SCHOOL STAFF - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #11

The school has a system in place for the evaluation of school staff designed to ensure that:

- the school's educational program yields high student achievement
- the school complies with all applicable legal requirements

	Rubric	Sources of Evidence				
Performance	 □ The school has a highly developed system in place for the evaluation of school staff designed to ensure that the school's educational program yields high student achievement and complies with all applicable legal requirements □ The school has a well-developed system in place for the evaluation of school staff designed to ensure that the school's educational program yields high student achievement and complies with all applicable legal requirements □ The school has a partially developed system in place for the evaluation of school staff designed to ensure that the school's educational program yields high student achievement and complies with all applicable legal requirements □ The school has a minimal or no system in place for the evaluation of school staff designed to ensure that the school's educational program yields high student achievement and complies with all applicable legal requirements 	 ☑ Evidence of staff evaluation system (B3: 4.5) ☑ Discussion with school leadership ☐ Other: (Specify) 				

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O12: CLEARANCES AND CREDENTIALING COMPLIANCE - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT QUALITY INDICATOR #12

The school is in compliance with applicable law and the terms of its approved charter regarding clearances and credentialing:

- all certificated staff are fully credentialed, including EL authorizations, and appropriately assigned as authorized by their credentials at all times
- the school has obtained all necessary employee clearances, including criminal background and tuberculosis (TB) risk assessments/clearances, prior to employment, and keeps all clearances current
- the school has obtained all necessary vendor clearances, including criminal background and tuberculosis (TB) risk assessments/clearances, prior to the provision of service, and keeps all clearances current
- the school has conducted volunteer clearances in accordance with applicable law and policy, including criminal background clearances for all volunteers who perform schoolsite services while not under the direct supervision of a school employee, and tuberculosis (TB) risk assessments/clearances for all volunteers with frequent or prolonged contact with students

Rubric	Sources of Evidence
The school has fully implemented and continually monitors systems and procedures that maintain 100% compliance with applicable law, including but not limited to clearance, credentialing, and assignment requirements at all times The school has implemented and monitors systems and procedures that maintain substantial compliance with applicable law, including but not limited to clearance, credentialing, and assignment requirements The school has partially implemented and intermittently monitors systems and procedures to maintain compliance with applicable law, including but not limited to clearance, credentialing, and assignment requirements The school has not implemented and/or does not monitor systems and procedures to maintain compliance with applicable law, including but not limited to clearance, credentialing, and assignment requirements	 ⊠ Certification of Clearances, Credentialing, and Mandated Reporter Training 2017-2018 form ("ESSA Grid") (B3A: 1.1) ⋈ Staff rosters and school master schedule B3A: 1.2 – 1.4) ⋈ Custodian(s) of Records documentation (B3A: 1.5) ⋈ Criminal Background Clearance Certifications (B3A: 2 & 3) ⋈ Teaching credential/authorization documentation (B3A) ⋈ Vendor certifications (B3A: 4) □ Volunteer (TB) risk assessment/clearance certification (B3A: 5) ⋈ Discussion with school leadership □ Other: (Specify)

Progress on LAUSD Board of Education and/or MOU Benchmarks related to ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT (if applicable):							

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Magnolia Science Academy 7	Preliminary Budget	First Interim	Second Interim	Unaudited Actuals	Audited Financials	Preliminary Budget	First Interim	Second Interim	Unaudited Actuals	Audited Financials	Preliminary Budget	First Interim	Second Interim	Unaudited Actuals	Audited Financials
Cash and Cash Equivalents		557,717	661,793	925,689	924,010		1,158,938	480,118	909,182	914,277		418,153	418,912	830,140	830,140
Current Assets		1,004,000	1,020,407	1,554,258	1,560,122		1,586,116	946,936	1,781,779	1,427,398		1,088,560	1,097,540	1,241,021	1,237,021
Fixed and Other Assets		10,818	16,751	62,858	55,040		50,619	38,801	38,801	42,801		200,208	61,884	31,590	35,589
Total Assets		1,014,818	1,037,158	1,617,116	1,615,162		1,636,735	985,737	1,820,580	1,470,199		1,288,768	1,159,424	1,272,610	1,272,610
Deferred Outflow		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Current Liabilities		40,000	190,895	855,092	777,660		687,998	4,150	870,316	522,847		281,541	232,528	254,417	260,280
Long Term Liabilities		0	0	0	0		0	0	11,156	0		0	14,500	0	0
Total Liabilities		40,000	190,895	855,092	777,660		687,998	4,150	881,472	522,847		281,541	247,028	254,417	260,280
Unfunded OPEB Liabilities/Deferred Inflow		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Net Assets		974,818	846,263	762,024	837,502		948,737	981,587	939,108	947,352		1,007,228	912,396	1,018,193	1,012,330
Total Revenues	3,673,126	3,046,608	2,919,267	2,943,589	2,978,484	3,398,157	3,501,595	3,523,814	3,461,008	3,515,135	3,692,766	3,817,312	3,625,736	3,551,194	3,620,605
Total Expenditures	2,561,869	2,670,302	2,671,516	2,780,077	2,739,495	3,206,602	3,314,881	3,379,728	3,359,402	3,405,285	3,657,044	3,757,437	3,660,692	3,480,352	3,555,627
Net Income / (Loss)	1,111,257	376,306	247,751	163,512	238,989	191,555	186,714	144,086	101,606	109,850	35,722	59,876	(34,956)	70,841	64,978
Operating Transfers In (Out) and Sources / Uses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extraordinary Item - Transfer of Net Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inc / (Dec) in Net Assets	1,111,257	376,306	247,751	163,512	238,989	191,555	186,714	144,086	101,606	109,850	35,722	59,876	(34,956)	70,841	64,978
Net Assets, Beginning	398,695	598,512	598,512	598,512	598,513	846,263	762,023	762,023	762,024	837,502	981,587	939,108	939,108	939,108	947,352
Adj. for restatement / Prior Yr Adj	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,478	75,478	0	0	8,244	8,244	8,244	0
Net Assets, Beginning, Adjusted	398,695	598,512	598,512	598,512	598,513	846,263	762,023	837,501	837,502	837,502	981,587	947,352	947,352	947,352	947,352
Net Assets, End	1,509,952	974,818	846,263	762,024	837,502	1,037,818	948,737	981,587	939,108	947,352	1,017,309	1,007,228	912,396	1,018,193	1,012,330

8014	Audited Financials					2017-18					
Magnolia Science Academy 7	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Preliminary Budget	First Interim	Second Interim	Unaudited Actuals	Audited Financials	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	229,263	924,010	914,277	830,140	0		951,941	0	0	0	
Current Assets	732,809	1,560,122	1,427,398	1,237,021	0		1,338,710	0	0	0	
Fixed and Other Assets	46,751	55,040	42,801	35,589	0		78,421	0	0	0	
Total Assets	779,560	1,615,162	1,470,199	1,272,610	0		1,417,131	0	0	0	
Deferred Outflow	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Current Liabilities	181,047	777,660	522,847	260,280	0		263,151	0	0	0	
Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Total Liabilities	181,047	777,660	522,847	260,280	0		263,151	0	0	0	
Unfunded OPEB Liabilities/Deferred Inflow	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Net Assets	598,513	837,502	947,352	1,012,330	0		1,153,980	0	0	0	
Total Revenues	2,898,548	2,978,484	3,515,135	3,620,605	0	3,503,588	3,527,538	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures	2,081,057	2,739,495	3,405,285	3,555,627	0	3,468,344	3,391,751	0	0	0	
Net Income / (Loss)	817,491	238,989	109,850	64,978	0	35,244	135,787	0	0	0	
Operating Transfers In (Out) and Sources / Uses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Extraordinary Item - Transfer of Net Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Inc / (Dec) in Net Assets	817,491	238,989	109,850	64,978	0	35,244	135,787	0	0	0	
Net Assets, Beginning	(218,978)	598,513	837,502	947,352	0	912,396	1,018,193	0	0	0	
Adj. for restatement / Prior Yr Adj	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Net Assets, Beginning, Adjusted	(218,978)	598,513	837,502	947,352	0	912,396	1,018,193	0	0	0	
Net Assets, End	598,513	837,502	947,352	1,012,330	0	947,640	1,153,980	0	0	0	

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FISCAL OPERATIONS	RATING
You have been assessed by the Fiscal Oversight team and you are receiving the rating of 3, Proficient.	3
Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and are noted in this evaluation.	
Magnolia Science Academy 7's (MSA 7) fiscal condition is strong and has been upward trending since the 2013-2014 fiscal year. According to the 2016-2017 independent audit report, the school had positive net assets of \$1,012,330 and net income of \$64,978. The 2017-2018 First Interim projects positive net assets of \$1,148,117 and net income of \$135,787.	
According to the 2016-2017 independent audit report, Magnolia Science Academy 7 is one of 10 schools operated by Magnolia Educational & Research Foundation (MERF). MERF currently has five schools that are authorized by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). MERF's fiscal condition is strong. MERF and its charter schools reported positive net assets of \$21,478,410 and net income of \$616,950. MERF, without the charter schools, reported negative net assets of (\$766,778) and a net loss of (\$793,576), which was the result of a negative equity transfer of (\$768,450) to MERF and asset write-offs of (\$348,866) absorbed by MERF in light of the closure of MSA Santa Clara (a non-LAUSD authorized MERF school). MERF's 2016-2017 independent audit report (in Note 17), states: "On July 1, 2016, the Board of MERF voted to close MSA Santa Clara, and to transfer the June 30, 2016 operating deficit of (\$731,580) to MERF. MSA Santa Clara also had an additional loss during 2016-2017 in the amount of (\$36,870) for miscellaneous revenues repaid and expenses directly related to final settlement of MSA Santa Clara for a total deficit of (\$768,450)." MERF's 2016-2017 independent audit report also describes the absorption of MSA Santa Clara's remaining assets and liabilities assumed by MERF resulted as an extraordinary item that led to write-offs of accounts receivable and fixed assets in the amount of (\$348,866).	
According to MERF, in 2016-2017, MSA 7 paid annual management fees of \$656,701 to MERF for administrative services, such as: finance and accounting, human resources and employee relations, Home Office management, information technology, operational compliance support, growth and facilities management, parent and community engagement, and programmatic compliance. These management fees were calculated based on a variable rate driven by the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for each of the MERF charter schools.	

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Areas of Demonstrated Strength and/or Progress:

1. The school's fiscal condition is strong.

	2013-2014 (Audited Actuals)	2014-2015 (Audited Actuals)	2015-2016 (Audited Actuals)	2016-2017 (Audited Actuals)	2017-2018 (First Interim)
Net Assets	\$598,513	\$837,502	\$947,352	\$1,012,330	\$1,148,117
Net Income/Loss	\$817,491	\$238,989	\$109,850	\$64,978	\$135,787
Transfers In/Out	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Adjustment(s)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. March 2015 Settlement Agreement Status

On or about March 20, 2015, LAUSD and MERF entered into a Settlement Agreement, whereby the parties agreed to resolve a lawsuit filed by MERF when the District rescinded the conditional renewals of Magnolia Science Academy 6, 7, and 8. The terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 8 of the Settlement Agreement stated: "MERF agrees to be subject to fiscal oversight during fiscal year 2015-16 by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), or a reasonably equivalent fiscal organization, which would oversee MERF's fiscal operations." *Please refer to Item 22 of the Notes section for further details.*

As part of the renewal process for Magnolia Science Academy 4 (MSA 4) and Magnolia Science Academy 5 (MSA 5), in November 2017, MERF provided the final management letter from FCMAT (dated August 25, 2017), and the first two management letters from the School Services of California (SSC) team (dated August 25, 2017, and October 16, 2017, respectively). MSA 4 was approved by the LAUSD Board of Education with fiscal benchmarks, including extended oversight by SSC. Based on the December 4, 2017 amended oversight service agreement between School Services and MERF, SSC's original scope of work for its oversight review was extended to cover the months of January 2018 through April 2018, with field work and management letters addressing SSC's review for these four months slated for completion by June 30, 2018. Based on the January 9, 2018 email confirmation between SSC and the Charter Schools Division (CSD), it was agreed that SSC's extended four-month review would cover a sample of financial transactions for MSA 4, 6, 7 and 8 (the current LAUSD-authorized MERF charter schools, with the exception of MSA 5). MSA 5's charter renewal was denied by the LAUSD Board of Education on November 7, 2017 (based on the school's academic performance), but was subsequently approved by the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE).

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Based on the CSD's 2017-2018 oversight visit and review of a sample of check disbursements and credit card transactions, the CSD noted that MERF had made significant improvements in its accounting and fiscal practices (based on FCMAT's and SSC's recommendations), including its implementation of an enhanced, customized software system (i.e., COOLSIS). Benefits of MERF's improved system include: 1) MERF's Board-approved budgets are uploaded to the purchasing software and are now part of the purchasing and payment approval process; 2) Purchase requisitions, purchase orders, and purchase approvals are now managed within the COOLSIS system; and, 3) Vendor information and resource codes are now system-required before MERF sends any request for approval. Although the CSD did note discrepancies through its review of a sample of check disbursements and credit card transactions, these discrepancies occurred prior to MERF's implementation of its enhanced COOLSIS system (which commenced in approximately October 2017). The discrepancies in question are detailed in the "Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement" section below.

In summary, the CSD recognizes the progress made by MERF towards fulfilling the fiscal oversight requirements set forth in Paragraph 8 of the March 2015 Settlement Agreement (i.e., since the 2016-2017 oversight visit). The CSD will continue to monitor SSC's findings and recommendations for the prescribed four-month period spanning from January 2018 through April 2018. Furthermore, the CSD will continue to monitor MERF's compliance with fiscal oversight by SSC and MERF's progress in remedying the findings from SSC through oversight.

Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement:

Through conducting fiscal oversight and analyzing the data below, the Charter Schools Division requests and receives fiscal documents from MERF (including bank statements, bank reconciliations, credit card statements, and check registers) for the five MERF charter schools that are currently authorized by LAUSD. The Charter Schools Division reviews these financial documents and a sampling of checks and credit card transactions across these MERF charter schools, to assess overall compliance with MERF's Magnolia Public Schools Financial Policies and Procedures Manual (P's & P's). Any areas noted for further growth and/or improvement relating to MERF's and its charter schools' overall compliance to the aforementioned manual are indicated in each charter school's Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report, with the exception of the fiscal condition and/or the segregation of duties reviews, which are school-specific and reviewed separately for each MERF charter school.

1. Bank Reconciliation Reports

Page 1 of the CSH107 Bank Account Reconciliations provides guidance concerning bank account reconciliations.

The policy reads: "**Responsibilities:** Chief Financial Officer [CFO] or designee is responsible for review and approval of all reconciliations." "Bank Statement Preparation: After receipt of the monthly bank statement <u>and/or online printing</u> of the monthly bank statement, Back-office accountant should prepare the monthly bank reconciliation by the 20th of the following month."

Based on the CSD's review of the bank statements and bank reconciliation reports for the months of July 2017 through December 2017, it was noted that the bank reconciliation reports showed no evidence of reviews or approvals by MERF's CFO or designee.

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Further, the preparation and review/approval dates of the bank reconciliation reports were also omitted, hence, the CSD's assessment regarding the school's timely preparation/review of the reports could not be determined. In addition, the CSD noted that FCMAT, per its August 25, 2017 management letter, made a recommendation related to "Bank Statements and Reconciliations," which states: "Include the signatures of the individual who prepared the bank statement reconciliation and the individual who reviewed/approved it, and the respective dates of same, on the reconciliation documents."

As a result of the above observation, MERF's CFO advised the CSD that MERF's Senior Financial Analyst reviews the monthly bank reconciliation reports via email. Further, effective immediately and moving forward, MERF declared that it would implement a means of documenting the signatures of the bank reconciliation report reviewers and the report review dates.

2. Credit Cards

Page 2 of the CSH111 CREDIT CARDS AND DEBIT CARDS section states: "It is the policy of the Organization to provide credit cards to authorized members of the Organization staff in the performance of their duties and responsibilities."

Based on the CSD's review of a sample credit card statements and supporting documentation, the CSD noted that the credit card accounts for three of the five LAUSD-authorized Magnolia charter schools (i.e., MSA 4, 7 and 8), were all assigned to the former MERF CFO (who left the organization in November 2016). However, these accounts remained active until February 5, 2018. The CSD also noted that some of the aforementioned former MERF CFO's credit card accounts continued to incur charges and/or delinquent fees. In addition, the former MERF CFO's credit card account with MSA 8 incurred fraudulent charges in August 2017. MERF confirmed that refunds of all fraudulent charges had been received by MERF as of the date of this report, and, as of February 5, 2018, all credit card accounts under the former CFO's name had officially been closed.

The CSD recommends that the school and MERF ensure that all credit card transactions are monitored and reviewed timely. Further, in the event that the credit card holder is no longer working for the organization, the CSD recommends that MERF ensure that any automatic payments are stopped, all credit card balances are paid in full, and all credit card accounts associated with former members of the organization are closed immediately, to prevent potential fraudulent transactions, late fees, and/or finance charges to these credit cards.

The CSD will continue to monitor these issues through oversight.

3. Automated Clearing House (ACH)/Recurring Automatic Payments

Based on the CSD's review of a sample bank statements and supporting documentation, it was noted that two ACH transactions for Ready Refresh, listed below, included late fees in the amount of \$10, pertaining to invoices for the months of February 2017 and March 2017 for MSA 4 and MSA 6. The table below also illustrates the ACH transactions by MERF for recurring automatic payments. However, MERF's Magnolia Public Schools Financial Policies and Procedures Manual makes no reference to ACH and recurring automatic payment processes.

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The CSD recommends that MERF update its P's & P's to provide guidance in this area, including clarification regarding permissible recurring payments, and delineate the approval and review processes pertaining to ACH transactions and recurring automatic payments.

Date	Vendor	Check Number	Description	Check Amount	School
4/3/2017	Ready Refresh	DB040317-1	DB040317-1; Ready Refresh	\$ 1,023.23	MSA 4
4/3/2017	Ready Refresh	DB040317-1	DB040317-1, Ready Refresh	φ 1,023.23	MSA 4
4/5/2017	Ready Refresh	DB040517	DB040517; Ready Refresh	\$ 439.69	MSA 6
9/25/2017	Arc Inc.	82720	ASES Grant October 2017	\$ 30,000.00	MSA 8

Other Observations:

During the 2017-2018 fiscal oversight process, the CSD noted instances whereby MERF did not respond or provide documentation/inf
to the CSD's requests within the CSD's stated deadlines. Education Code section 47604.3 requires that charters "promptly respond to
inquiries, including, but not limited to, inquiries regarding financial records, from its chartering authority." Failure to timely respond to
requests or inquiries constitutes a violation of the terms of the charter with LAUSD, as well as applicable state law and, in this instance
school's 2018-2019 fiscal rating.

The CSD communicated with MERF's CFO (initially via telephone, and again, via email, on 3/14/2018), regarding MERF's need to in timeliness of its responses to the CSD. MERF's CFO indicated that she and the MERF team would work on meeting the CSD's deadli timeliness would not continue to be an issue. The CSD will continue to monitor this issue through oversight.

Date	Email or Phone Correspondence (sent by the CSD staff)	Email Recipients	Email Copied to	Comments
02/16/18	CSD – sent an email requesting written responses from the CFO, due COB 02/23/18.	CFO	Senior Financial Analysts, FOA	
02/27/18	CSD - sent follow-up email with a new deadline of 03/01/18	Senior Financial Analyst	CFO, Senior Financial Analyst, FOA	The CSD sent a reminder for documentation not provided, that was originally due on 02/23/18.

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03/01/18	CSD – sent email requesting a copy of MERF's 2016-2017 Audited Financial Report, due COB 03/02/18	Senior Financial Analyst	CFO, Senior Financial Analyst, FOA	
03/05/18	CSD - sent email requesting a phone call with the CFO.	CFO, Senior Financial Analyst	Senior Financial Analysts, FOA	The CSD communicated the need for a phone call to clarify additional questions.
03/06/18	CSD – sent email, once again requesting a conference call with the CFO, and reminding MERF of previous request with a due date of COB 03/02/18.	Senior Financial Analyst	CFO, Senior Financial Analyst; EdTec	The CSD communicated a new timeline of 03-07-18 by 12:00 noon.
03/09/18	CSD – sent a follow-up email communicating the need to connect with the CFO to finalize oversight report.	Senior Financial Analyst	CFO, Senior Financial Analyst, FOA	On 03/09/18, the CSD received a voice message from the CFO following up on the prior request due on 03-07-18.

2. Based on the CSD's review of a sample check disbursements, the CSD noted the instances listed in the table below, whereby the documentation provided did not contain itemized receipts for the related purchases, even though the reimbursements were supported by other documentation. The CSD recommends that, consistent with recommended industry practices (as referenced in the 2017 California Charter School Accounting and Best Practices Manual published by FCMAT), MERF update its fiscal policies and procedures to require original, detailed receipts for all purchases made via check disbursements or credit cards. In addition, the CSD noted that, per FCMAT's August 25, 2017 management letter, FCMAT made the following recommendations related to "Accounts Payable," which states: "1) Pay invoices timely and 2) Require itemized receipts for transactions."

		Check		Check	
Date	Vendor	Number	Description	Amount	School
			Reimb: El Pollo Loco Lunch		
11/21/2016	Brad M.	52267	for Staff	\$ 324.16	MSA 5
	Frances T.				
5/19/2017	Cameron	82630	Reimb: Mileage & Dinner	\$ 172.41	MSA 8

3. Based on the CSD's review of the MERF Board meeting minutes, and per confirmation received from the Sr. Financial Analyst of MERF, the CSD noted that the governing board meeting minutes provided by MERF did not evidence its receipt, review, and discussion of the CSD's 2016-2017 Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit reports (please refer to Item 14 in the Notes section below). The CSD recommends that, beginning in 2017-2018, MERF present and discuss the CSD's Annual Performance-Based Oversight Reports with its governing board, and document said discussion regarding same. This is one of the required fiscal items in the CSD's Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Preparation Guide, beginning in 2017-2018.

The recommended actions and/or the specific fiscal policies and procedures referenced in the "Other Observations" section of this report will be reviewed by the Charter Schools Division as part of the next oversight visit. The observed results may be factored into the school's rating for next year.

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Corrective Action Required:

The governing board and leadership team of the charter school are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the school. Thus, the recommendations concerning the above-noted findings and observations should be discussed at MERF's next board meeting, but, in any event, no later than 60 days following the school's receipt of this report. After the schools' next Board meeting, it is the school's responsibility to provide the CSD with its approved board meeting minutes regarding its action plans/steps, and/or proof of implementation of the mitigating actions taken by the school. The CSD staff will continue to monitor these issues through oversight.

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Notes:

1. Reviewed independent audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and noted the following:

- a. Audit opinion: Unmodified
- b. Material weaknesses: None Reported
- c. Deficiencies/Findings: None Reported
- 2. Reviewed bank statements and bank reconciliations from July 2017 through December 2017. Selected the months of July 2017 through December 2017 for sample testing. Discrepancies were noted for further growth and/or improvement above.
 - a. Citi Bank 5041 MSA Bell (Checking)
 - b. Citi Bank 6769 MSA 4 (Checking)
 - c. Citi Bank 6694 MSA 5 (Checking)
 - d. Citi Bank 6121 MSA 6 (Checking)
 - e. Citi Bank 2703 MSA 7 (Checking)
- 3. Reviewed credit card statements from May 2017 through October 2017 for all the credit card accounts below (except for the statements related to the accounts in the name of the former CFO as specified below). Selected the months of January 2017 through October 2017, where applicable, for sample testing. Discrepancies were noted for further growth and/or improvement above.
 - a. American Express, credit card ending in 1003 (Former CFO MSA 4) January 2017 through July 2017
 - b. American Express, credit card ending in 1004 (CFO MSA 4)
 - c. American Express, credit card ending in 1002 (CFO MSA 5)
 - d. American Express, credit card ending in 1000 (CFO MSA 6)
 - e. American Express, credit card ending in 1005 (Former CFO MSA 7) January 2017 through October 2017
 - f. American Express, credit card ending in 1007 (CFO MSA 7)
 - g. American Express, credit card ending in 1000 (Former CFO MSA 8) January 2017 through May 2017, and August 2017 through October 2017
 - h. American Express, credit card ending in 1006 (CFO MSA 8)
- 4. Reviewed the following 39 checks/debit transactions. Discrepancies were noted for further growth and/or improvement above.
 - a. Check numbers: 42338, 62329, 52267, 52273, DB120916, 42357, 82525, 52290, 72610, 82535, 42385, 82554, 82571, 62400, 82585, 52328, DB040317-1, 72722, 52346, 72741, 82630, 42454, 62472, 42467, 72780, 62471, 82663, 72801, 72803, 62496, DB062817, 42499, 52421, 82720, 52445, 42548, 82752, DB111417 and 82755.
- 5. Per the 2016-2017 audit report, the school's cash and cash equivalents is \$830,140, and total expenditures equal \$3,555,627. Therefore, the school's cash reserve level is 23.3%, which exceeds the recommended 5%.
- 6. A copy of the charter school's organizational chart, which depicts the current reporting structure of the charter school, including but not limited to, any board member or school employee with responsibilities outlined within the charter school's financial policies and procedures was provided.
- 7. Segregation of Duties (SOD) reviews were conducted at MSA Bell and MSA 6. No discrepancies were noted.
- 8. MSA 7 did not disclose any legal actions, regulatory proceedings, or investigations which might have a material impact on their financial viability.
- 9. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the presentation of financial reports, such as balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements were provided.
- 10. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the adoption of the 2017-2018 budget were provided.
- 11. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the receipt, review, and approval of interim financial reports submitted to LAUSD were provided.

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- 12. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the selection of the current independent auditor were provided.
- 13. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the approval of the current fiscal policies and procedures were provided.
- 14. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the receipt, review, and discussion of the most current Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit report were *not* provided. See the CSD's recommendation in the "Other Observations" section above.
- 15. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the approval of the management fees, licensing fees, or other related party fees were provided.
- 16. Governing board meeting minutes reflecting the discussion of the most current independent audit report and resolution of any audit findings, including material weaknesses, or deficiencies were provided.
- 17. Evidence of MSA 7 offering STRS, PERS, and/or Social Security benefits to its employees and proof of payment was provided.
- 18. Equipment inventory was provided.
- 19. The 2017-2018 LCAP was submitted to LAUSD.
- 20. The EPA allocation and expenditures are posted on the charter school's website.
- 21. The 2016-2017 audited and unaudited actuals nearly mirror each other.
- 22. March 2015 Settlement Agreement (further details related to Item 2 in the **Areas of Demonstrated Strength and/or Progress** section above):

Pursuant to the March 2015 Settlement Agreement, MERF entered a study agreement with FCMAT to review a sample of financial transactions for all eight Magnolia schools then-authorized by LAUSD, for the 12-month period spanning from July 2015 through June 2016. Given the significant delays by MERF, FCMAT was unable to perform its obligations, and documented such to MERF and LAUSD in its management letters issued during 2015-2016. On August 3, 2016, FCMAT entered into an Amended Study Agreement with MERF (at MERF's request). The Amended Study Agreement's scope of work was truncated to include a review of July 2015 (for all eight Magnolia schools then-authorized by LAUSD), followed by reviews consisting of a sampling of financial transactions and reports for August 2015, May 2016 and June 2016 (for MSA 6, MSA 7, and MSA 8 only).

Due to MERF's failure to timely respond to FCMAT's document requests and other significant reasons stated in the findings of fact in support of denial of the renewal charter petition, the LAUSD Board of Education approved the CSD's denial recommendations for MSA 1, MSA 2, and MSA 3 on October 18, 2016. MSA 1, 2 and 3 were subsequently approved by LACOE.

In response to the CSD's request pertaining to MERF in March 2017, FCMAT indicated that it was unable to move forward with a study agreement for the review and testing of MERF schools' 2016-2017 financial transactions. As such, the CSD subsequently concurred (on May 15, 2017) with the proposal that School Services of California be contracted by MERF to continue the fiscal oversight started by FCMAT.

See the current status on MERF's compliance with the March 2015 Settlement Agreement under Item 2 in the **Areas of Demonstrated Strength and/or Progress** section above.

Progress on LAUSD Board of Education and/or MOU Benchmarks related to FISCAL OPERATIONS (if applicable):

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Fiscal Operations Rubrics

Existing School – a charter school that has at least one annual independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division [Possible Rating 1-4] **New School** – a charter school that does not have an independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division [Possible Rating 1-2]

An existing school that meets all of the required criteria and four of the
Supplemental Criteria listed below would be assessed eligible to be
considered as Accomplished.

Existing Schools (based on the most current annual audit):

An existing school is one that has at least one annual independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- 1. Net Assets are positive in the prior two audits;
- 2. The two most current audits show no material weaknesses, deficiencies and/or findings;
- 3. All vendors and staff are paid in a timely manner;
- 4. Governing board approves Fiscal Policies and Procedures, at a minimum, every five years to correspond to the charter term;
- 5. Charter school adheres to the governing board approved Fiscal Policies and Procedures;
- 6. Governing board adopts the annual budget;
- 7. Governing board receives and reviews reports (e.g., preliminary budget, first interim, second interim, unaudited actuals, audited actuals, etc.) submitted to LAUSD;
- 8. Governing board discusses and resolves audit exceptions and deficiencies to the satisfaction of LAUSD;
- 9. There is no apparent conflict of interest;
- 10. The EPA allocation and expenditures are posted on the charter school's website;
- 11. The LCAP is submitted to the appropriate agencies;
- 12. The charter school has knowledge of any material differences amongst the preliminary budget, first interim, second interim, unaudited actuals, and audited actuals;
- 13. Requests for information made by the Charter Schools Division and LAUSD are processed by the charter school in a timely manner; and
- 14. Audited and unaudited actuals nearly mirror each other.

An existing school that meets all of the required criteria and three of the Supplemental Criteria listed below would be assessed eligible to be considered as Proficient.

Existing Schools (based on the most current annual audit):

An existing school is one that has at least one annual independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- 1. Net Assets are positive in the most current audit;
- 2. The most current audit shows no material weaknesses, deficiencies and/or findings;
- 3. All vendors and staff are paid in a timely manner;
- 4. Governing board approves Fiscal Policies and Procedures, at a minimum, every five years to correspond to the charter term;
- 5. Charter school generally adheres to the governing board approved Fiscal Policies and Procedures;
- 6. Governing board adopts the annual budget;
- 7. Governing board receives and reviews reports (e.g., preliminary budget, first interim, second interim, unaudited actuals, audited actuals, etc.) submitted to LAUSD;
- 8. Governing board discusses and resolves audit exceptions and deficiencies to the satisfaction of LAUSD:
- 9. There is no apparent conflict of interest;
- 10. The EPA allocation and expenditures are posted on the charter school's website:
- 11. The LCAP is submitted to the appropriate agencies;
- 12. The charter school has knowledge of any material differences amongst the preliminary budget, first interim, second interim, unaudited actuals, and audited actuals;
- 13. Requests for information made by the Charter Schools Division and LAUSD are processed by the charter school in a timely manner; and
- 14. Audited and unaudited actuals nearly mirror each other.

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An existing school that meets all of the required criteria and four of the Supplemental Criteria listed below would be assessed eligible to be considered as Accomplished.

15. There are no discrepancies cited in the Areas Noted for Further Growth and/or Improvement

<u>Note</u>: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA

- 1. Positive Net Assets exceed 4% of prior year expenditures;
- 2. The cash balance at the beginning of the school year is at least 5% of the prior year expenses;
- 3. A comprehensive website that provides at a minimum six of the following fiscal items:
 - o Most current financial reports presented to the governing board
 - o Employee handbook
 - Student handbook
 - o Salary schedules/benefits/information
 - o Budget development process
 - o Governing board member information (e.g., name, contact information, position on the governing board, term expiration) and meeting dates, time, and location
 - The most current approved petition
 - Administration/school contact
 - School calendar
 - o Enrollment policies and procedures
 - o Fiscal policies and procedures manual
- 4. Governing board selects independent audit firm, acceptable if the independent audit firm is under a multi-year contract;
- 5. Fiscal reports (e.g., balance sheet, income statement, budget to actuals, cash flow statement, etc.) are presented to the governing board at each regular governing board meeting; and
- 6. Governing board approved LCAP is posted on the charter school's website.

<u>Note</u>: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

An existing school that meets all of the required criteria and three of the Supplemental Criteria listed below would be assessed eligible to be considered as Proficient.

<u>Note</u>: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA

- 1. Positive Net Assets exceed 3% of prior year expenditures;
- 2. The cash balance at the beginning of the school year is at least 4% of the prior year expenses;
- 3. A comprehensive website that provides at a minimum six of the following fiscal items:
 - o Most current financial reports presented to the governing board
 - o Employee handbook
 - o Student handbook
 - o Salaries schedule/benefits/information
 - o Budget development process
 - o Governing board member information (e.g., name, contact information, position on the governing board, term expiration) and meeting dates, time, and location
 - o The most current approved petition
 - Administration/school contact
 - School calendar
 - o Enrollment policies and procedures
 - o Fiscal policies and procedures manual
- 4. Governing board selects independent audit firm, acceptable if the independent audit firm is under a multi-year contract;
- 5. Fiscal reports (e.g., balance sheet, income statement, budget to actuals, cash flow statement, etc.) are presented to the governing board at each regular governing board meeting; and
- 6. Governing board approved LCAP is posted on the charter school's website.

<u>Note</u>: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

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An existing school that meets all of the Required criteria and six of the supplemental criteria listed below would be assessed eligible to be considered as Developing.

An existing school would be assessed as Unsatisfactory based on the statements below:

Existing Schools (based on the most current audit):

An existing school is one that has at least one annual independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division

REOUIRED CRITERIA

- 1. Net Assets are positive, or net assets are negative with strong trend toward positive (be positive at the end of the third year, per applicable audit, and beyond);
- 2. All vendors and staff are paid in a timely manner;
- 3. Governing board approves Fiscal Policies and Procedures, at a minimum, every five years to correspond to the charter term;
- 4. Governing board adopts the annual budget;
- 5. The EPA allocation and expenditures are posted on the charter school's website;
- 6. The LCAP is submitted to the appropriate agencies;
- 7. Have an audit conducted annually by an independent auditing firm;
- 8. Governing board discusses and resolves audit exceptions and deficiencies to the satisfaction of LAUSD; and
- 9. There is no apparent conflict of interest.

<u>Note</u>: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA

- 1. The cash balance at the beginning of the school year is positive;
- 2. Enrollment is stable or changing at a manageable rate (Enrollment changes are reflected in annual budget and facilities);
- 3. Governing board selects independent audit firm, acceptable if the independent audit firm is under a multi-year contract;

Existing Schools (based on the most current audit):

An existing school is one that has at least one annual independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division

A charter school is assessed as Unsatisfactory if the charter school does not meet the criteria for Developing. The charter school was given a certain period of time to address the fiscal concerns of LAUSD, but failed to provide a satisfactory response. Continued operation of a charter school that is assessed as Unsatisfactory may result to non-implementation of instructional programs as provided in the petition. The charter school also has shown no immediate source of revenue to maintain a viable budget, nor has provided a feasible financial plan to mitigate the negative fiscal condition. The charter school's governing board members lack fiscal capacity.

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An existing school that meets all of the Required criteria and six of the	An existing school would be assessed as Unsatisfactory based on the statements
supplemental criteria listed below would be assessed eligible to be considered as Developing.	below:
4. Fiscal reports (e.g., balance sheet, income statement, budget to actuals, cash flow statement, etc.) are presented to the governing	
board at each regular governing board meeting;	
5. Governing board receives and reviews reports (e.g., preliminary budget, first interim, second interim, unaudited actuals, audited	
actuals, etc.) submitted to LAUSD;	
6. Current audit shows no material weaknesses, deficiencies and/or findings;	
7. Charter school adheres to the governing board approved Fiscal Policies and Procedures;	
8. Governing board approves any amendment(s) to the charter school's budget; and	
9. Governing board approved LCAP is posted on the charter school's website.	
Note: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.	Note: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

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A new school that meets all of the Required criteria listed below would be assessed as Unsatisfactory based on the statements below:

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New Schools:

REQUIRED CRITERIA

- 1. A new school is one that does not have an independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division.
- 2. If enrollment is below the funding survey, the charter school has made significant adjustments in their operations to allow for the reduced income, and submitted a revised three-year budget and three-year cash flow statement.
- 3. Projected debt is managed efficiently and will not cause the charter school to end the fiscal year with negative net assets. The non-profit organization is financially viable to support the charter school.
- 4. Interim reports and unaudited actuals project:
 - a. Positive net assets
 - b. Expenses less than revenues
 - c. Projected expenses and revenues have no significant variance from budget
- 5. As a practice, the governing board receives and reviews the charter school's financial reports as evidenced by the governing board meeting minutes.
- 6. The LCAP is submitted to the appropriate agencies.
- 7. The EPA allocation and expenditures are posted on the charter school's website, if applicable.

<u>Note</u>: A new school is one that does not have an independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division. New schools are evaluated based on current year information. New schools receive a rating of 1 or 2.

<u>Note</u>: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

New Schools:

A charter school is assessed as Unsatisfactory if the charter school does not meet the criteria for Developing. A charter school was given a certain period of time to address the fiscal concerns of LAUSD, but failed to provide satisfactory response. Continued operation of a charter school that is assessed as Unsatisfactory may result to non-implementation of instructional programs as provided in the petition. The charter school also has shown no immediate source of revenue to maintain a viable budget, nor has provided a feasible financial plan to mitigate the negative fiscal condition. The charter school's governing board members lack fiscal capacity.

<u>Note</u>: A new school is one that does not have an independent audit on file with the Charter Schools Division. New schools are evaluated based on current year information. New schools receive a rating of 1 or 2.

<u>Note</u>: Other circumstances and information could influence the rating and will be noted in the evaluation.

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