



Board Agenda Item #	III B- Information Item
Date:	November 8, 2018
To:	Magnolia Board of Directors
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Erdinc Acar, Chief Academic Officer
RE:	Annual Oversight by the California Department of Education (CDE), our charter authorizer (Overview and Discussion)

Proposed Board Recommendation

Information Item- No action required

Background

Oversight Visits Overview

Per the Education Code, charter authorizers need to conduct at least one annual oversight visit to their authorized schools. During an oversight visit authorizers meet with the school leadership, visit classrooms, conduct interviews with staff, parents, and students, check student and staff records, interview some staff (for segregation of duties, etc.), and review a list of documents that our schools provide in physical and electronic binders or folders. The Home Office supports the schools in preparation for the oversight visits through mock visits, document preparation and review, and attendance to the oversight visits.

2018-19 Oversight Visit

MSA-Santa Ana was visited by the CDE on October 2 and 3 of this year.

MSA-Santa Ana	SBE	Yes	2-day visit; Board member was in attendance
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Oversight Visit Report

Authorizers typically provide the school with a report after their visit to delineate the school's 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 review those reports very carefully for continuous improvement of our schools.

The attached letter from the CDE for MSA-Santa Ana. The letter states that the school is in compliance with the charter petition and the MOU.

Name of Staff Originator:

Erdinc Acar, Chief Academic Officer

Attachments

- October 2018 CDE Site Visit Letter: No Concerns (MSA-Santa Ana)



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October 22, 2018

Saken Sherkhonov, Board Chair
Erdinc Acar, Regional Director
Alfredo Rubalcava, Superintendent of Instruction
Varol Gurler, Principal
Magnolia Science Academy–Santa Ana
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Santa Ana, CA 92703

Dear Mr. Sherkhonov, Director Acar, Superintendent Rubalcava, and Principal Gurler:

Subject: Summary of Annual Site Visit for Magnolia Science Academy–Santa Ana
Conducted on October 2 and 3, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to visit Magnolia Science Academy–Santa Ana (MSA–SA). The California Department of Education (CDE) appreciates the tremendous amount of work you orchestrated before and during the site visit.

Based on interviews conducted with school leadership and staff, and through classroom observations, the CDE reviewed the information gathered and has determined that MSA–SA is in compliance with the MSA–SA charter petition, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the California State Board of Education and MSA–SA.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Carrie Lopes by phone at 916-323-2694 or by e-mail at clopes@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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