



RPP Services Board Summary

The Goal

To establish a specialized "Center of Excellence" at Bert Corona MS and HS. This regionalized program centralizes resources to serve students with significant needs within Charter schools while ensuring they remain fully integrated, visible, and active members of our school community.

SUMMARY FOR THE BOARD

By approving this regionalized program, YPI Charters transitions from providing special ed services to offering a full spectrum of placements and supports. We are choosing to lead the charter space by proving that high-needs students can find a home, a community, and a future within our walls.

Why a Regionalized Model?

- **Expertise in One Place:** SDC program require significant expertise and supports. Expatriate provides those on their own campus. Expatriate brings years of experience in building and running such programs.
- **Strategic Fiscal Responsibility:** LAUSD placements can cost the network upwards of \$80000 per student annually. Bringing this program "in-house" significantly reduces these costs.
- **Staffing Efficiency & Ratio Optimization:** California mandates a case management ratio of 28:1. In a decentralized model, if multiple campuses each go over their ratio by a few students, the network must hire several expensive part-time staff. Regionalization consolidates these "overages," allowing one staff member to cover the collective need and dispelling the requirement for redundant hires.
- **Preserving Parental Choice & Teaching Quality:** We eliminate the "local vs. capable" trade-off. Parents get a neighborhood school that offers premier lead teachers who are experts in moderate/severe instruction, ensuring quality is never sacrificed for proximity.
- **Peer Community:** Students with severe needs benefit from a cohort of peers who are working on similar life-skills and functional academic goals, reducing social isolation.



- **Improves Host Site Goodwill:** YPI serving as a host site provides significant goodwill within the Charter school community in leading and forward thinking. Charter schools can finally say that they serve students with the most severe needs within their own programs silencing a frequently cited criticism.
- **Fiscal Benefit:** YPI Improves its own button line, helps increase other schools financial condition and becomes a case study on how to serve most vulnerable students in a stable manner.
 - ❖ FFS/MH Funds: Brings these funds back to the School.
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- **Supplementing Current SPED Program Model:** Current SPED program models face spiralling costs as more students are identified. Having a MS SDC class will eliminate many of those supplemental costs.

Thank you for your consideration.
