



YPI CHARTER SCHOOLS

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TO: YPI Charter Schools
Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Agreement to Amend Charters to Board Approved District Required Language

BACKGROUND

In November of 2017, the LAUSD Board approved new District Required language (DRL) for charter schools that are more favorable than the current DRL that exist in all charter approved before this November Board Meeting. In April many charter leaders united in strong support of Item #10 of the LAUSD Board meeting, the staff recommendation for “Approval of District Policies and District Required Language for Independent Charter Schools”. We asked that the board vote to approve this recommendation, which makes common sense updates to policy and process related to the District Required Language (DRL).

These policy updates, supported by both District staff and charter leaders, represent a win-win that forwards our shared goal of creating a clean, consistent, transparent, collaborative authorizing environment. Board approval of this recommendation will improve accountability, and allow District staff and educators to focus time and resources on student outcomes. The board supported the authorization to have the DRL added to previously approved charters.

ANALYSIS

Many charter school legal firms, including ours, reviewed, revised, and vetted the most recent DRL. It makes sense that all of the YPICS be governed by the same set of criteria and expectations. Additionally, charter schools will not have to abide by every single district policy developed by the board or district staff. The LAUSD Board also agreed that Independent Charter Schools only need to adhere to the ten attached LAUSD Board approved procedures. Any future policy additions and or considerations would need to go back before the LAUSD Board for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the YPICS Board of Directors approve the Agreement to Amend the all YPICS to LAUSD Board approved DRL, which include the ten approved LAUSD Policies identified for Independent Charter Schools to comply.