

AIMS HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER RENEWAL

A large, faint watermark of the AIMS High School logo is visible in the background. The logo is a shield-shaped crest with a sunburst at the top, the word 'AIMS' in a banner across the middle, and an open book at the bottom with the letters 'M', 'S', 'E', and 'H' on its pages.

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Introduction

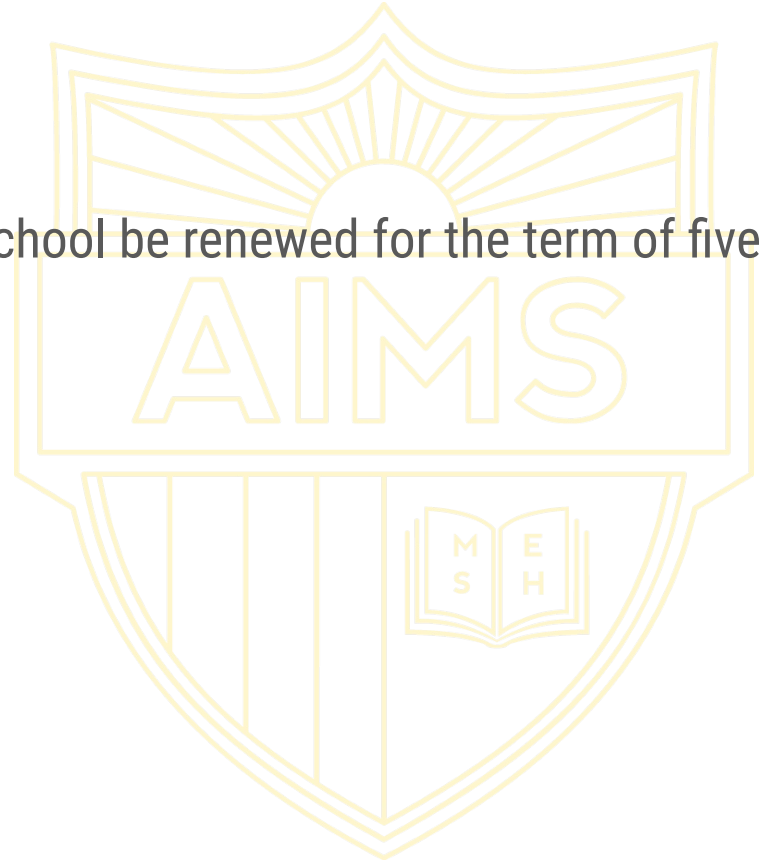
It has been nearly fifteen years since American Indian Model Schools (“AIMS”), which is celebrating its twenty-fifth year in education, opened American Indian Public High School (“AIPHS”). A great deal has changed since then, both within Oakland and within the Charter School. While the Charter School remains the same, AIMS has decided this is an appropriate time to change the name of the Charter School to AIMS College Prep High School (“AIMS HS” or “AIMS High School”). This is how AIMS will be referring to the Charter School in the charter document. AIMS HS was the second charter school to be opened by AIMS; and AIMS HS has maintained its placement as one of the top High Schools in the nation and the State.

Committed to academic excellence, AIMS HS’s goal is to provide structure and student achievement to traditionally underserved urban students by:

- Improving the academic achievements of all students including those with special needs
- Closing the achievement gap
- Focusing on student attendance
- Supporting effective educators
- Providing a structured learning environment

Requested Term

AIMS is requesting that AIMS College High School be renewed for the term of five years (2021-2026).



AB 1505 Tiering

Education Code Section 47607.2(b) (middle tier)

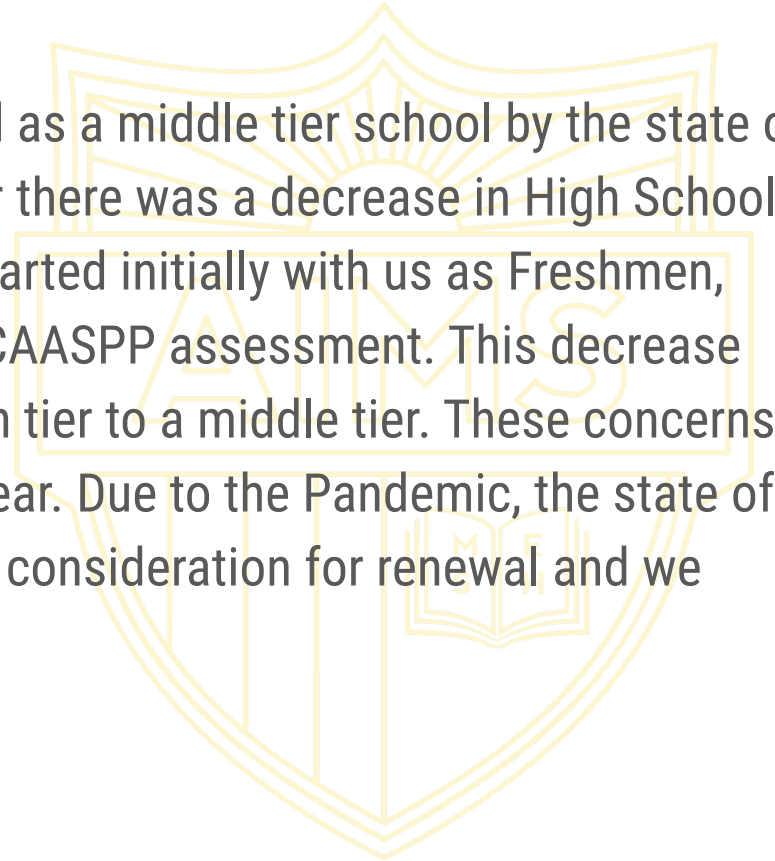
Pursuant to the amendments made to Education Code Section 47607, and the creation of Education Code Section 47607.2, by Assembly Bill 1505 (2019), at the time of charter renewal, a chartering authority shall consider the performance of the charter school on the state and local indicators reported the California School Dashboard (“Dashboard”), and, in some circumstances, the performance of the charter school on assessments deemed to be verified data.

In addition to the shift toward assessing Dashboard data, Assembly Bill 1505 also created a three-tiered system of evaluating charter schools’ performance, plus a separate category for Dashboard Alternative School Status schools. Each of the three tiers has unique qualifying criteria.

AIMS HS fits into the middle tier, as determined by the California Department of Education, and is eligible for charter renewal.

AIMS HS Renewal Tier

AIMS College Prep High School is recognized as a middle tier school by the state of California. During the 2018-2019 school year there was a decrease in High School completion for students who left AIMS but started initially with us as Freshmen, and in our ELA scores for our juniors on the CAASPP assessment. This decrease caused AIMS High School to drop from a high tier to a middle tier. These concerns were rectified during the 2019-2020 school year. Due to the Pandemic, the state of California only takes the 2018-2019 year into consideration for renewal and we were not able to claim the improvements



Submission

AIMS HS will be submitting our Charter by October 1, 2020. We anticipate a renewal of five years, because we have met all of the required performance criteria. In addition, although it is not required we are submitting an improvement plan regarding the concerns identified in the previous slide.

The hearing most likely will be in November, 2020. A decision will be rendered in December, 2020.

