

AIMS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHARTER RENEWAL

A large, faint watermark of the AIMS Middle 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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SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

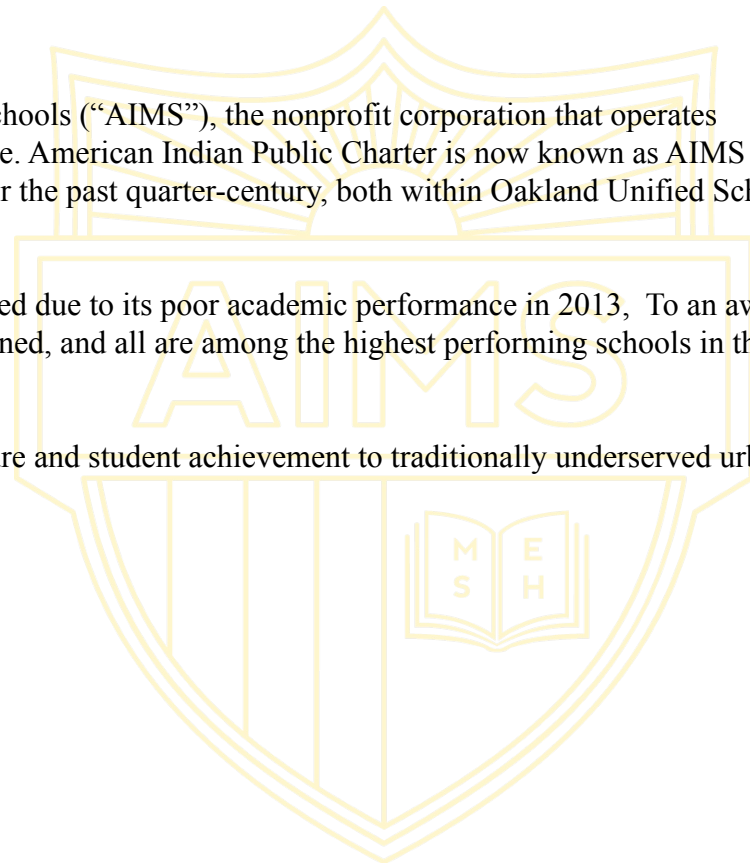
Introduction

The year 2021 will be the 25th Anniversary of American Indian Model Schools (“AIMS”), the nonprofit corporation that operates American Indian Public Charter. With this celebration, comes a new name. American Indian Public Charter is now known as AIMS College Prep Middle School. (“AIMS MS”) A great deal has changed over the past quarter-century, both within Oakland Unified School District (“OUSD” or the “District”) and within AIMS.

AIMS MS has gone from a failing school that’s doors were nearly shuttered due to its poor academic performance in 2013, To an award winning system. Additional schools using the AIMS Model have also opened, and all are among the highest performing schools in the country (Niche.com).

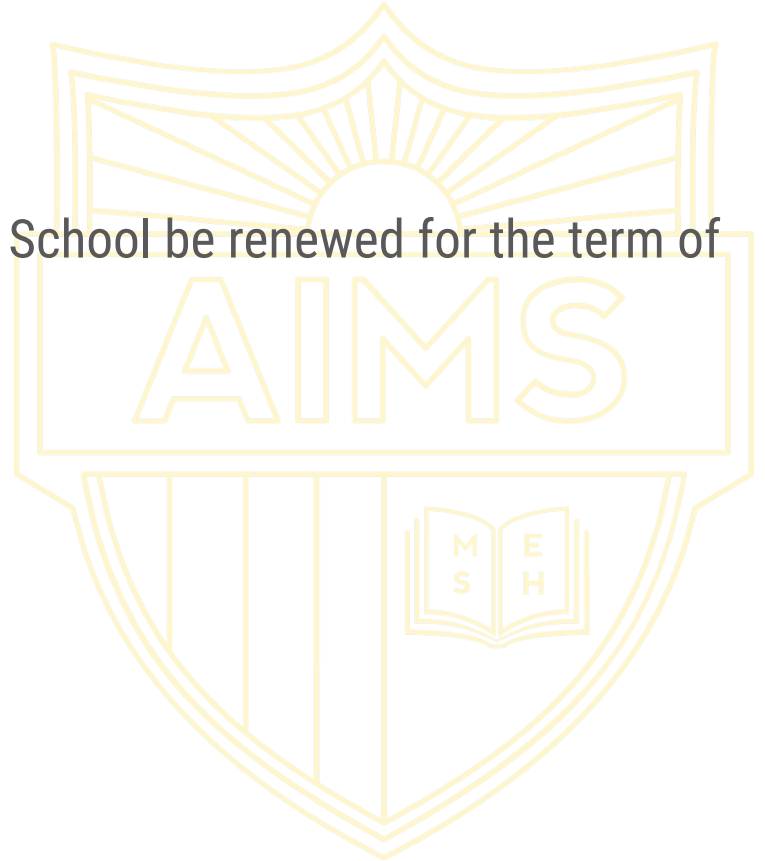
Committed to academic excellence, AIMS MS’s goal is to provide structure and student achievement to traditionally underserved urban students by:

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



Requested Term

AIMS is requesting that AIMS College Middle School be renewed for the term of seven years (2021-2028).



AB 1505 Tiering

Education Code Section 47607.2(b) (high tier)

EVIDENCE OF MEETING CHARTER RENEWAL STANDARDS PURSUANT TO EDUCATION CODE SECTION 47607(c)

Pursuant to the amendments made to Education Code Section 47607, and the addition 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.

On July 1, 2020 the Charter School received confirmation from the California Department of Education that the Charter School met the criteria of Education Code Section 47607(C)(2)(B)(ii) and shall be considered a “high performing” charter school for purposes of renewal.

AIMS MS Renewal Tier

Indicator	2019 AIMS MS	2019 State	Comparison
CAASPP ELA	-2.2	-2.5	Higher
CAASPP Math	30.4	-33.5	Higher
English Learner Progress	55% Making Progress	48.3 Making Progress	Higher
Chronic Absenteeism	2.4%	10.1%	Better (lower)
Suspension Rate	3.5%	3.4%	Higher

Submission

AIMS MS will be submitting our Charter by October 1, 2020. We anticipate a renewal of seven years, because we have met all of the required performance criteria.

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

