



Date: June 14, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Kevin Sved, Chief Executive Officer

Re: Memorandum of Understanding between CA State Board of Education and Watsonville Prep

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CA State Board of Education (SBE) and Watsonville Prep School (WPS).

Background

Charter authorizers are required to provide oversight of charter schools. Since the SBE authorized WPS, the SBE will provide the charter oversight. Authorizers typically require charter schools to enter an MOU to clarify the expectations and processes related to the authorizer's oversight responsibilities. Negotiating the details of the MOU with the SBE is not a viable option.

The SBE has delegated to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI), as director of the California Department of Education (CDE), its obligations to oversee the School under the terms of this MOU, the provisions of the School's charter, and applicable laws and regulations reserving the right and authority, under its obligations, to modify any decision made by the SSPI, the CDE, or designee.

The fundamental interest of the SBE is – on a continuing basis – to be reasonably assured that the School is:

Implementing the provisions of the Charter as approved.

- Obeying all requirements of federal, state, and local laws that apply to the School.
- Being operated prudently in all respects.
- Providing a sound education for all of its students.

The CDE will report periodically to the SBE regarding its delegated oversight of this School.

Summary

It is recommended that the Board approve the MOU ([available here](#)) with the State Board of Education.