



Date: December 7, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Kevin Sved, CEO

Subject: Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant and Engage Consultant

Overview

The federal government, through the Department of Education, provides grants to support expansion of organizations like Navigator Schools in order to provide more high-quality seats to students. This is an excerpt from the Department's announcement of this grant opportunity:

"Through charter management organizations (CMOs) grants, the Department provides funds to CMOs on a competitive basis to enable them to replicate or expand one or more high-quality charter schools. Grant funds may be used to expand the enrollment of one or more existing high-quality charter schools, or to replicate one or more new charter schools based on an existing high-quality charter school model."

The grant provides up to \$1.5 million per new or expanded school. If awarded, this funding could help Navigator achieve the strategic plan goal of operating five schools.

Analysis

In order to be competitive for the grant, proposing to open school 4 in 2021-22 would be an important criteria. A 2021-22 opening is a tight timeline that would require the board to adjust the greenlighting timeline. If a timeline was proposed and not met, the grant timeline could be negotiated. Nonetheless, the charter approval pathways are not clear at this point. There would be a good amount of work over the next month to submit the grant by January 9, 2020, and the services of a consultant would be necessary in order to submit a viable application. The consultant fees would range between \$12,000 and \$25,000 depending on the time needed.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board discuss the latest growth plans and consider authorizing staff to apply for the grant.

Attachments:

-Resolution

-Contract for Grant Writing Services

BOARD RESOLUTION 2019-19

December 10, 2019

Authorization to Submit High-Quality Charter School Replication Grant

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Navigator Schools regarding the authorization to submit a federal grant to support the replication of high-quality charter schools:

WHEREAS Navigator Schools' strategic plan calls for growing into a charter management organization that serves five schools,

WHEREAS the federal grant provides funds to support charter management organizations that operate high quality charter schools,

WHEREAS the funds from the federal grant will help expand Watsonville Prep and could provide funding to support the launch of additional Navigator Schools, and

WHEREAS submitting a competitive grant application by the deadline requires support of a consultant,

RESOLVED, the CEO is hereby authorized to submit the federal charter grant application and contract with KQ Management Incorporated to support application development.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Navigator Schools at its regular meeting held on December 10, 2019 in Gilroy, California.

Signature of Board Chair

Caitrin Wright

Navigator Schools, a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

The Secretary of the Corporation certifies that the above is true and copy of the resolution that was duly adopted at the dated meeting of the board of directors.

Signature of Secretary

John Flaherty

Date