



Date: May 9, 2022

To: Board of Directors of Navigator Schools

From: Kevin Sved, CEO

Subject: Amendment to Watsonville Prep School's 2021-22 School Calendar

Background

On August 24, 2021, the Board approved a modification to the Watsonville Prep School (WPS) calendar eliminating September 17, 2021 as a school day to provide time for moving into the new WPS campus. The recommendation the Board approved delegated authority to the CEO to reschedule the school day that was canceled. Without rescheduling the canceled day, WPS would have 179 days of school, which exceeds the 175 required by charter schools. School calendars for Navigator Schools have been set at 180 days to match the days provided by most school districts. In addition, the charters for each of the schools also state that the schools will operate 180 school days. However, district schools have access to waiver requests when unforeseen circumstances or emergencies arise to reduce the number of school days in a given year. Navigator staff requested the charter oversight staff at the California Department of Education (CDE) to consider whether a 179-day school calendar for 2021-22 would be acceptable given the day of missed school was due to the entire school being moved into a new facility. Concurrent with the request, staff has planned for the possibility of adding an extra day to the 2021-22 school calendar for June 13, 2022. On May 9, 2022 staff received confirmation from the CDE that a 179-day calendar for 2021-22 was acceptable. Navigator staff also confirmed with the audit firm that there would be no penalty regarding funding, reasserting the 175-day requirement for charters.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve a 179-day calendar for Watsonville Prep for 2021-22 given the circumstances of moving into a new facility.