

# Watsonville Prep Update



# Activity since Denial at PVUSD

## June 4

- Dr. Watkins & Asst. Superintendent (now retired) Mary Ann James toured HPS

## June 21

- Navigator submitted appeal to Santa Cruz County Office of Education
- Staff & parents spoke on behalf of the appeal

## Between June 21 - July 19

- Staff met with County staff to review process & answer preliminary questions
- Staff met with local business leaders & did outreach to board members

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## July 19 - Public Hearing

- Staff presentation included evidence of need, overview of WPS, data proving closed achievement gap
- Staff & parents spoke on behalf of the appeal (20+), including Rod Kelley teachers, former R.O.Hardin principal, & former Rod Kelley principal
- A bus was provided for parents from Watsonville to Santa Cruz
- Members of the charter review committee and county staff met with Navi staff immediately after board meeting to answer preliminary questions regarding an MOU

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## Between July 19 - August 16

- Parents reached out to board members & staff
- Letters of support were sent by: GUSD supt., former Hollister Supts., Healdsburg Asst. Supt., Wonderful Prep ED, San Benito County Office of Education Supt.
- County staff met with Navigator staff to review questions & clarify concerns
- County staff recommended conditional approval - based on unanimous approval by review committee - with issues of concern addressed in the draft MOU

## August 16 -Board Vote

- 12 speakers - parents, staff, Hollister School District Asst. Supt.,
- Board voted 4-3 to uphold PVUSD denial

# GLOWS & GROWS

## **GLOWS:**

- Strong petition recognized by county staff
- Coordinated messaging
- Strong parents - strength increased over time
- Strong relationship with county staff
- Frequent check-ins with parent leaders

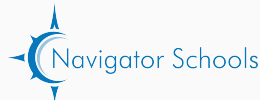
## **GROWS:**

- Larger number of vocal parents
- Earlier relationship building with board members, finding the message that speaks to each of them, having a stronger board count
- Consistent messaging to lead with our strong data and closing the achievement gap

# Next Steps

## Timeline to August 2019 opening

- Submit appeal to State Board of Education
  - **October 1** is the deadline for the **January** meeting
    - December 13 Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS)
    - January 9 & 10 State Board meeting
  - Staff coordinating with CCSA, Innovate, & Promise Academy on parent engagement & motivation
    - Thank you dinner in September for parent leaders
    - Continuing monthly informational meetings
    - Bi-weekly messages & updates on Facebook & Parent Square
  - To coordinate on next steps staff has met with:
    - CCSA
    - YMC
    - Larson PR
  - Staff will be attending September or November State Board meeting for experience and to gain an understanding of the process.



# Next Steps: Facilities

## Five options being explored

- 1) Short and long term space in downtown Watsonville on second floor of former department store
- 2) Vacant dirt lot 1.5 acre lot in central Watsonville, could be viable for short and long-term
- 3) 25,000sf lot with 7,000 sf building in downtown Watsonville. Potential short term option. Adjacent property is available making long term possible.
- 4) Potential available church space for year 1 or year 1-2 option.
- 5) Prop 39. Navigator will submit Prop 39 request in October.