

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY

**Topic:** 2013-14 State Sponsored Charter School Site Visit Reports

**Date:** June 19, 2014

**Staff/Office:** Kate Pattison/Office of Learning

**Action Requested:**

**Informational Only**    **Adoption Later**    **Adoption**    **Adoption/Consent Agenda**

**ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:** Presentation of the 2013-14 Charter School Site Visit Reports for the four State Sponsored Charter Schools: EAGLE Charter School, Four River Community School, The Ivy School, and Southwest Charter School.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Site visits to the State Sponsored Charter Schools are a regular and systemic examination of a charter school's administration and implementation of the charter agreement. They are one of the essential functions of the Oregon Department of Education, Office of Learning, as delegated by the State Board of Education (SBE), consistent with ORS 338.095 (2), "The sponsor or sponsor's designee at least annually shall visit the public charter school site and review the public charter school's compliance with the terms and provisions of the charter."

The purpose of the annual site visit is to gather and document evidence about the school's performance, implementation of the education and organizational program outlined in its charter, and compliance with law and regulations. The documents and observations gathered will assist in assessing the extent to which the State Sponsored Charter School is faithful to the terms of its charter, educationally and fiscally sound and organizationally viable.

The 2013-14 site visits to the state sponsored charter schools were conducted by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) with the assistance of a contracted retired educator, State Board members, the executive officer of the State Board, ODE education specialists, and a principal from another Oregon State Sponsored Charter School.

Each state sponsored charter school had a full-day site visit on the following schedule:

- November 18, 2013 – Southwest Charter School, Portland
- January 15, 2014 – The Ivy School, Portland
- January 16, 2014 – EAGLE Charter School, Salem
- April 30, 2014 – Four Rivers Community School, Ontario

This is the second year ODE staff has used this site visit protocol and invited members of the State Board.

### **POLICY QUESTIONS:**

How should information collected during site visits be used to inform ODE's oversight of the state sponsored charter schools?

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

NA

**Attachments:**

2013-14 Site Visit Report – EAGLE Charter School

2013-14 Site Visit Report – Four Rivers Community Charter School

2013-14 Site Visit Report – The Ivy School

2013-14 Site Visit Report – Southwest Charter School