

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY

Topic: The Ivy School (State Sponsored Charter School) Contract Negotiations Update

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Action Requested: Informational Only Adoption Later Adoption Adoption/Consent
Agenda

ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD: Update on the contract negotiations for The Ivy School.

BACKGROUND:

The Ivy School is one of four Oregon State Board of Education sponsored charter schools. Originally, approved for sponsorship in December 2008, The Ivy School opened in September 2009. The school is currently in its sixth year of operation, serving about 260 students in grades 1-8, using the Montessori philosophy and materials.

The State Board of Education received official written request from The Ivy School for renewal of the charter contract in January and approved the renewal in March 2015 for five years. The Department has been working with The Ivy School leadership team and legal counsel to identify the performance standards by which the Board will evaluate the quality of public charter school.

We are currently working on developing a performance framework modeled after the [National Association of Charter School Authorizers](#) (NACSA) [Core Performance Framework](#). In this framework, we are working on identifying performance expectations for the school over the next five years. The framework is designed to evaluate student academic performance, organizational performance, and financial performance. This will provide clarity and transparency for The Ivy School and the Board as well as help guide future discussions about the school's performance.

The Board will receive a first draft of the contract and performance framework for the May meeting as a first read.