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Attention: Kaitlin Allen, Principal, Ana Martinez, Executive Director, and Andrew Murr,  
Governing Board Chair

**SUBJECT: CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL FOR Rise Kohyang Elementary**

Dear School Leaders and Governing Board Chair:

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Charter Schools Division's (CSD) records indicate that Rise Kohyang Elementary ("Charter School") charter is expected to be considered for renewal in the upcoming 2025-2026 academic school year.<sup>1</sup> As Charter School prepares for this very important milestone, the CSD encourages your organization and school leadership to review and understand the renewal criteria, timelines and appeal processes outlined in the Charter Schools Act (Ed. Code, §§ 47600, *et seq.*),<sup>2</sup> the *LAUSD Policy and Procedures for Charter Schools*,<sup>3</sup> and applicable state guidance and requirements. The CSD looks forward to reviewing Charter School's renewal petition materials including the California Department of Education's (CDE) performance categories, the California School Dashboard ("Dashboard") data, verified data (as applicable), and other relevant data and information that may be provided to LAUSD as part of your renewal submission.

According to the March 2025 CDE Performance Categories, Charter School was identified as Middle Performing. Pursuant to Education Code section 47607.2, a chartering authority shall consider the following:

1. Schoolwide performance and performance of all student groups served by the charter school on the state and local indicators on the California School Dashboard, providing

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<sup>1</sup> Education Code section 47607.4 provides that, "all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025, inclusive, shall have their term extended by two years, and all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027, inclusive, shall have their term extended by one additional year."

<sup>2</sup> See [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB1505](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1505)

<sup>3</sup>See

<https://www.lausd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=87369&dataid=159176&FileName=LAUSD%20Policy%20and%20Procedures%20for%20Charter%20Schools%20Amended%2006-20-2023.pdf>

“greater weight to performance on measurements of academic performance in determining whether to grant a charter renewal.”

2. Until January 1, 2026, pursuant to applicable law<sup>4</sup>, clear and convincing evidence, demonstrated by verified data, showing either:
  - a. The school achieved measurable increases in academic achievement, as defined by at least one year’s progress for each year in school; or
  - b. Strong postsecondary outcomes, as defined by college enrollment, persistence, and completion rates equal to similar peers.

As a charter school identified as Middle Performing, subject to the timeline set forth in statute, verified data should be submitted along with the renewal application to the District for consideration. The chartering authorizer must consider the above factors (as applicable) as part of the renewal decision. (Ed. Code, §47607.2 (b).)

Thus, in accordance with the above considerations noted in statute, the CSD reviews the charter school’s California School Dashboard academic performance indicators as compared to the state performance to determine if the charter school performed higher for All Students and for the majority of numerically significant student groups. The CSD further reviews the verified data, pursuant to guidance by the State and the applicable verified data source, submitted by the charter school as part of its renewal application to determine if results (1) include at least 95% of eligible students, (2) show clear and convincing evidence of at least one year’s progress<sup>5</sup> for each year in school schoolwide and for the majority of student groups, and/or (3) demonstrate postsecondary outcomes equal to similar peers.

Based on the analysis of these data, further/may deny analysis may be needed if the charter school did not meet these outcomes. As applicable, this third level of analysis is conducted to consider the charter school’s academic performance as compared to the Resident Schools Medians (RSM) for All Students and for numerically significant student groups, and may also necessitate consideration of the RSM comparisons on other measurements of academic performance (e.g., reclassification rates, Long-term English Learner rates, percentage of students Met or Exceeded Standards as measured on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), four-year cohort graduation rates) as noted in the *LAUSD Policy and Procedures for Charter Schools*. Please know that the CSD will review each renewal application once received and determine whether a RSM analysis will be needed. Our team will be in communication with charter schools approaching renewal.

Additionally, Education Code section 47607(e), states that the chartering authority may deny the renewal of a charter school upon a finding that the school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors, or is not serving all pupils who wish to attend. Consistent with, and in furtherance of, Education

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<sup>4</sup> It is our understanding that there is pending legislation related to verified data; please continue to track any legislative updates related to renewal.

<sup>5</sup> Each vendor provided guidance on evaluating for one-year’s progress. This guidance is listed in Attachment 1, Table 2 of [November 2020 SBE Agenda Item 14\(DOCX; Posted 23-Oct-2020\)](#) and Attachment 1, Table 4 of [May 2023 SBE Agenda Item 02 \(DOCX; Posted 05-May-2023\)](#). Consult the publisher for any updates regarding evaluating one year’s progress.

Code section 47607(e), the *LAUSD Policy and Procedures for Charter Schools* outlines the factors that may be considered as part of the renewal analysis in determining whether the charter school has discriminatory enrollment and/or dismissal practices and/or substantial fiscal or governance concerns. It states, in part:

“Substantial fiscal factors may include, but are not limited to, issues related to the charter school’s fiscal solvency, mismanagement of funds, cash flow concerns, or outstanding financial liabilities owed to the District and/or others (e.g., contractual obligations, judgments/settlements, unpaid bills or debts, fee-for-service arrangements, facilities-related costs, Prop. 39 over-allocated space reimbursements, etc.).”

“Substantial governance factors may include, but are not limited to, issues related to the retention of faculty (such as school leadership and teachers) which rise to the level of disruption of delivery of educational programs; conflicts of interest; or, violations of the Brown Act or California Public Records Act.”

“... the LAUSD Board will also consider whether the charter school’s enrollment or dismissal practices are discriminatory as grounds for nonrenewal. (Ed. Code, § 47607(e).)”  
“Upon a finding that the charter school is not serving the pupils who wish to attend, LAUSD must identify evidence supporting this finding, including aggregate data reflecting pupil enrollment patterns at the charter school. (Ed. Code, § 47607(d).)”

If applicable, prior to any nonrenewal determination pursuant to the above, LAUSD will provide the charter school with at least 30 days’ notice of the alleged violation and reasonable opportunity to cure the violation, including a corrective action plan proposed by the charter school (Ed. Code, § 47607(e).), the LAUSD Board may deny a renewal petition only by making either of the following findings: 1) The corrective action proposed by the charter school has been unsuccessful, or 2) The violations are sufficiently severe or pervasive as to render a corrective action plan unviable. (*Id.*)

As Charter School approaches its charter renewal submission for the 2025-2026 school year, to the extent appropriate, please work with your school’s leadership, Governing Board, and legal counsel regarding the submission of the renewal application materials and to understand the renewal criteria, timelines, and appeal processes as referenced above. Please note that the CSD provides this correspondence to support a transparent renewal process for Charter School. However, this correspondence should not be construed as an exhaustive listing of all applicable renewal requirements, Charter School’s performance record or indication of whether or not Charter School will be recommended for renewal by the CSD, or eventually approved by the LAUSD Board of Education (with or without benchmarks). Rather, the information provided herein is intended to support, inform, and/or guide Charter School’s decision-making as it enters its final year of its current charter term.

The CSD will holistically evaluate Charter School’s performance through the lens of the renewal criteria set forth by applicable law including the Charter Schools Act (and applicable state guidance and requirements) over the term of the charter and through the CSD’s processes and procedures for ongoing oversight. Charter School should also conduct its own assessment on an ongoing basis to monitor performance that allows for improvements over time. Thus, Charter School

approaching renewal should understand the statutory requirements of Education Code sections 47605, 47607, and 47607.2, and its status regarding renewal eligibility prior to its submission to the CSD for renewal.

In addition, please make every effort to resolve any outstanding issues (e.g., tiered intervention notices, outstanding financial liabilities owed to the District and/or others, etc.) and address any current benchmarks in advance of submitting your renewal application to the CSD.

The CSD will conduct a renewal orientation training session for all independent charter schools renewing in the upcoming 2025-2026 academic school year and information has been sent to the school regarding this training.

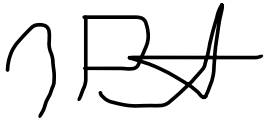
If you have questions or would like to discuss the items outlined above and/or the upcoming renewal process, please contact:

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Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Perreault', written in a cursive style.

James Perreault  
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