



NAPA COUNTY OFFICE
OF
EDUCATION

Countywide Benefit Charter School Petition Process



Countywide Benefit Charter Petition Timeline

- ≥ 30 days before petition submission, petitioners notify districts
- ≤ 60 days of petition receipt, Board holds public hearing
- ≥ 15 days before Board vote, COE must publish findings
- ≤ 90 days of petition receipt, Board must approve or deny



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- NCOE analyzes petition re: criteria for approval/denial
- NCOE interviews petitioners re: capacity
- NCOE publishes analysis & findings of fact
- Board conducts public hearing & votes to approve/deny



Criteria for Approval

- Services must benefit target students

Students will be better served than if the school was in one district

Approval is consistent with sound educational practice

Valid justification for not petitioning to a single school district



Criteria for Denial: Most of the district charter requirements

- The charter school presents an unsound educational program for students
 - The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
 - The petition does not contain the required number of signatures
 - The petition does not contain the required affirmations
 - The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all 16 required elements.
 - The petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school will be the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school.

Countywide petition only: “Any other basis that the county board of education finds justifies the denial of the petition.”

