



Public Hearing on Charter Renewal: St. HOPE Public School 7 (PS7)

Board Meeting
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Presented by:

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Lisa Ruda, Superintendent, St. HOPE Public Schools

Public Hearing to Consider Support for Renewal Petition

On June 28th, 2024, St. Hope Public School 7 submitted a petition to renew its charter. It is requesting to renew the term of its charter, which expires on June 30, 2025. Today's public hearing is the first public hearing on the St. Hope Public School 7 renewal petition, as required by Education Code. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the support for the charter petition from the district's teachers, other employees, and parents.

Staff are currently reviewing the submitted petition. Following the review of the petition and this public hearing, the governing board of the school district shall either grant or deny the charter within 90 days of receipt of the petition. That decision is scheduled to occur at the September 19, 2024, board meeting. The governing board of the school district shall publish all staff recommendations, including the recommended findings, at least 15 days before the public hearing at which the governing board of the school district will either grant or deny the charter. Staff is scheduled to publish this report by September 4, 2024.

The school leaders will be given the remainder of this agenda item to present to the Board, with public comment and Board discussion to follow.

Please allow me to introduce, Lisa Ruda, Superintendent of St. HOPE Public Schools and Cassandra Jennings, Board Chairperson for St. HOPE Public Schools.

Introduction & Highlights



Lisa Ruda
St. HOPE Public Schools
Superintendent



Cassandra Jennings
St. HOPE Public Schools
Board Chair



Kristen Meyer
PS7 Middle School Principal



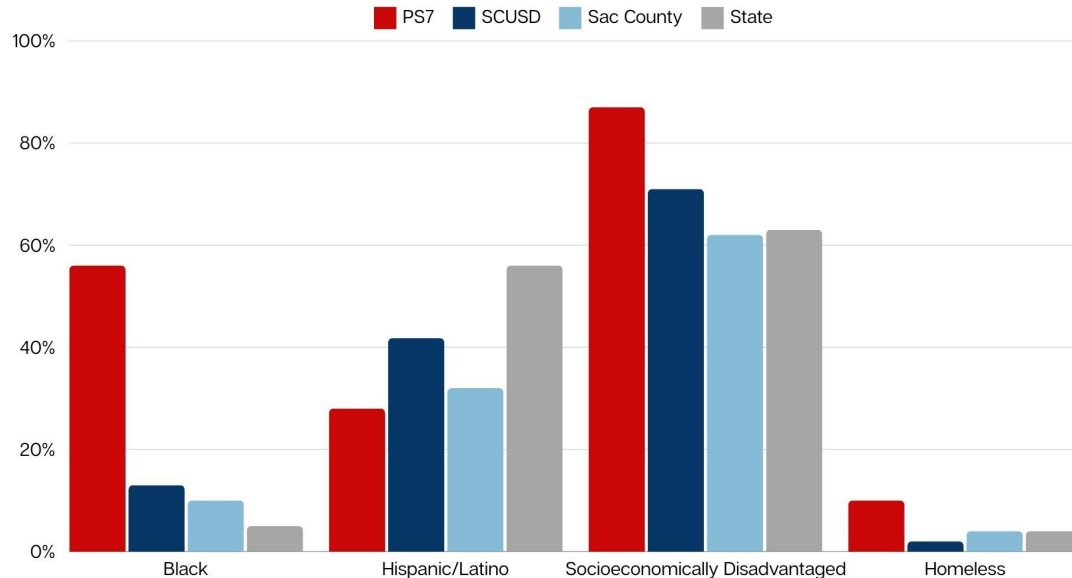
Elisha Ferguson Parsons
Director of Operations

- PS7 opened in the 2003-04 school year with grades K-4; we now serve scholars in grades TK-8.
- The school was initially authorized by SCUSD in 2002 and is in its 22nd year of operation as a charter school. This is PS7's fourth charter renewal.
- PS7's academic program includes significant additional time for all students above the state's minimum instructional minutes.
- Scholars who attend PS7 from TK through 8th grade receive almost three additional years of school with this extra time.
- We are renovating our Elementary School on Strawberry Lane - a historic \$35 million investment is transforming the campus located in a traditionally-underserved community.

Serving a Diverse Student Population

St. HOPE Public Schools established PS7 as a charter school to address the opportunity gap and provide an excellent academic program for students most in need.

2023-24 Demographics



Track Record of Success

Many PS7 students are outperforming their peers at other SCUSD schools and throughout the state.

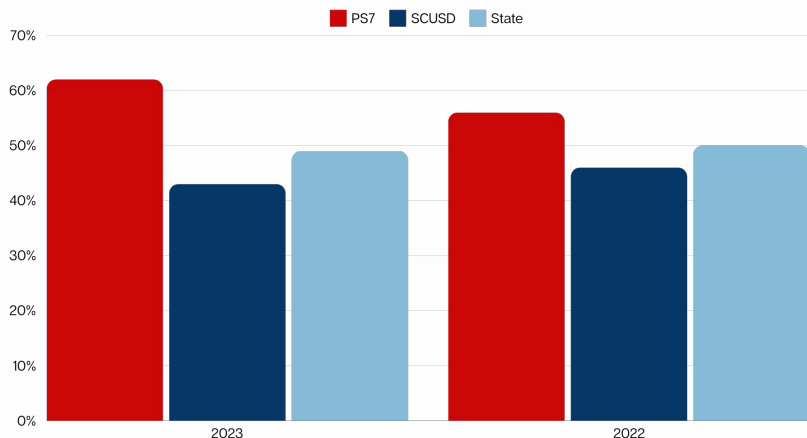
Is PS7 above or below SCUSD?	ELA Distance From Standard					Is PS7 above or below the State?	ELA Distance From Standard				
	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023		2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
All students	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below	All students	Below	Below	Below	Above	Below
African American	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	African American	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above
Hispanic / Latino	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Hispanic / Latino	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below
English Learners	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	English Learners	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above

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Is PS7 above or below SCUSD?	Math Distance From Standard					Is PS7 above or below the State?	Math Distance From Standard				
	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023		2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
All students	Below	Above	Above	Above	Below	All students	Below	Above	Below	Below	Below
African American	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	African American	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below
Hispanic / Latino	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Hispanic / Latino	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Above	Above	Above	Above	Below
English Learners	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	English Learners	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above

Strong Outcomes for Underserved Students



English Learner Progress Indicator

PS7's English Learners are outperforming their peers in the District and the state.

In 2023-24, families self identified as homeless increased dramatically to more than 10% of total enrollment at PS7. On the most recent ELA CAASPP exams, this group of scholars showed strong performance.

	2022-23 English Language Arts Distance From Standard		
	PS7	SCUSD	California
Scholars Experiencing Homelessness	-33.7	-122.3	-67.9

State-of-the-Art Elementary School Campus

We have completely transformed our Elementary school campus located on Strawberry Lane in the southern portion of Oak Park. This is a SCUSD property being renovated and expanded with state funding that is only available to charter schools. Our historic \$35 million investment includes:

- 31 brand new classrooms
- Renovated multi-purpose room and kitchen
- New administration building
- Reconfigured front entrance, accessways, and parking area
- New hardscape, landscaping, playground, fields, and basketball courts



Award-Winning Programs

- Two-time Title 1 Achievement Award winner
- Honored as a California Distinguished School
- Federal Blue Ribbon School nominee for educational outcomes with low-income students
- Named a California Education Champion by the National Action Network
- Recognized for outstanding efforts in closing the education gap and providing all students with access to high-quality education and opportunities by Stanford University's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO)



Commitment to Success

- Implementing social emotional curriculum
- Supporting scholars by hiring a full time Mental Health and Wellness Coordinator
- Offering a full Inclusion Program for students with disabilities at PS7 and Sac High
- Continuing to invest in curriculum
- Providing significant professional development opportunities - teachers at PS7 receive 21 full days of professional development over the course of a school year



Thank you

We are excited to continue to serve our students and families in partnership with SCUSD.

We'd like to invite you to visit our new PS7 Elementary School campus and our PS7 Middle School campus to learn more about our school first-hand.

We look forward to partnering with SCUSD to ensure confidence in the renewal of both Sac High and PS7. We look forward to public comment and any Board member questions.

