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# Charter Schools Modifications Requests

(June 16, 2010)

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## Charter Modification Timeline

- The SRC amended its Charter School Policy to expand charter schools on February 24, 2010
- Modification applications were released to charter schools on February 25, 2010
- Modification applications were due on April 5, 2010
- Applications were evaluated over an 8-12 week process
- SRC scheduled to vote on June 16th

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## Charter Modification Evaluation Process

- 28 modification applications pursuant to the amended Charter School Policy were received
- Per the eligibility criteria outlined in the policy, 22 charter schools were eligible for consideration by the SRC
- A comprehensive review of each modification application was completed by District staff
- Applications needed to be “adequate” in the following areas:
  - Academics
  - Facilities
  - Governance and Management
  - Finance
  - Student Recruitment/Retention
  - Community Support and Parent Engagement
  - Equity and Access
  - Strategic Alignment with District

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## Charter Modification Overall Requests

2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Total
1,515	3,628	2,063	1,222	834	9,262
\$10,647,177	\$38,756,295	\$58,145,425	\$72,725,095	\$85,367,306	

- 22 eligible schools applied to serve nearly 9,300 students over next five years
- Financial investment over current year spending on charter schools is \$85.4 million over five years

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## Charter Expansion Budget Impact

### SDP Cost per Student – Payments to Charter Schools

#### SDP Per Student Payment to Charters - FY2010-11

1	Per Student Regular Payment (75%)	\$ 8,662
2	Per Student Special Ed Payment (15%)	\$ 18,873
3	<b>Per Student Average Payment</b>	<b>\$ 9,328</b>
4	less: Reduction to SDP Operating Costs *	\$ 4,123
	(Assuming 1 less teacher (\$93,467) for every 25.8 students and \$500 in materials savings)	
5	<b>Per Student Average Payment - Net of Reductions in SDP Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$ 5,205</b>
6	<b>Per Student Average Payment - Net of Reductions in SDP Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$ 3,643</b>
	<b>(Assuming PA Charter School Reimbursement Covers 30% of Per Student Total Cost, the FY2010-11 anticipated level of reimbursement)</b>	

\* Only 73% of Charter School students previously attended SDP-operated schools -  
for those students there are no SDP Operating Cost savings

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## Charter School Payments and Reimbursements

School District of Philadelphia

### Charter School Payments and Reimbursements

8-Jun-2010

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Actual	FY10 SDP Amended Bgt (May 2010)	FY11 SDP Adopted Bgt (May 2010)
1 <b>PA Charter School Reimbursement to SDP</b>	\$75,537,823	\$119,528,276	\$115,831,000	\$113,970,000 (Gov FY 11 PA Bgt 2/10)
2 <b>SDP Per Student Payments to Charter Schools</b>				
3     Operating Funds	\$269,681,964	\$ 307,931,604	\$341,962,375	\$378,377,154
4     PA Accountability Block Grant	\$9,000,703	\$6,183,285	\$2,168,957	\$2,168,957
5 <b>Total</b>	\$278,682,667	\$314,114,889	\$344,131,332	\$380,546,111
6     Adjustment Based on 6/10 Cost Data for 2009-10				\$1,596,419
7 <b>SDP Per Student Payments to Charter Schools</b>	\$278,682,667	\$314,114,889	\$344,131,332	\$382,142,530
8 <b>Payments Net of PA Reimbursement</b>	\$203,144,844	\$194,586,613	\$228,300,332	\$268,172,530
9 <b>Reimbursement as % of Payments</b>	27%	38%	34%	30%
10 <b>PA Funding as a Percent of Prior Year SDP Payments</b>		41.96%	36.88%	33.12%
11 <b>Additional Funding Due to Get PA Reimb to 41.96%</b>		\$0	\$15,971,607	\$30,427,507
12 <b>PA Charter School Reimbursement @ Maximum Allowable %</b>		\$119,528,276	\$131,802,607	\$144,397,507
13 <b>Payments Net of PA Reimbursement @ Maximum Allowable %</b>	\$203,144,844	\$194,586,613	\$212,328,725	\$237,745,023
14 <b>Reimbursement as % of Payments @ Maximum Allowable %</b>	27%	38%	38%	38%

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## Charter Modification Approval Process

- Staff recommends decisions on modifications be made in two stage process...
  - Granting first year increases (2010-11 school year) for schools now based on academic performance and capacity to relieve overcrowding
  - Grant remaining year increases (2011-12 through 2014-15) once final funding from Commonwealth is known and District has completed city-wide school facilities master plan (expected January 2011)

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## Charter Modification 2010-11 Recommended Modifications

School Name	Current enrollment	Grades offered	Grade Change request	2010-2011
Mastery - Lenfest	600	7-12	K	-
New Foundations Charter School	639	K-8	9	150
Independence Charter School	732	K-8	N/A	38
Green Woods Charter School	225	K-8	N/A	-
Philadelphia Performing Arts	450	K-8	N/A	120
Young Scholars Charter School	198	6-8	5	50
KIPP Philadelphia Charter School	360	6-8	K and 9	150
Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School	438	K-8	N/A	40
Wissahickon Charter School	400	K-8	N/A	24
First Philadelphia Charter School	690	K-8	7,8,9	40
Mastery - Thomas	600	7-12	K	-
Friere Charter School	440	9-12	5	150
Maritime Academy Charter School	800	5-12	K	20
Universal Institute Charter School	675	K-8	9	30
Eugenio Maria De Hostos Charter School	240	K-8	7,8	100
Multi-Cultural Academy Charter School	250	9-12	8	25
Russell Byers Charter School	485	6-8	N/A	-
New Media Technology Charter School	570	5-12	5-8	-
Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School	400	5-8	9	25
Alliance for Progress Charter School	296	K-5	6	25
Nueva Esperanza Academy Charter High School	700	9-12	6	25
Boys Latin of Philadelphia Charter School*	340	9-12	5	30
			Total Students	<b>1,042</b>
			Total Investment	<b>\$7,323,009</b>