



Folsom Cordova Unified School District

New Pacific School - Rancho Cordova

Charter Petition

FCUSD Staff Report

August 25, 2022

Staff Report on New Pacific School Charter Petition

Background: New Pacific School, under Pacific Charter Institute, submitted a petition to establish a new charter school on 06/02/2022.

Target Students: Cordova Villa, White Rock and Navigator Elementary Schools; Mills and Mitchell Middle Schools and Cordova High School



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Components of the proposed program include:

- ▶ Grades Served: TK-12 in multi-age classrooms
- ▶ Educational Focus: Trauma Informed SEL Framework, CA Standards aligned curriculum with
 - ▶ Student-centered academic approach
 - ▶ Individual Learning Growth Plan



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California Education Code 47605(c) sets forth the guidelines to consider in reviewing charter petitions.

Findings are divided into 2 categories including:

- ▶ Areas Considered Met
- ▶ Areas Considered Significantly Deficient and Supporting Denial

Full Report can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_tY8X94nflEhuS6m6v8k_6Sn6NX7SWjx?usp=sharing

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Summary of Findings: following a comprehensive review and analysis of the petition by FCUSD, **Denial** of the petition is recommended based on the following Recommended Findings of Fact:

1. New Pacific School is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition; and
2. The Petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions required by statute; and
3. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the required elements of a charter petition; and
4. New Pacific School is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate. Analysis of this finding shall include consideration of the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school.

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Areas Considered Met:

- Signatures: Parent Signatures
- Student Progress Measurement
- Governance Structure
- Racial and Ethnic Balance
- Admission Requirements
- Annual Independent Financial Audits
- Suspension and Expulsion Procedures
- California State Teacher Retirement System
- Public School Attendance Alternatives
- Post Employment Rights of Employees
- Dispute Resolution Procedures
- Closure Procedures
- Charter Management Organization, i.e., Entities Managing Charter Schools

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Areas Considered Significantly Deficient:

- Affirmations
- Description of Vision, Mission and Educational Program
- Measurable Student Outcomes
- Qualifications of Individuals
- Health and Safety Procedures
- Financial and Administrative Plan
- Facilities
- Special Education
- Fiscal Impact
- Community Impact

* Note that these items support the staff findings and recommendation for denial of the petition and analysis will be provided under findings

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Finding 1: New Pacific School is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition:

- **New Pacific School has not demonstrated they can support target students.**
 - Instructional Framework
 - Curriculum Alignment
 - Academic Outcomes

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Finding 1 Academic Outcomes:

- Pacific Charter schools are significantly lower in their proportion of Socioeconomically Disadvantaged enrollment when compared to FCUSD Schools
- FCUSD comparison schools in Rancho Cordova outperformed the most comparable Charter School (Rio Valley) at 5 of 9 sites for ELA and all sites for Math
- Taking the Pacific Charter School with the closest compositional match for English Learners to FCUSD comparison schools, 7 of 11 FCUSD schools have higher average ELA scores

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Finding 2: The Petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions required by statute.

The Petition lacks the following affirmations:

- Affirmation that admission to a charter school shall not be determined according to the place of residence of the pupil.
- Affirmation regarding teacher credentialing is an incorrect interpretation of the law.
- There is no assurance that enrollment procedures are not likely to negatively impact the racial, ethnic and unduplicated balance the charter schools strives to reflect

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Finding 3: The Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements:

- Description of Vision, Mission and Educational Program
- Measurable Student Outcomes
- Qualifications to be Met by Individuals Employed by the Charter School
- Health and Safety Procedures
- Financial and Administrative Plan
- Facilities
- Special Education

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Finding 4: New Pacific School is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate:

- Community Impact
 - Fiscal Impact
 - Duplicity in Proposed Program
 - Capacity

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Fiscal Impact

Year	Enrollment at New Pacific School	100% Enrollment from FCUSD Net Loss	50% Enrollment from FCUSD Net Loss
2023-2024	100	\$652,961	\$326,481
2024-2025	187	\$1,262,863	\$631,432
2025-2026	212	\$1,565,293	\$782,646

Based on the Local Control Funding Formula Average Daily Attendance rate of 95%. Estimated cumulative loss is between \$1,740,559 and \$3,481,117.

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The revenue of \$1.7 million to \$3.5 million that the district would lose over the next three years is the equivalent of:

● 20-40 FTE of Teachers, or	● 80,000 - 160,000 of Yard Duty, or
● 28-56 FTE of Site Administrative Assistants, or	● 25-50 FTE of Custodial Support, or
● 5,000-10,000 Chromebooks, or	● at 100% loss of 3.48 million, the District will lose the equivalent of 2.66 teachers, 10,600 hours of yard supervision, 3.73 site administrative assistants, 3.33 custodians ongoing and 660 chromebooks each year.

Programs and curriculum proposed by New Pacific School as compared to those offered at FCUSD schools

Folsom Cordova USD - Currently offered	New Pacific School - Proposed
Project-Based Learning	Project-Based learning
Individual Learning Plans	Individual Learning Plans
Social Emotional Learning	Social Emotional Learning
College and Career Readiness	College and Career Readiness
Professional Development for Teachers	Professional Development for Teachers

To view a more detailed side by side comparison of programs and curriculum, please see the Staff Report, [Exhibit A](#)

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In accordance with California Education Code 47605, the New Pacific School will be afforded equivalent time to respond to the staff report and recommended findings of fact.

Any member of the public will have an opportunity to voice their input or opinion regarding the petition to establish the New Pacific School.

If the Board of Education denies the New Pacific School charter petition, the proposed charter school may appeal the decision to the Sacramento County Board of Education within 30 days of the denial determination