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Update on SBE Action during March Meeting

The State Board of Education (“SBE”) took up a number of very important charter school matters during its March meeting. The following is a brief summary of the State Board's action.

The State Board approves third statewide benefit charter petition.

The State Board of Education approved, by a vote of 7-1, (Board members Bersin, Lopez and Bloom were absent and Board member Aschwanden voted against) the the Pacific Technology School, a statewide benefit charter petition. This marks the third statewide benefit charter petition approved by the State Board of Education and the first since the amendments to Education Code Section 47605.8 in 2008.

Material amendments to expand grade levels for High Tech High Statewide Benefit Charter Petition

The State Board of Education approved material amendments of High Tech High's statewide benefit charter to allow the expansion to serve grade levels K through 12.

SBE Approves Everest Charter Petition on Appeal

The State Board of Education, by a vote of 7-0, approved the petition to establish Everest Public Charter High School under the oversight of the State Board of Education. This petition had previously been denied by the Sequoia Union High School District and then by the San Mateo County Board of Education.

SBE Approves Western Sierra Collegiate Academy Petition on Appeal

The State Board of Education, by a vote of 7-1, approved the petition to establish the Western Sierra Collegiate Academy (grades 7 through 12) under the oversight of the State Board of Education. This petition had previously been denied by the Rocklin Unified School District and the Placer County Office of Education.

SBE Approves Initiation of Rulemaking under SB 319 (General Purpose Funding Entitlements for Conversion Charter Schools)

The SBE commenced the rulemaking process to develop regulations to help school districts and conversion charter schools determine the appropriate level of funding for public conversion charter schools in unified school districts in accordance with Education Code Section 47660(c). If you are considering the conversion of a public school operating in a unified school district, you need to be aware that the charter school, if approved, will not be funded like all other charter

schools in the state. For more information about this provision of law or copies of the draft regulations, please contact our office.

MYM is proud to represent and play an active part in the approval of the Pacific Technology statewide charter, as well as the two SBE charter schools approved on appeal (WSCA and Everest).

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