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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Development of Governance Standards Pursuant to Assembly Bill 419
DATE: July 30, 2021

Assembly Bill 419 from the 2021 Legislative Session made a number of changes related to charter schools with regard to governance, charter school posting and reporting requirements, and New Charter School Applications and Expansion Requests. Specific to charter school governing boards, Section 3 of AB419 lays out three new requirements:

1. Charter school sponsors, such as the SPCSA, must establish standards for the governance of sponsored charter schools;
2. Charter school sponsors must provide training or identify organizations that can provide training on the governance of charter schools; and
3. Each member of the governing body of a charter school must complete training before the opening of the charter school and at least every three years thereafter.

SPCSA staff have begun research to develop the governance standards for SPCSA-sponsored schools. In addition, during the end of July and early August, we will hold focus groups with charter school board members to gather input on the characteristics of effective boards. SPCSA staff anticipate providing a draft of proposed governance standards for sponsored schools to the Authority at the August 27, 2021 board meeting with the intent of finalizing the standards for the October board meeting.