



MARCH 2003 AGENDA

<b>SUBJECT</b>  Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions	<b>X</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
		<b>INFORMATION</b>
		<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>

**Recommendation:**

California Department of Education (CDE) staff recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) assign charter numbers to the charter schools identified on the attached list.

**Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action**

The SBE is responsible for assigning a number to each approved charter petition. On the advice of legal counsel, CDE staff is presenting this routine request for a charter number as a standard action item.

Since the charter school law was enacted in 1992, the SBE has assigned numbers to 524 charter schools, including seven approved by the SBE after denial by the local agencies. Of these 524 schools, approximately 430 are estimated to be operating in the 2002-03 school year. In addition, the SBE has approved eight all-charter school districts containing a total of 15 charter schools.

**Summary of Key Issue(s)**

The law allows for the establishment of charter schools. A charter school typically is approved by a local school district or county office of education. The entity that approves a charter is also responsible for ongoing oversight. A charter school must comply with all the contents of its charter, but is otherwise exempt from most other laws governing school districts.

*Education Code* Section 47602 requires the SBE to assign a number to each charter school that has been approved by a local entity in the chronological order in which it was received. This numbering ensures that the state is within the cap on the total number of charter schools authorized to operate. As of July 1, 2002, the number of charter schools that may be authorized to operate in the state is 650. This cap may not be waived. This item will assign numbers to two more charter schools. Copies of the charter petitions are on file at the Charter Schools Office.

**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)**

N/A

**Attachment(s)**

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## March 2003 State Board of Education Meeting

### Assignment of Charter School Numbers

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>CHARTER SCHOOL NAME</b>	<b>CHARTER SCHOOL COUNTY</b>	<b>AUTHORIZING ENTITY</b>	<b>CHARTER SCHOOL CONTACT</b>
525	Rincon Valley Charter School	Sonoma	Rincon Valley Union School District	Randy Coleman 5305 Dupont Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95409 (707) 537-1791
526	Piner-Olivet Charter High School	Sonoma	Piner-Olivet Union School District	Rod J. Buchignani 3450 Coffey Lane Santa Rosa, CA 95403-1919 (707) 522-3000