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Grand Jury Response
Vallejo City Unified School District
RE: Charter School Parent Participation
June 25, 2018

REPORT SUMMARY FINDINGS

The 2016-2017 Solano County Grand Jury found that parent participation in charter schools is voluntary, not mandatory.

GRAND JURY'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1 – Parent participation in charter schools is voluntary, not mandatory.

Recommendation 1 – Charter schools state on their websites and any related documentation that parent participation is strictly voluntary and not required, per Ed Code Section 47605 (n).

VALLEJO CITY USD RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

RESPONSE TO FINDING 1

The respondent agrees with the finding. The Grand Jury recognized that charter schools are public schools and cannot require any type of parental participation.

The recommendation has been implementation, with a summary regarding the implementation action. Vallejo USD requires that information pursuant to Ed Code Section 47605 (n) be posted on the school website and in the parent handbook or like publication.

Mare Island Technology Academy Middle School and MIT Academy High School

Webpage	http://www.mitacademy.org/volunteer
Student Handbook	http://www.mitacademy.org/sites/default/files/Student%20Planner%20Handbook%202017-18.pdf Page 18

Vallejo Charter School

Webpage	http://www.vcs-vcusd-ca.schoolloop.com
Volunteer Policy	http://www.vcs-vcusd-ca.schoolloop.com

Caliber Charter School

Webpage	http://www.caliberschools.org/
Family Guide	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DU9NVNvfpB4IYLv7i0vzguOyzo7tKxx6/view
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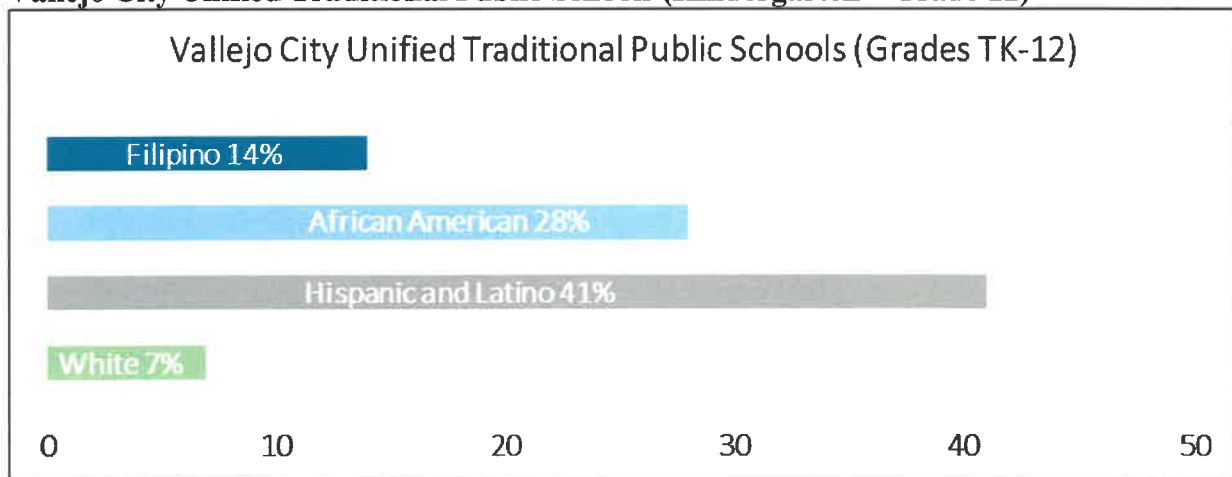
RESPONSE TO REPORT INFORMATION ON DIVERSITY

California Education Code section 47605 requires that charter school applications reflect the diversity of the school district served. The code requires a description of the “means by which the charter school will achieve a racial and ethnic balance among its pupils that is reflective of the general population residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the school district” within which the charter school is located. CDE obtains and publishes ethnicity information about all schools in California.

The Grand Jury obtained and charted information about schools and school districts in Solano County. In particular, the focus was on pupils attending TPS and charter schools in Vallejo and Vacaville. The graphics used by the Grand Jury show the proportions of Hispanic, Latino, African American, Filipino and White students, but only for one charter school in Vallejo City USD – MIT Academy High School. In order to gain a true depiction, a review of the demographic representation existing in each of the charter schools in Vallejo City Unified is necessary. The demographics of one dependent charter, Vallejo Charter School and three independent charters, MIT Academy High School, Mare Island Technology Academy Middle School, and Caliber: Changemakers, are reflected in the table and graphs below.

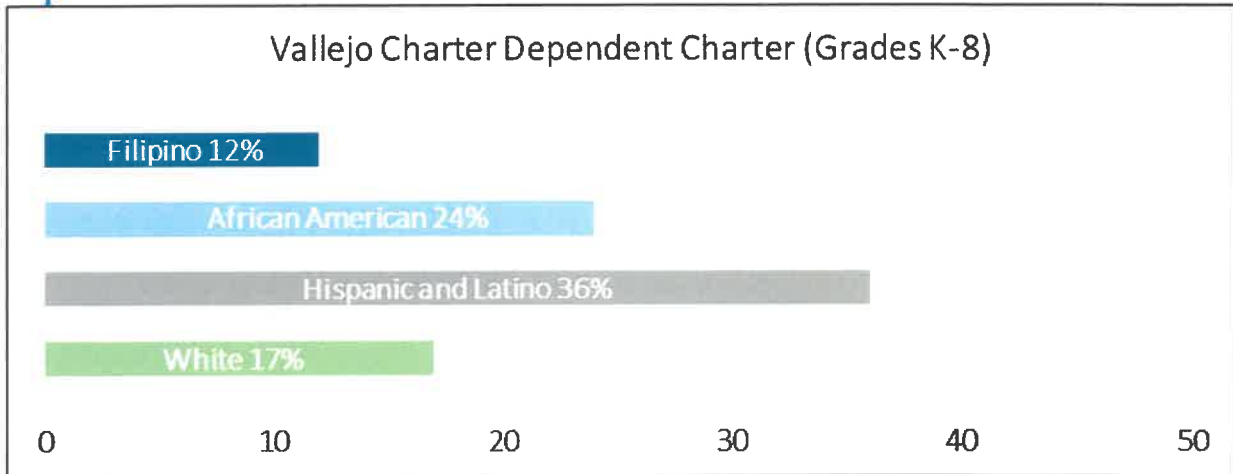
School	Type	Total Students	Filipino	African American	Hispanic or Latino	White
Vallejo City USD	School District	13,063	14%	28%	41%	7%
Vallejo Charter	Dependent	485	12%	24%	36%	17%
Caliber: Changemakers	Independent	492	10%	30%	43%	8%
MIT Academy High School	Independent	492	19%	15%	48%	12%
Mare Island Technology Academy Middle School	Independent	421	22%	14%	46%	8%

Vallejo City Unified Traditional Public Schools (Kindergarten – Grade 12)



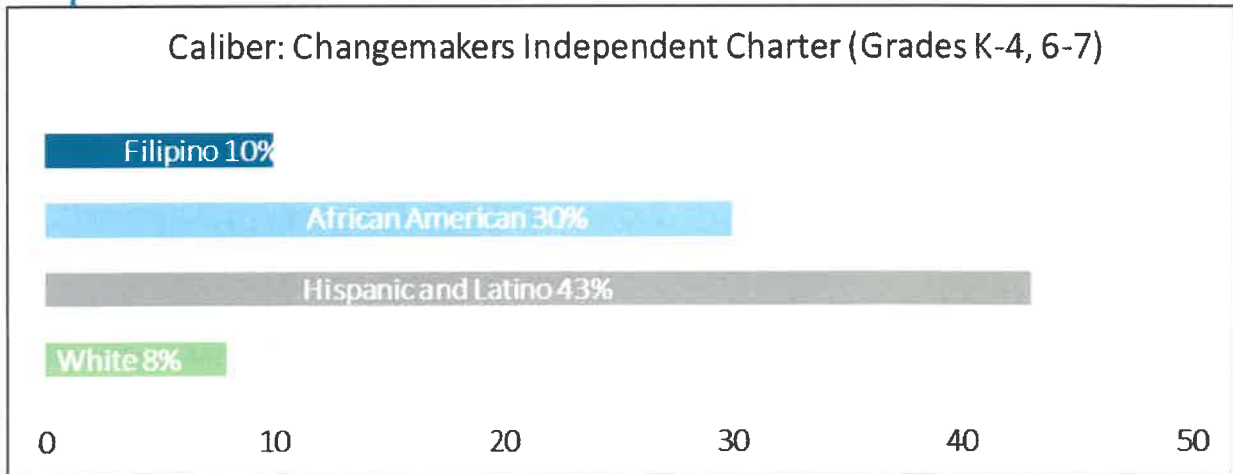
Vallejo Charter School (Kindergarten – Grade 8)

Dependent Charter



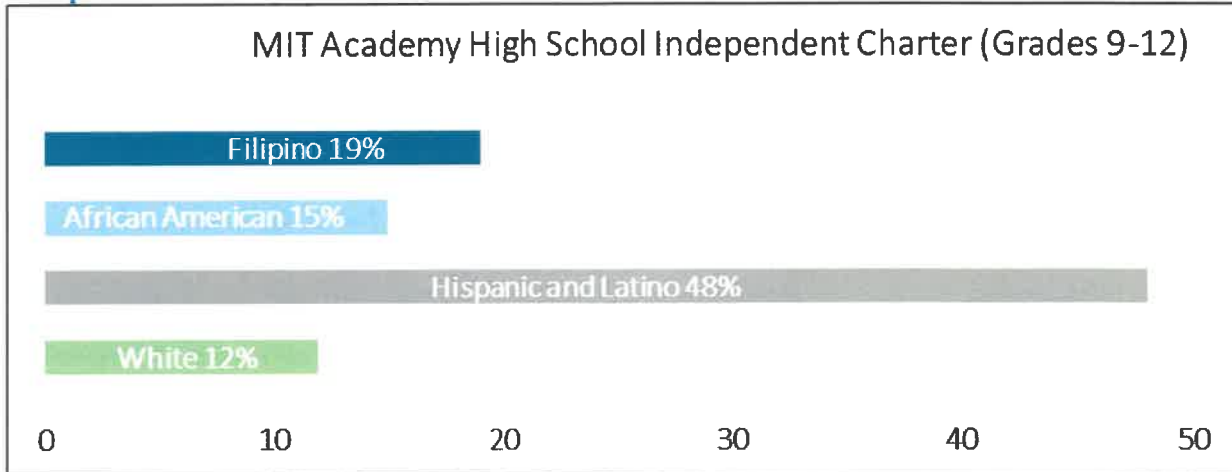
Caliber: Changemakers (Kindergarten – Grades 4 & Grades 6-7)

Independent Charter



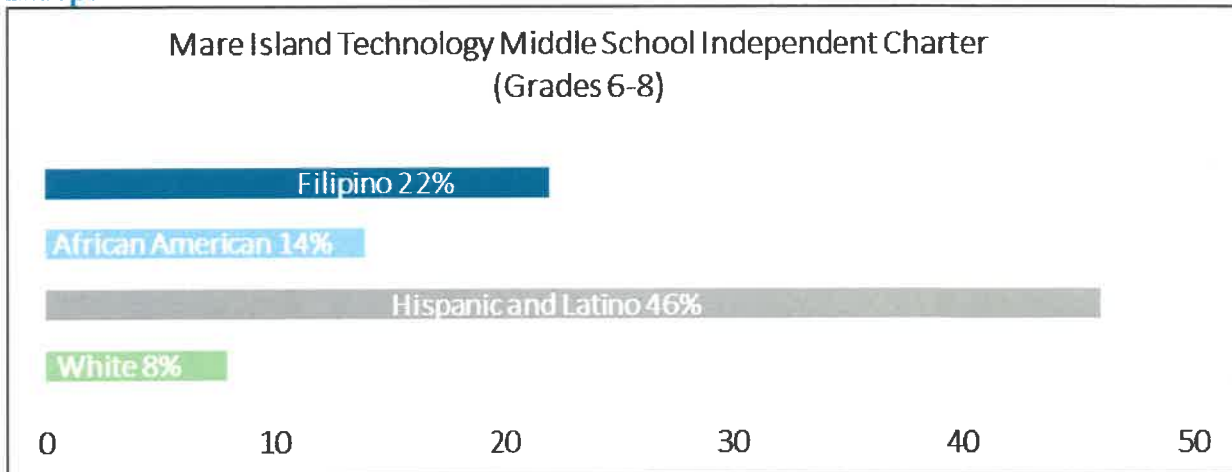
MIT Academy High School (Grades 9 – 12)

Independent Charter



Mare Island Technology Academy Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Independent Charter



Respectfully,

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