

Grand Jury Response
 Vacaville USD
 RE: Charter School Parent Participation
 June 10, 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).

Vacaville 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 implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action. Vacaville 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.

Buckingham Charter Magnet High School

Webpage	https://buckingham.schoolloop.com/community/parenthours
Student and Parent Handbook	The section per parent participation in the 2018-19 Handbook will state, that parent participation is strictly voluntary and not required, per Ed Code Section 47605 (n).

Fairmont Charter

Webpage	http://fairmont.schoolloop.com/file/1232963606426/1524554593308/1082685603116823921.pdf
Information for Families Document	http://fairmont.schoolloop.com/file/1232963606426/1524554593308/5128577191519584380.pdf page 18

Kairos Public School Vacaville

Webpage	https://www.kairospublicschools.org/policies-procedures
Information for Families Document	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qMht_c6DV7GQsHHYW-IBJzggEOGWzIKJTAA5KjPDCjY/edit#heading=h.e8mltdbdnx6u (page 21)

Kimme Charter for Independent Learning

Webpage	http://isp.schoolloop.com/file/1431759071492/887137094065060796015263244_15694.pdf
Parent Information	Parent participation is strictly voluntary and not required, per Ed Code Section 47605 (n) is included in the orientation paperwork and the enrollment documents

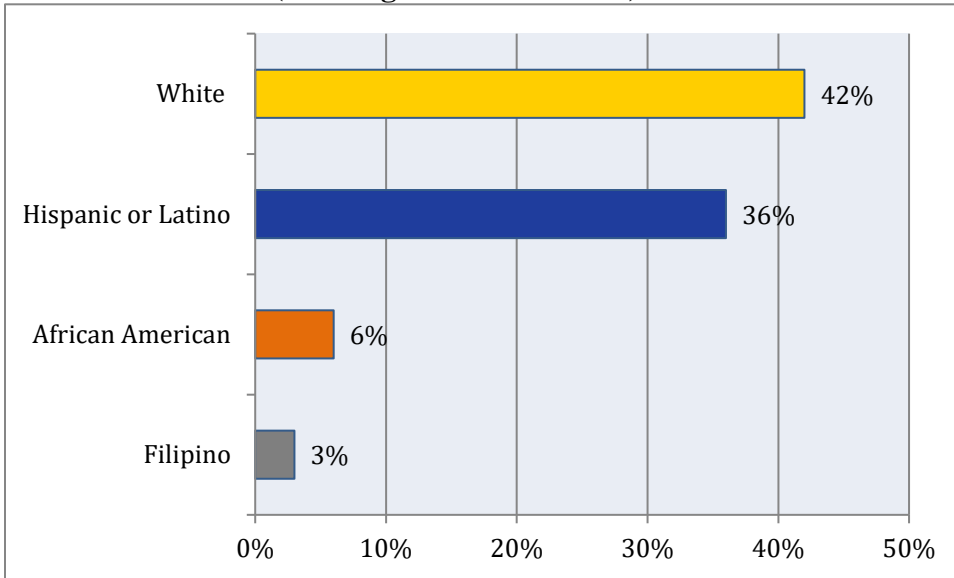
Response to Report Information on Diversity

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 school in VUSD - Buckingham Magnet Charter High School. In order to gain a true depiction, a review of the demographic representation existing in each of the charter schools in Vacaville Unified is necessary. The demographics of two Vacaville Unified Charter Schools and one independent charter, Kairos Public School Vacaville, are reflected in the table and graphs below.

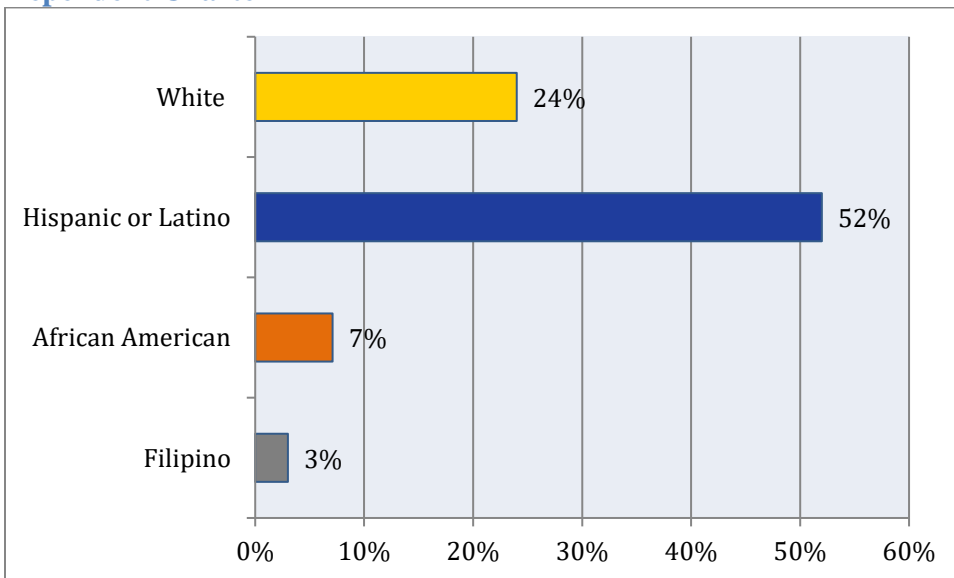
School	Type	Filipino	African American	Hispanic or Latino	White
Vacaville USD	School District	3%	6%	36%	42%
Fairmont Charter	Dependent	3%	7%	52%	24%
Kimme Charter	Dependent	1%	5%	34%	43%
Kairos	Independent	3%	4%	17%	60%

Vacaville Unified (Kindergarten – Grade 12)



Fairmont Charter (Kindergarten – Grade 6)

Dependent Charter

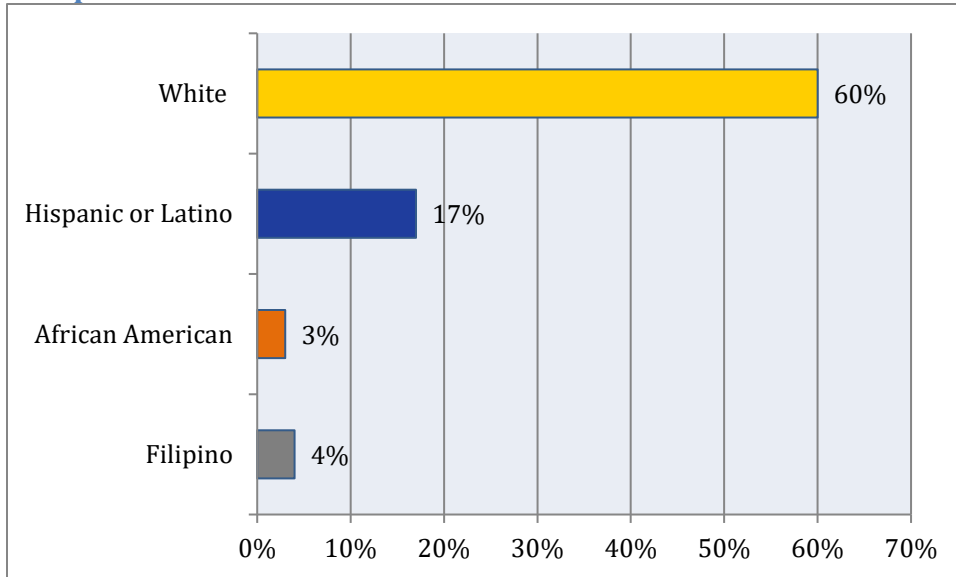


Kairos Public School Vacaville (Kindergarten – Grade 8)

Vacaville Unified School District Board of Education Members

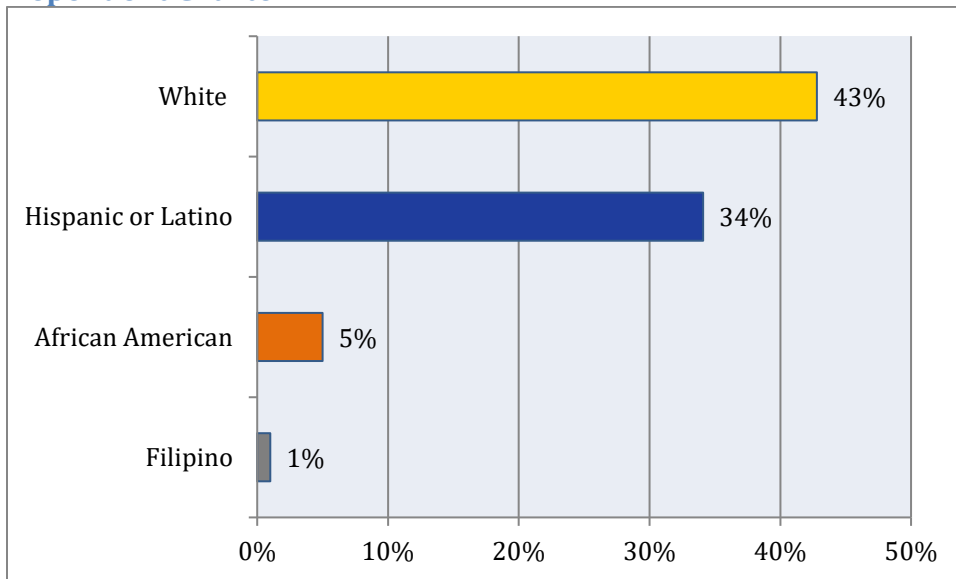
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Independent Charter



Kimme Charter Academy for Independent Learning (Kindergarten – Grade) Independent Study Program

Dependent Charter



Respectfully,

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