



**Staff Report:
Charter School Renewal Petition
George Washington Carver School
of Arts and Science**



Background & Time Line

2003-2007

GWC first opened

2008-2009 Year

Five year term ends

June 30, 2012



Petition Review Criteria

Petition shall be granted unless:

- Unsound education program

- Petitioners unlikely to successfully implement program

- Absence of required affirmations

- Lacks reasonably comprehensive descriptions of sixteen required elements (Education Code 47605)



Petition Review Criteria

A charter school seeking renewal must also meet one of the standards for academic achievement as set forth in Education Code §47607.



Petition Review Criteria

renewal petition:

Overall, the petition meets the requirements of charter school laws, including the academic performance standards and the 16 elements.



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Academic Performance Index (API)

Year				



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Statewide API Ranked in Deciles 4 to 10

2011	9
2010	2

Compares a school to 100 similar schools
Establishes a ranking of schools from
highest to lowest by school type
Range from 1 to 10 (low - high)



Sound Education Program

Curriculum aligns to state standards

Waldorf methods of teaching and learning that engages the Head, the Heart, and Hands

Waldorf integrates creativity, critical thinking



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affirmations and a reasonably comprehensive description of the 16 elements



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Petition be approved