



## **Ask the School Board to VOTE YES on November 18<sup>th</sup>**

With the support of over 40 Rancho Cordova families, Pacific Charter Institute (PCI) submitted a petition to Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) to open a new TK-12 charter public school this September. In October, parents and educators enthusiastically testified in support of the school during a public hearing. Since then, FCUSD staff reviewed the petition and published their analysis. Now, the board will vote to approve or deny the charter at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

### **FCUSD confirmed the New Pacific School charter petition meets expectations in 3 BIG areas: Educational Program, Financial/Administrative Plan, and Charter Management.**

- The staff report validates the mission, vision, and objectives of the educational program.
- It also affirms that the curriculum, instructional methods, professional development, and plans for serving all students have met the standards.
- There were no negative findings related to the 3-year budget and cash flow plan, which means the proposed plan is fiscally sound.
- They also found that the team proposing the school has the experience to run it.

*New Pacific School - Rancho Cordova charter school will succeed and should be approved.*

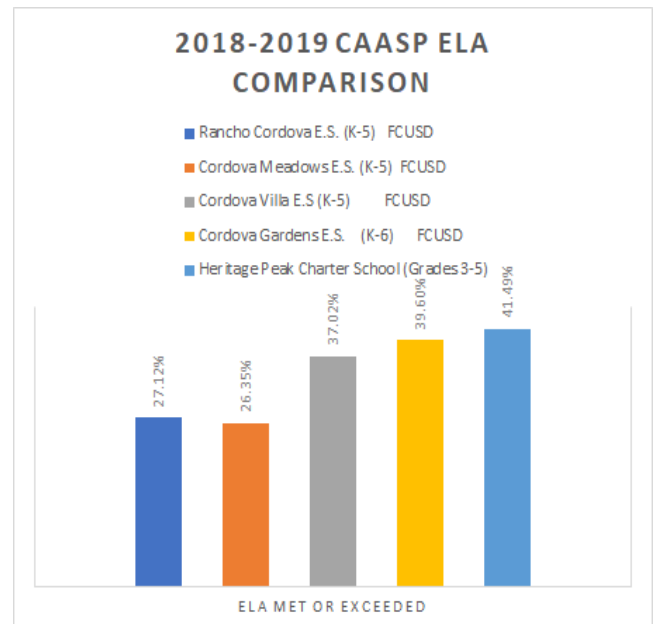
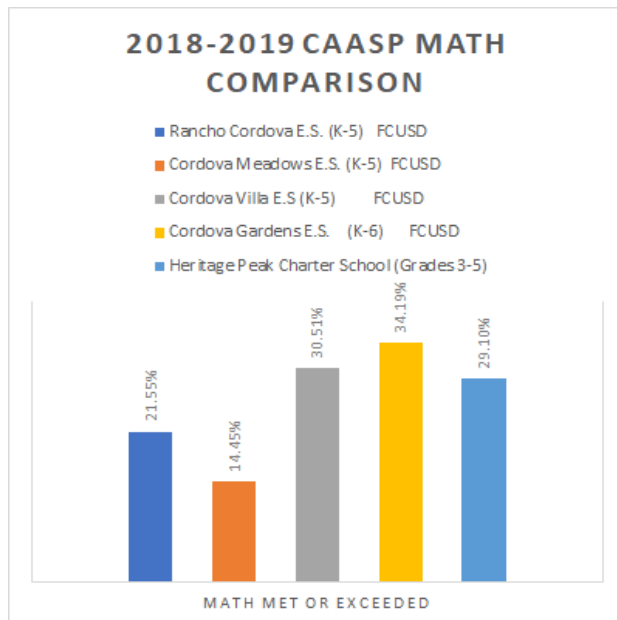
### **An MOU can be put into place to address District questions related to implementation.**

- As an experienced operator, PCI understands and complies with the dynamic laws of a public school, including parent engagement, teacher credentialing, facilities, health & safety, and special education.
- Some districts want to see different levels of policy and practice, and we honor the FCUSD staff's expertise in these areas.
- The leaders of New Pacific School are ready to collaborate with FCUSD staff to provide additional details and ensure compliance over time.

*FCUSD and PCI can work together to address implementation questions.*

## New Pacific School brings a unique, high-quality option to families who deserve choice.

- No other school in Rancho Cordova offers *Project Lead the Way*, *Leader in Me*, art, and foreign language instruction in all grades, TK-12, at one small school site.
- While FCUSD offers a number of excellent programs and services across the District, too many are concentrated in Folsom.
  - None of the open-access elementary schools in Rancho Cordova provide access to *Project Lead the Way*. Riverview STEM, a magnet school, has academic- and behavior-based admission requirements that are a barrier to some students.
  - One size does not fit all: Mills Middle School has 765 students (Ed-Data, 2019-20). New Pacific School middle grades will be 1/10th of the size, with just 75 students in grades 6,7, and 8. This small school environment is unmatched in Rancho Cordova
  - Student achievement in Rancho Cordova continues to lag behind the rest of the district. Rancho Cordova Elementary School, Cordova Meadows Elementary School, Cordova Villa Elementary School, and Cordova Gardens Elementary School underperform Heritage Peak Charter School (a Pacific Charter Institute K-12 school) in grades 3-5 in English Language Arts. Heritage Peak is also a Title 1 school -- imagine what is possible with a full school day! (see below)



Rancho Cordova needs a high-quality local public school option NOW.  
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