

**Material Revision Staff Report
The Journey School
February 17, 2026**

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Charter Organization:	REAL Journey Academies	Current Grades Served:	TK-6
District Boundary	Moreno Valley Unified School District	Current Authorized Grades:	TK-6
Year Opened:	2018	Current Enrollment:	570
Current Term	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2026	Proposed Material Revision:	Grade Span Expansion (TK-12)

I. Proposed Material Revision

The Journey School is proposing to add grades 7-12 to the existing charter school currently operating a TK-6 grade program within the boundaries of the Moreno Valley Unified School District.

II. Renewal Options for Board Action

It is recommended that the Board take action to either grant or deny the proposed material revision to the current charter school petition. The Board has the following options:

1. Grant the material revision, to commence July 1, 2026, provided that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Charter School and RCOE be amended and/or the Petition revised to address the findings and any recommendations identified in the Staff Report prior to the date of commencement.
2. Deny the material revision to the current charter petition, adopting the findings identified in the Staff Report, as findings of fact supporting legal reasons for denial.

III. Chartering Authority Responsibility

The chartering authority is responsible for evaluating and determining the approval or denial for a proposed material revision of a charter school petition under its authority.¹ The Riverside County Board of Education (the "Board") holds the authority to assess whether the findings of fact outlined in the Staff Report by RCOE staff substantiate approval or denial, in accordance with the criteria set forth in Education Code Section 47605².

IV. Legal Parameters for Review

A charter school seeking to expand its operations to additional sites or grade levels concurrently with its renewal must request a material revision to its charter. Any material revision to the provisions of a charter requires approval from the chartering authority.

The procedures for reviewing and approving a material revision are governed by the standards and criteria set forth in Education Code Section 47605. These procedures must include, but are not limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new legal requirements enacted since the charter was originally granted or last renewed. (Ed. Code § 47607(b).)

In evaluating a proposed material revision, the chartering authority will consider the following factors in determining whether to approve or deny the request:

- Whether the school presents an unsound educational program.
- Whether the petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
- Whether the petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Education Code Section 47605(e).
- Whether the petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions for all of the elements.
- Whether the charter school is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate.
- Whether the school district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school.

¹ Education Code Section 47607(a)(2)

² Education Code Section 47607(a)(3)

The Riverside County Office of Education acknowledges that the current petition has been thoroughly reviewed and approved by the Riverside County Board of Education (“Board”). Accordingly, the scope of review for a material revision will be limited to the specific changes proposed and will not require a full reassessment of the petition.

This Report only addresses the Material Revision regarding the request to expand grade levels to a TK-12 school. All changes in the law that must be updated since Charter School’s last material revision are addressed in the Renewal Petition Staff Report posted on February 13, 2026, published by RCOE concurrently with this report.

V. Summary of Findings

Denial Reason #1

The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.

Findings for Consideration

No Findings Determined.

Denial Reason #2

The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.

Findings for Consideration

No Findings Determined

Denial Reason #3

The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions for all of the required elements.

Findings for Consideration

Referral Protocols Addressing Behavioral Health Concerns (*Element 7*)

RCOE also identified that the Petition did not specifically address the requirements of SB 857 (Education Code section 49428.2). As of January 1, 2026, charter schools must adopt a policy for students in grades 7-12 that addresses referral protocols for

pupils exhibiting behavioral health concerns. The policy must at a minimum address the needs of high-risk groups identified by statute, and address any training to be provided to pupils.

Denial Reason #4

The charter school is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate.

Findings for Consideration

No Findings Determined.

Denial Reason #5

The school district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school.

Findings for Consideration

No Findings Determined.