

## **PVUSD Staff Report**

### **Alianza Charter School Renewal Petition (2026–2031)**

Authorizing District: Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Charter Term Requested: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031

Public Review Period: 15 Days

Board Action: Scheduled Following Public Review

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### **Executive Summary**

Alianza Charter School has submitted a petition requesting renewal of its charter for a five-year term (2026–2031). Alianza is a TK–8 dual-language immersion school serving approximately 600 students and operates a 90/10 Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI) model in Spanish and English.

Pursuant to Education Code §§ 47607 and 47607.2, as amended by Assembly Bill 1505, the District reviewed the school's performance on state and local indicators, including the California School Dashboard, student achievement data, fiscal records, governance structure, and compliance with applicable laws.

Based on the 2023–2025 Dashboard results, Alianza Charter School qualifies as a **Middle Performing** school under Education Code § 47607.2(b). Under statute, a chartering authority shall renew a charter for a middle performing school unless it finds that the school has failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward meeting standards and that closure would be in the best interest of pupils.

District staff have completed their review and present this report for public review prior to Board consideration.

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### **School Overview**

Alianza Charter School is a public charter school authorized by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. The school serves a predominantly Latino student population, with the following demographics:

- 45% English Learners
- 80.2% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- 9.3% Students with Disabilities
- 97.3% Hispanic/Latino

The school's mission is to provide an academically rigorous and culturally relevant bilingual education program that promotes biliteracy, academic achievement, and social responsibility.

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### **Academic Performance Review**

Dashboard Performance (2023–2025)

Alianza's Dashboard results indicate:

- **English Language Arts (ELA):** Yellow (2023), Orange (2024), Yellow (2025)
- **Mathematics:** Yellow (2023), Orange (2024), Yellow (2025)
- **English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI):** Orange (2023), Red (2024), Green (2025)

The 2025 Dashboard reflects improvement in both ELA and Mathematics performance levels and significant growth in English Learner progress.

## **CAASPP Results (2023–2025)**

Schoolwide percentage meeting or exceeding standards in 2025:

- ELA: 42.5%
- Mathematics: 27.7%

Performance for Hispanic/Latino and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students closely mirrors schoolwide performance. Students with Disabilities and English Learners demonstrate growth trends, though proficiency rates remain below schoolwide averages.

When compared to neighboring demographically similar schools that students would otherwise attend, Alianza's ELA and Mathematics proficiency rates exceed those schools in most grade spans.

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## **Strengths Identified**

District review identified the following program strengths:

- Sustained growth in ELA and math over the charter term
  - Significant improvement in English Learner Progress Indicator (Green in 2025)
  - Reduction in chronic absenteeism
  - Strong parent engagement (94% satisfaction rate)
  - Robust after-school programming serving over 400 students
  - Implementation of PBIS and Playworks to improve school climate
  - Strong community partnerships and Community School Grant support
  - Expanded intervention programs in reading and mathematics
  - Upgraded facilities, including 14 new portables
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## **Areas for Continued Growth**

The school has identified and staff concur with the following focus areas:

- Increasing mathematics proficiency, particularly in grades 6–8
- Accelerating progress for Long-Term English Learners
- Improving outcomes for Students with Disabilities
- Expanding targeted math intervention and tutoring supports

The petition outlines a clear action plan including intervention blocks, expanded tutoring, targeted professional development, and collaboration with district and county partners.

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## **Fiscal and Operational Review**

District staff reviewed financial audits, budgets, governance documents, and compliance assurances. No material findings were identified that would preclude renewal. The school has submitted all required elements pursuant to Education Code § 47605 and remains in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

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## **Renewal Eligibility Determination**

Pursuant to Education Code § 47607.2(b), a charter school classified as Middle Performing shall be renewed unless the chartering authority finds:

1. The school has failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward meeting standards; and
2. Closure would be in the best interest of pupils.

Based on review of Dashboard data, CAASPP results, comparison school data, fiscal documentation, and program implementation, District staff find:

- Alianza has demonstrated measurable progress across key indicators.
- The school has implemented targeted improvement strategies.
- Student performance exceeds that of comparable local schools.
- Closure would not be in the best interest of enrolled pupils.

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**Staff Recommendation**

District staff recommend that the Board of Education approve the renewal of Alianza Charter School for a five-year term from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

This report is posted for public review in accordance with Education Code requirements prior to Board action following the 15-day review period.