

# Colorado Springs School District 11

## Mill Levy Override Implementation Plan Budget

Program: Charter Schools  
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Program No.: Component Units  
 MLO Item No.: 21A

**Program Description:**

Senate Bill 93-183 dealing with charter schools was passed by the Colorado State Legislature in 1993. House Bill 13-1375 subsequently amended the allocation of MLO resources to require the allocation based on either the Board approved plan or on a pro-rata share based on enrollment. A charter school in Colorado is a public school operated by a group of parents, teachers and/or community members as a semi-autonomous school of choice within a school district, operating under a contract or “charter” between the members of the charter school community and the local board of education.

Under Colorado law, a charter school is not a separate legal entity independent of the school district, but rather is a public school defined uniquely by a charter and partially autonomous while remaining within the school district. The approved charter application and accompanying agreements are the charter, which serve as a contract between the charter school and local board of education.

The District currently has six charter schools in its boundaries that are authorized by the District and they all receive MLO funds.

**Alignment with District Business Plan Goal:** Goal 3. Embrace a culture of constant innovation.

**This PIP aligns with Ballot Question Point:** This item does not directly align with any of the 11 election questions.

**Explanation for Use of Funds and Calculations:**

Each charter school receives MLO funds based on its funded pupil count as a factor of the total fund pupil count for all charters. For example, if the total funded pupil count for all charter schools is 2,000 and a school has 300 as its funded pupil count, then it receives 15 percent of the \$712,051 or \$107,258 for the school year. This amount is distributed in an equal payment each month.

**Plan Amendment History:**

The program implementation plan (PIP) for mill levy override (MLO) item #21 has evolved significantly over the last eighteen years since the MLO election passage. Originally, this MLO item was only funded at \$575,000 and was designed to transition CIVA Charter School, accommodate growth at the Edison Charter Schools and fund GLOBE and CPS Charter School. In June of 2001 the Board of Education approved a plan amendment which increased the line item to \$1,287,050 and segregated this amount into two parts; 1) applicable share to charter schools and 2) D11 reimbursement for charter enrollment growth. In FY 17/18 this PIP was once again amended to align with HB 17-1375.

**Performance Measures and Targets:**

MEASURE	TARGET
An annual performance review (APR) evaluation standard for the charter schools has been developed. This evaluation incorporates academic and financial goals for the charter schools that are uniform for all charter schools. This report will serve as the measurement for the charter schools.	Each charter school will meet or exceed its APR academic and financial goals every year.

Acct #	Object	Job Class	FY15-16 Actual	FY16-17 Actual	FY17-18 Actual	Changes	FY18-19 Adopted Budget
039000	PURCHASED PROF. SERVICES		-	-	712,051	782,503	1,494,554
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>712,051</b>	<b>782,503</b>	<b>1,494,554</b>

\*PIP 21 was split into PIP 21A and 21B in FY 17/18  
 and therefore there are no actuals for FYs 15-17 as it was recorded under PIP 21, which no longer exists\*

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<b>PIP Approval Date (21)</b>	<b>PIP Review to Committee Date(s)</b>
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