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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

One-Year Extension of Charter School Terms

During the 2021–22 Legislative Session, Assembly Bill 101 (Stats. 2021, Ch. 44, Sec. 58) added California *Education Code (EC)* 47607.4, extending all charter school terms that expired between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025, by two years. This was based on the lack of sufficient assessment data required under *EC* Section 47607 due to the ongoing pandemic and distance learning. The extensions to charter terms will permit renewals based upon the most current, post-pandemic assessments, and will allow charter school renewals to be based on the renewal tiers set out in *EC* sections 47607 and 47607.2.

On July 10, 2023, the Governor signed Senate Bill 114 (Stats. 2023, Ch.48, Sec. 43) which amended *EC* Section 47607.4 to extend the terms of charter schools who expire on or between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027, by one additional year. The California Department of Education (CDE) has automatically updated the charter terms for charter schools impacted by this extension. To view the expiration date of a charter school, visit the [Charter School Database](#).

With the extension of an additional year to charter schools' terms, no charter renewals should be heard before fiscal year 2024–25. All renewals are expected to be initiated at the conclusion of the year immediately preceding the final year of the charter school's term. The CDE recommends the process begin with sufficient time for appeals, if needed, before the charter term has expired.

Additional information regarding this subject is available at [Charter School Renewals](#). If you have any questions regarding this communication and/or charter school renewals, please contact the CDE Charter Schools Division via email at charterrenewals@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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