

January 24, 2022

To: Humboldt County Board of Education
From: Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent of Schools
Regarding: Findings and Recommendation Regarding SBA Petition

Dear Trustees,

As a result of a thoughtful and thorough review by staff at the Humboldt County Office of Education, you will find attached findings that lead to a recommendation for denial of the charter petition for the Samoa Beach Academy (SBA).

I would like to acknowledge the manner in which SBA representatives interacted with the HCOE staff during the review process. Petitioners were responsive in their communications, courteous and respectful in all their interactions with staff, and displayed a positive and consistent commitment to their cause. Moreover, it is my belief that this petition, though flawed, highlights and elevates the importance of CTE in Humboldt County. Excellent CTE programs already exist, and as an educational community we can still do more to ensure that all students have the opportunity to be prepared for futures of their choosing.

It is my sincere hope that should the Board of Education act to deny this charter petition, the petitioners and supporters of this petition would engage with schools currently offering CTE programs and apply their passions and skills to help strengthen and expand what is already in place.

Respectfully,



Michael Davies-Hughes
Superintendent of Schools