

Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School

Charter Renewal Public Hearing



Our Story:

Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School was established in 2012 in response to a group of parents who wanted high-quality educational options for their children. Named after local community leader Blanca Alvarado, we have been a vital part of the East San José community that we serve.

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Our Mission & Vision

Our Mission:

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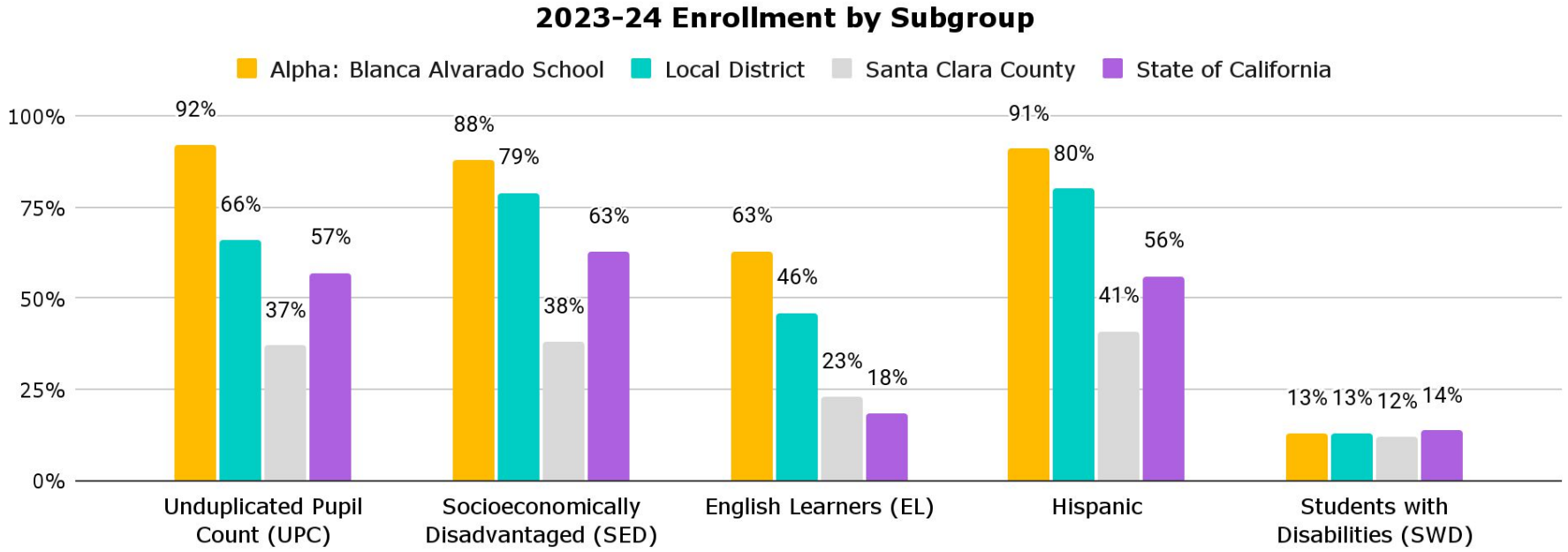
Alpha Public Schools will ensure that all of our scholars develop the academic skills and leadership habits required to succeed in college and live with integrity.

Our Vision:

Students from underserved communities are prepared to compete successfully on life's uneven playing field – to struggle, to overcome and to thrive.

Our School Community

Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School serves a high-need student population in East San José. We support a higher percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students and English Learners than county and state averages.



Source: California Department of Education (https://dq.cde.ca.gov) and Education Data Partnership (www.ed-data.org).
Unduplicated pupil count data is from 2022-2023, the most recent data available from the Education Data Partnership portal.



Our Academic Program

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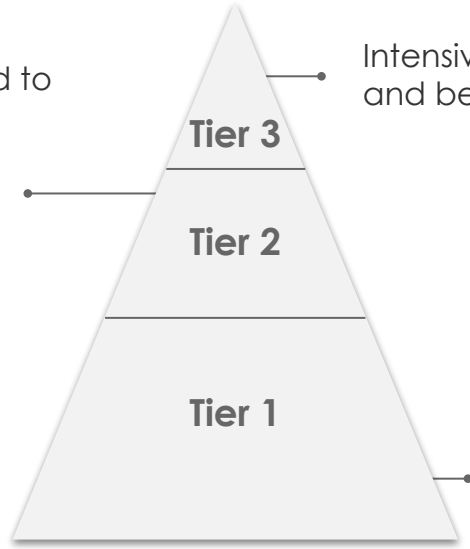
Our Model: Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Tier 2 supports aligned to design principles for accelerated learning (e.g. Ignite! Reading)

Instructional Practices

Intensive **Tier 3** academic and behavioral interventions

Assessment Strategy



Strong **Tier 1** instruction with high quality instructional materials

Data Analysis



Supports for All Students

We have designed a multi-tiered intervention model to help all students succeed in school.

Small Group Instruction	REACH Block	Office Hours
Ignite! Reading	Academic Interventionists	Designated & Integrated ELD

"I am really grateful towards all staff that have in some way supported the advancement of all students academically. Without a doubt, I am really thankful to the teachers from the department of Special Education, especially for my child, because without them my child would not be as academically advanced as they are right now" - Alpha: Blanca Parent

We invest heavily in the professional development, coaching, and career growth of our staff.

School Leadership Team develops teachers through weekly 1:1 coaching and walkthroughs

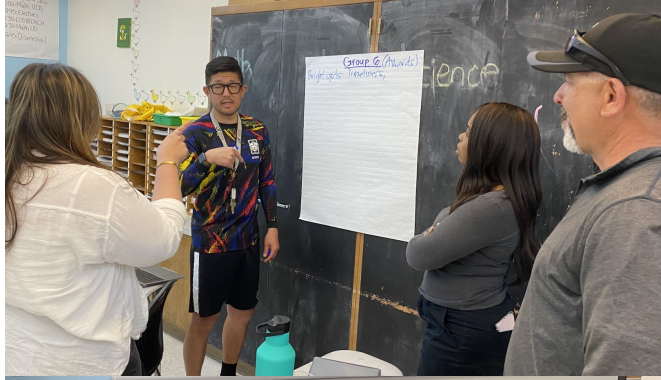
Instructional staff participates in weekly professional development, aligned to Alpha's Teacher Rubric

Alpha regularly reviews and adjusts its competitive salary and benefits package

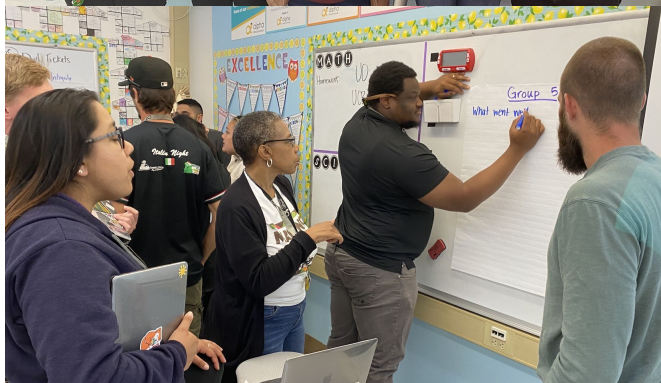
The Results:

84% Teacher retention for the 23-24 SY

5.7 TNTP Career Progression Score (national average: 5.0)







Our Vibrant School Culture



"I really appreciate the small enrollment of kids per school. Teachers have time to focus on the students and offer them help in any area they need. I also love after school programs like Folklorico, drama, and student government which keeps my child busy and out of trouble" - *Alpha: Blanca Alvarado parent*

Our Robust Family Engagement

100% of family survey respondents agree that they feel a **sense of belonging** to Alpha: Blanca

Alpha's **Parent Learning Center** offers English classes, a monthly food bank, and connections to social services

"What I like most about this school is that they really take all parent feedback into consideration and allow many opportunities for parents to get involved. **This school feels like a family to me**" - *Alpha: Blanca Alvarado parent*

Families exercise their leadership through **cafecitos**, a **parent council, ELAC** meetings, and as **Board Members**

Parent volunteers support school events throughout the year, including field trips, book fairs, and family picnics

Families are invited to school for monthly events, including **fall festival**, **spring performances**, and **awards ceremonies**

97% of family survey respondents agree that Alpha: Blanca **listens to family voice** in decision making

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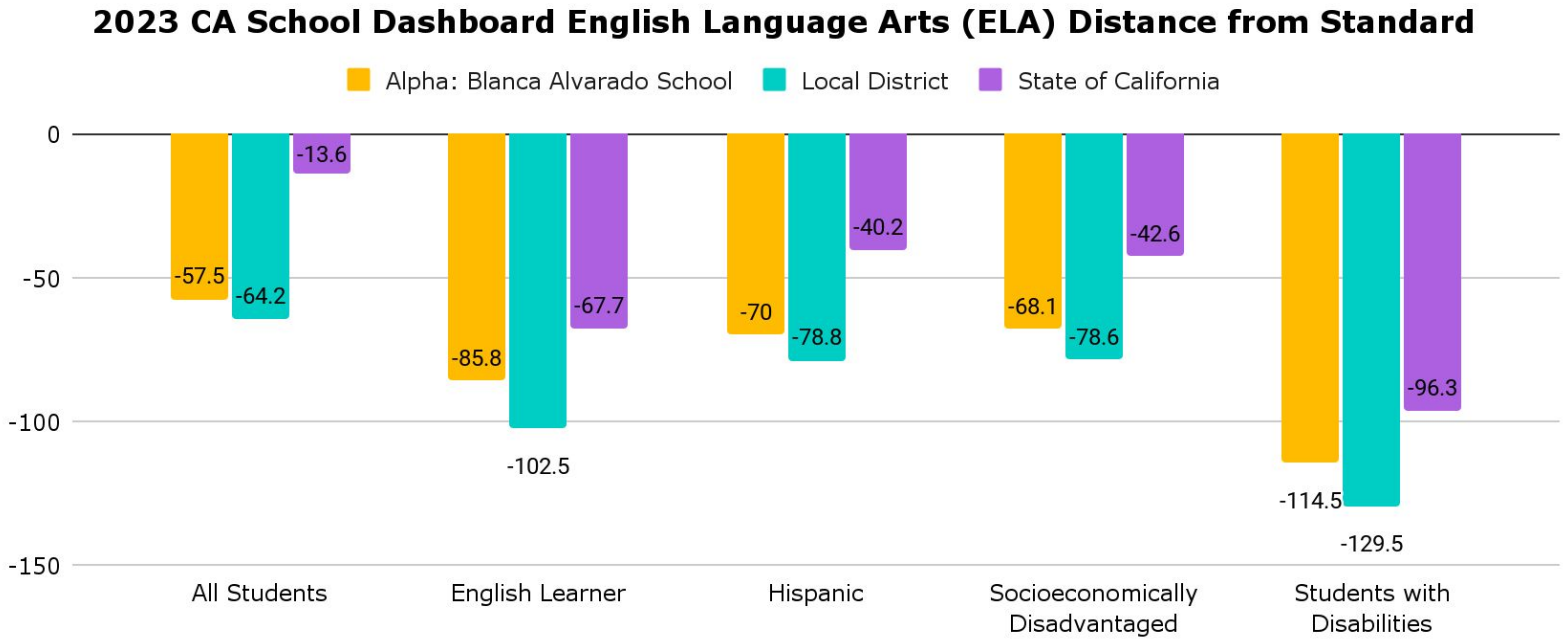
Our Results



Based on results from the 2022 and 2023 California School Dashboard, Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School has been deemed a **middle-performing school** by the California Department of Education and qualifies for a five-year charter renewal.

2023 CA School Dashboard: English Language Arts

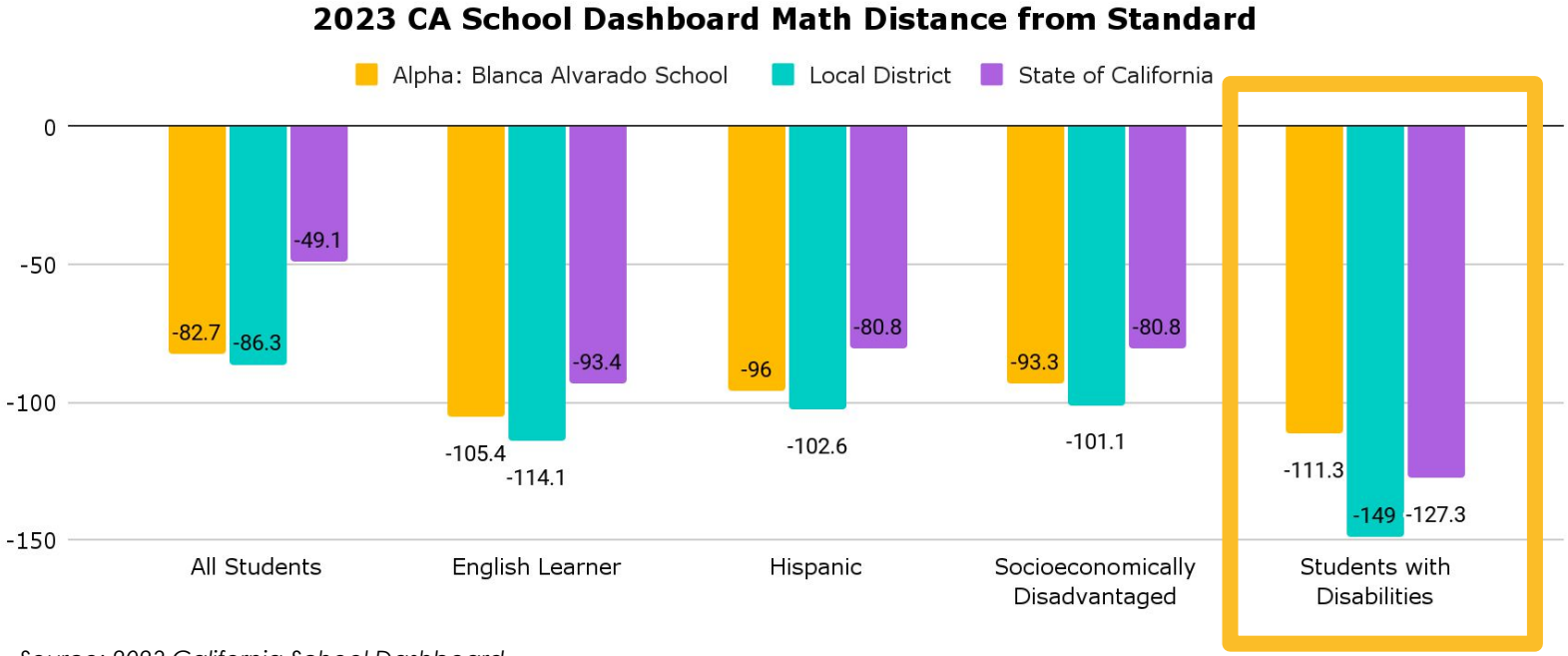
In the most recently available California School Dashboard data, Alpha: Blanca Alvarado continues to work towards closing the gap between the state averages for all students and subgroups in ELA.



Source: 2023 California School Dashboard

2023 CA School Dashboard: Mathematics

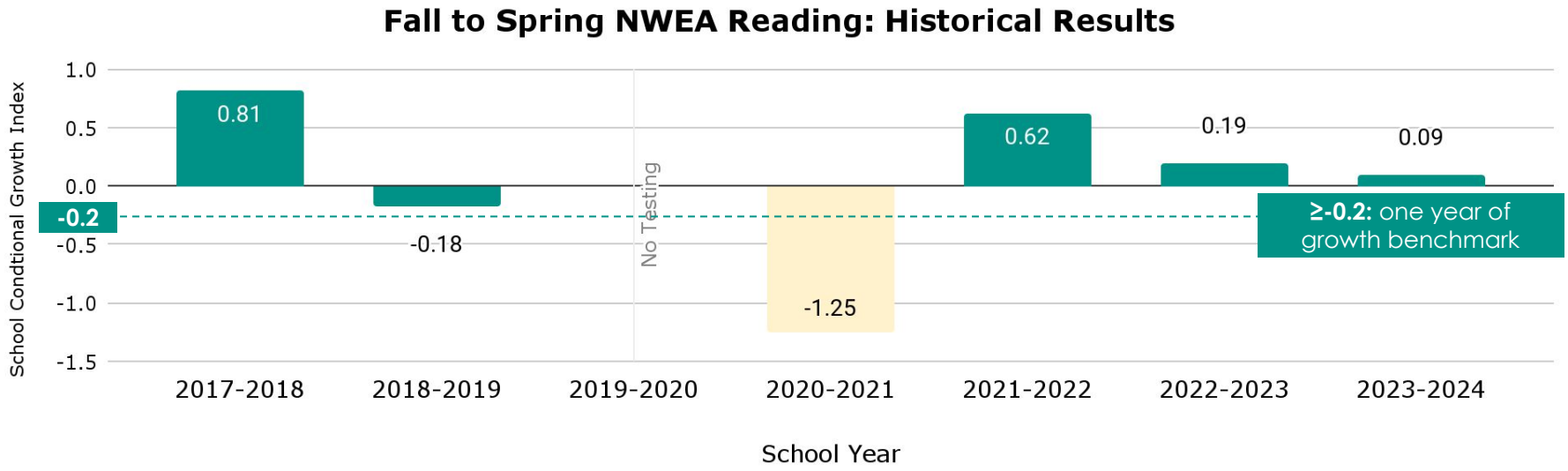
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Source: 2023 California School Dashboard

Verified Data: Fall to Spring NWEA Reading

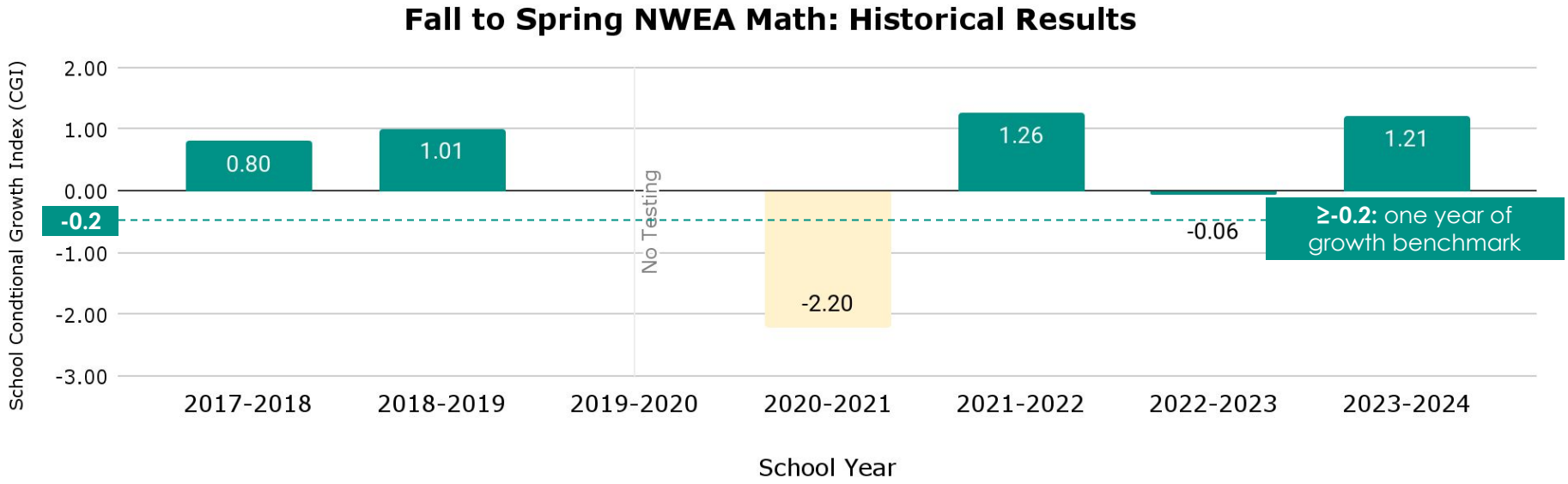
For the duration of the charter term, **students at Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School have consistently made one year of growth or more for each year in school**, with the exception of the core pandemic years.



Source: Measures of Academic Progress ("MAP") Growth by Northwest Evaluation Association ("NWEA")
Note: Per the CDE, to demonstrate one year of growth, a NWEA Conditional Growth Index (CGI) score of -0.2 to 0.2 (or greater) can be used as an approximation of one year's growth (or more) in a subject

Verified Data: Fall to Spring NWEA Math

Students at Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School have consistently exceeded the range for achieving one year of growth in Math for each year in school, with the exception of the core pandemic years.

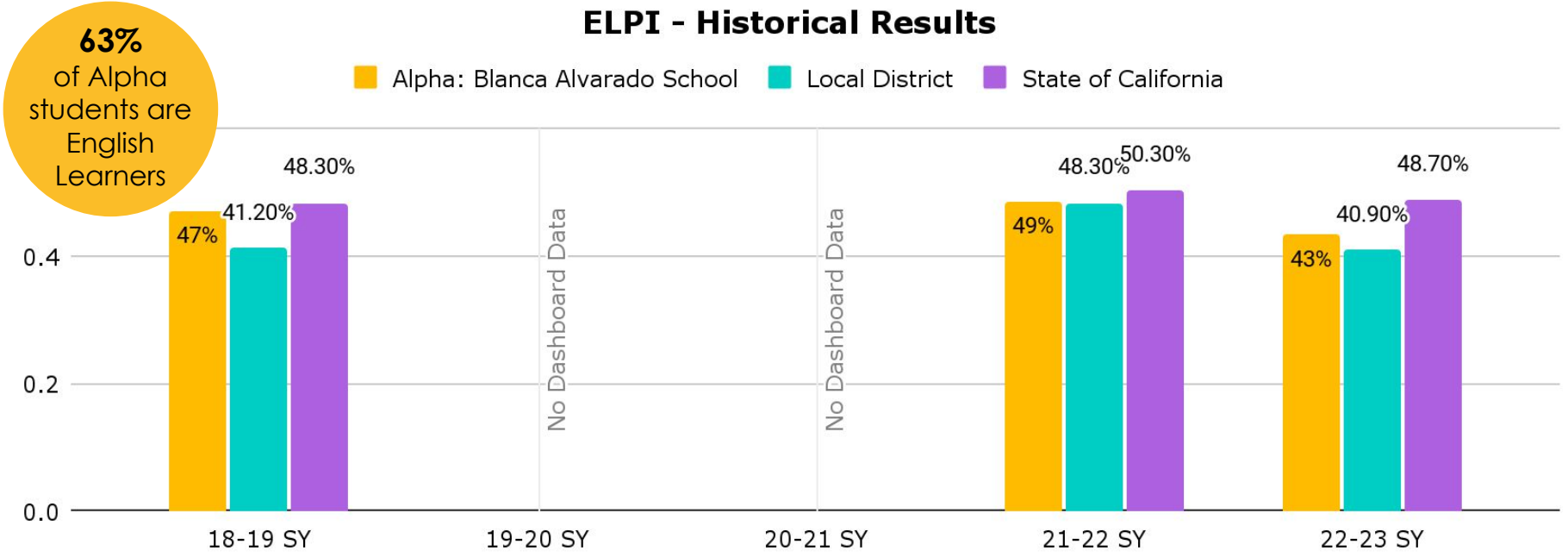


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English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI)

Alpha: Blanca Alvarado serves a significant population of students who are identified as English Learners, and we work hard to support this student group in their work towards English language proficiency.

63% of Alpha students are English Learners



Source: California School Dashboard



Our Ask

We respectfully request that the Alum Rock Union Elementary Board approve Alpha: Blanca Alvarado School's renewal petition for a **five-year charter term**, as our school is identified by the California Department of Education as a ***middle performing*** charter school. The legislative mandate is that middle performing charter schools like Alpha Blanca Alvarado ***shall*** **be renewed** unless an authorizer makes written findings, supported by specific facts, that the charter school failed to meet or make sufficient progress towards meeting standards and closure is in the best interest of students, giving greater weight to measurements of academic performance (Education Code Section 47607.2(b)).