



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The mission of the Fenton Charter Public Schools is to offer a high-quality innovative education to all students in a safe, secure, nurturing environment where students, parents and staff become a community of learners achieving collaborative and successful outcomes.

SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FCPS: 8928 B Sunland Boulevard, Sun Valley, CA 91352 • (818) 962-3630

FACS: 11828 Gain Street, Lake View Terrace, CA 91342 • (818) 896-7482

SMBCCS: 1022 North Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038 • (323) 469-0971

FPC: 11351 Dronfield Avenue, Pacoima, CA 91331 • (818) 485-5900

STEM and FCLA: 8926 Sunland Boulevard, Sun Valley, CA 91352 • (818) 962-3636

Videoconference Locations: [See Page 6](#)

October 12, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.

FCPS Business Office Boardroom

8928 B Sunland Blvd.

Sun Valley, CA 91352

and

via Zoom:

AGENDA

The Fenton Charter Public Schools ("Charter Schools") welcome your participation at the meetings of the Board of Directors ("Board"). The purpose of a public meeting of the Board is to conduct the affairs of the Fenton Charter Schools in public and encourage continued community interest in our organization.

END OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND NEW REMOTE PARTICIPATION RULES - Assembly Bill 2449

Governor Newsom announced that the COVID-19 state of emergency ended on February 28, 2023. With the end of the state of emergency, agencies are no longer able to utilize pandemic-era virtual meeting procedures. However, board members may continue to participate remotely by telephone and/or videoconference under traditional Ralph M. Brown Act teleconference rules. Effective January 1, 2023, Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449) allows individual board members to participate in meetings remotely during "emergency circumstances" or for "just cause." Specific requirements may be found in the full text of AB2449 (posted on the FCPS website:

www.fentoncharter.net). *All requirements for attendance by the FCPS Board of Directors are adhered to in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.*

Instructions for Presentations to the Board by Parents and Citizens

If you wish to make a public comment, please follow these instructions:

1. The public may attend in person or may join via Zoom. If joining in person, the public may complete a "Request to Address the Board" (on an agenda item or non-agenda item) card which will be available at the door. If joining via Zoom, the following procedures should be followed:
2. Speakers may attend the board meeting virtually through the Zoom invitation link on the top of the agenda.
3. A Google survey "sign-up" will be open to members of the public 30 minutes prior to the public meeting. This survey will take the place of the "speaker cards" available at meetings. <https://bit.ly/2wDdxrM>
4. Speakers will fill in their names and select if they wish to address the board regarding a specific agenda item or a non-agenda item.
5. When it is time for the speaker to address the board, his/her name will be called by the Board Chair and the requesting speaker's microphone will be activated.
6. Speakers should rename their Zoom profile with their real name to expedite this process.
7. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker's Zoom profile will be muted.

I. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order** – Chairperson of the Board – Joe Lucente
- B. Roll Call** – Secretary of the Board – Irene Sumida
- C. Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Lucente

The Chair will request any amendments to the agenda, and then approval.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Presentations from the Public** – Chair Lucente

Any persons present desiring to address the Board of Directors on any proper matter.

Agenda items: No individual presentation shall be for more than five (5) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes per agenda item.

Non-agenda items: No individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.

Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

- B. Committee/Council Reports**

Committee/Council reports will resume at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 22, 2026.

- C. Financial Business Manager's Report**

The Financial Business Manager's report will resume at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 22, 2026.

- D. Site Directors' Reports**

Site Director reports will resume at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 22, 2026.

- E. FCPS Directors' Reports**

CMO Directors' Reports will resume at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 22, 2026.

- F. FCPS Officers' Reports**

FCPS Officers' Reports will resume at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 22, 2026.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board's vote on them. The Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

There are no items scheduled for the Consent Agenda this month.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. [Resolution #64: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Fenton Avenue Charter School](#)
- B. [Resolution #65: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School](#)
- C. [Resolution #66: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Fenton STEM Academy](#)
- D. [Resolution #67: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Fenton Charter Leadership Academy](#)

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

There are no items scheduled for Information this month.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on Thursday, *October 22, 2026* at 4:30 pm in the boardroom of the FCPS Business Office and via Zoom.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

October 22, 2026
December 10, 2026
January 21, 2027
March 11, 2027
April 15, 2027
May 13, 2027
June 10, 2027

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Americans with Disabilities Act

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the public meeting of the FCPS Board of Directors, please contact the FCPS business office at (818) 962-3630. Notification of 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable FCPS to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accommodations and accessibility to this meeting. Upon request, FCPS shall also make available this agenda and all other public records associated with this meeting in appropriate alternative formats for persons with disabilities.

Videoconference Locations:

Joe Lucente's Office: 17112 Minnehaha, Granada Hills, CA 91344

Erin Studer's Office: 19722 Collier Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Carrie Wagner's Office: 540 N. Rossmore Avenue, Unit 107, Los Angeles, CA 90004

Yvette King-Berg's Office: 9400 Remick Avenue, Pacoima, CA 91331

Caprice Young's Office: 3850 Lankershim Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90068

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IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 12, 2026

TO: Fenton Charter Public Schools
Board of Directors

FROM: David Riddick
Chief Executive Officer/President

SUBJECT: Resolution #64: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Fenton Avenue Charter School

BACKGROUND

Fenton Charter Public Schools is completing the necessary retirement reporting and activation requirements for each of its five schools in preparation for participation in the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective March 1, 2027.

Currently, CalSTRS retirement contributions for FCPS employees are reported through Fenton Primary Center, regardless of the individual Fenton school to which an employee is assigned. As part of the transition to CalPERS Health Benefits, FCPS is working with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, CalSTRS, and CalPERS to establish the appropriate retirement reporting structure for each individual Fenton school.

As part of the CalSTRS activation process, each school must obtain Governing Board approval to provide Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable. Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2) permits an employer to "pick up" certain employee retirement contributions, allowing eligible contributions to be made on a pre tax basis. Under CalSTRS requirements, this may include eligible payments associated with the redeposit of previously withdrawn contributions and the purchase of permissible service credit.

ANALYSIS

Approval of this resolution is one of the requirements necessary to support the activation of **Fenton Avenue Charter School** as an individual CalSTRS reporting entity. Once the necessary activation and reporting requirements are completed, eligible employees assigned to **Fenton Avenue Charter School** will have their CalSTRS retirement contributions reported through their assigned school rather than through Fenton Primary Center.

This change does not alter employees' CalSTRS membership, retirement benefits, or required contribution rates. Rather, it establishes the appropriate reporting structure so that employees' CalSTRS contributions are associated with the individual Fenton school to which they are assigned.

Resolution #64 specifically authorizes Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable in accordance with CalSTRS requirements and applicable federal tax provisions. Completion of this requirement, together with the other necessary CalSTRS activation and retirement reporting requirements, supports FCPS's transition to the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective March 1, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve Resolution #64: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Fenton Avenue Charter School.

Attachments: Resolution #64: Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable Resolution (CalSTRS)



**FENTON AVENUE CHARTER SCHOOL
RESOLUTION #64: PRE TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY
RECEIVABLE RESOLUTION
California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)**

WHEREAS, Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 414 (h)(2) permits employer "pickup" of the employee portion of contributions to a retirement plan, thereby resulting in tax deferral of employee contributions; and

WHEREAS, under the (California) State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) plan conditions, members may be allowed to redeposit contributions previously withdrawn plus interest and/or purchase permissive service credit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to permit tax deferral for these additional amounts, an employee shall enter into a binding irrevocable payroll deduction authorization and such employee shall not have the option of choosing to receive the amounts directly instead of having them paid by the employer to CalSTRS;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional amounts herein specified, through payroll deduction from salary, are designated as being picked up by the employer and paid by the employer in accordance with CalSTRS retirement plan requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution by the following vote at a regular Board meeting this 12th day of October, 2026.

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

District/LEA: **FENTON AVENUE CHARTER SCHOOL**

By: _____
Joe Lucente, Chairman of the Board of Directors

By: *Irene Sumida*

Irene Sumida, Secretary



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 12, 2026

TO: Fenton Charter Public Schools
Board of Directors

FROM: David Riddick
Chief Executive Officer/President

SUBJECT: Resolution #65: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School

BACKGROUND

Fenton Charter Public Schools is completing the necessary retirement reporting and activation requirements for each of its five schools in preparation for participation in the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective March 1, 2027.

Currently, CalSTRS retirement contributions for FCPS employees are reported through Fenton Primary Center, regardless of the individual Fenton school to which an employee is assigned. As part of the transition to CalPERS Health Benefits, FCPS is working with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, CalSTRS, and CalPERS to establish the appropriate retirement reporting structure for each individual Fenton school.

As part of the CalSTRS activation process, each school must obtain Governing Board approval to provide Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable. Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2) permits an employer to "pick up" certain employee retirement contributions, allowing eligible contributions to be made on a pre tax basis. Under CalSTRS requirements, this may include eligible payments associated with the redeposit of previously withdrawn contributions and the purchase of permissible service credit.

ANALYSIS

Approval of this resolution is one of the requirements necessary to support the activation of **Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School** as an individual CalSTRS reporting entity. Once the necessary activation and reporting requirements are completed, eligible employees assigned to **Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School** will have their CalSTRS retirement contributions reported through their assigned school rather than through Fenton Primary Center.

This change does not alter employees' CalSTRS membership, retirement benefits, or required contribution rates. Rather, it establishes the appropriate reporting structure so that employees' CalSTRS contributions are associated with the individual Fenton school to which they are assigned.

Resolution #64 specifically authorizes Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable in accordance with CalSTRS requirements and applicable federal tax provisions. Completion of this requirement, together with the other necessary CalSTRS activation and retirement reporting requirements, supports FCPS's transition to the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective March 1, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve Resolution #64: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for **Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School**.

Attachments: Resolution #65: Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable Resolution (CalSTRS)



**SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
RESOLUTION #65: PRE TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY
RECEIVABLE RESOLUTION
California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)**

WHEREAS, Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 414 (h)(2) permits employer "pickup" of the employee portion of contributions to a retirement plan, thereby resulting in tax deferral of employee contributions; and

WHEREAS, under the (California) State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) plan conditions, members may be allowed to redeposit contributions previously withdrawn plus interest and/or purchase permissive service credit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to permit tax deferral for these additional amounts, an employee shall enter into a binding irrevocable payroll deduction authorization and such employee shall not have the option of choosing to receive the amounts directly instead of having them paid by the employer to CalSTRS;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional amounts herein specified, through payroll deduction from salary, are designated as being picked up by the employer and paid by the employer in accordance with CalSTRS retirement plan requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution by the following vote at a regular Board meeting this 12th day of October, 2026.

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

District/LEA: **SANTA MONICA BLVD. COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL**

By: _____
Joe Lucente, Chairman of the Board of Directors

By: *Irene Sumida*

Irene Sumida, Secretary



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 12, 2026

TO: Fenton Charter Public Schools
Board of Directors

FROM: David Riddick
Chief Executive Officer/President

SUBJECT: Resolution #66: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Fenton STEM Academy

BACKGROUND

Fenton Charter Public Schools is completing the necessary retirement reporting and activation requirements for each of its five schools in preparation for participation in the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective March 1, 2027.

Currently, CalSTRS retirement contributions for FCPS employees are reported through Fenton Primary Center, regardless of the individual Fenton school to which an employee is assigned. As part of the transition to CalPERS Health Benefits, FCPS is working with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, CalSTRS, and CalPERS to establish the appropriate retirement reporting structure for each individual Fenton school.

As part of the CalSTRS activation process, each school must obtain Governing Board approval to provide Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable. Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2) permits an employer to "pick up" certain employee retirement contributions, allowing eligible contributions to be made on a pre tax basis. Under CalSTRS requirements, this may include eligible payments associated with the redeposit of previously withdrawn contributions and the purchase of permissible service credit.

ANALYSIS

Approval of this resolution is one of the requirements necessary to support the activation of **Fenton Avenue STEM Academy** as an individual CalSTRS reporting entity. Once the necessary activation and reporting requirements are completed, eligible employees assigned to **Fenton Avenue STEM Academy** will have their CalSTRS retirement contributions reported through their assigned school rather than through Fenton Primary Center.

This change does not alter employees' CalSTRS membership, retirement benefits, or required contribution rates. Rather, it establishes the appropriate reporting structure so that employees' CalSTRS contributions are associated with the individual Fenton school to which they are assigned.

Resolution #64 specifically authorizes Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable in accordance with CalSTRS requirements and applicable federal tax provisions. Completion of this requirement, together with the other necessary CalSTRS activation and retirement reporting requirements, supports FCPS's transition to the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective March 1, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve Resolution #64: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for **Fenton Avenue STEM Academy**.

Attachments: Resolution #66: Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable Resolution (CalSTRS)



**FENTON STEM ACADEMY
RESOLUTION #66: PRE TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY
RECEIVABLE RESOLUTION
California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)**

WHEREAS, Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 414 (h)(2) permits employer "pickup" of the employee portion of contributions to a retirement plan, thereby resulting in tax deferral of employee contributions; and

WHEREAS, under the (California) State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) plan conditions, members may be allowed to redeposit contributions previously withdrawn plus interest and/or purchase permissive service credit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to permit tax deferral for these additional amounts, an employee shall enter into a binding irrevocable payroll deduction authorization and such employee shall not have the option of choosing to receive the amounts directly instead of having them paid by the employer to CalSTRS;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional amounts herein specified, through payroll deduction from salary, are designated as being picked up by the employer and paid by the employer in accordance with CalSTRS retirement plan requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution by the following vote at a regular Board meeting this 12th day of October, 2026.

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

District/LEA: **FENTON STEM ACADEMY**

By: _____
Joe Lucente, Chairman of the Board of Directors

By: 

Irene Sumida, Secretary



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 12, 2026

TO: Fenton Charter Public Schools
Board of Directors

FROM: David Riddick
Chief Executive Officer/President

SUBJECT: Resolution #67: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for Fenton Charter Leadership Academy

BACKGROUND

Fenton Charter Public Schools is completing the necessary retirement reporting and activation requirements for each of its five schools in preparation for participation in the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective March 1, 2027.

Currently, CalSTRS retirement contributions for FCPS employees are reported through Fenton Primary Center, regardless of the individual Fenton school to which an employee is assigned. As part of the transition to CalPERS Health Benefits, FCPS is working with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, CalSTRS, and CalPERS to establish the appropriate retirement reporting structure for each individual Fenton school.

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ANALYSIS

Approval of this resolution is one of the requirements necessary to support the activation of **Fenton Charter Leadership Academy** as an individual CalSTRS reporting entity. Once the necessary activation and reporting requirements are completed, eligible employees assigned to **Fenton Charter Leadership Academy** will have their CalSTRS retirement contributions reported through their assigned school rather than through Fenton Primary Center.

This change does not alter employees' CalSTRS membership, retirement benefits, or required contribution rates. Rather, it establishes the appropriate reporting structure so that employees' CalSTRS contributions are associated with the individual Fenton school to which they are assigned.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve Resolution #64: Authorization of CalSTRS Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable for **Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**.

Attachments: Resolution #67: Pre Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable Resolution (CalSTRS)



**FENTON CHARTER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
RESOLUTION #67: PRE TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY
RECEIVABLE RESOLUTION
California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)**

WHEREAS, Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 414 (h)(2) permits employer "pickup" of the employee portion of contributions to a retirement plan, thereby resulting in tax deferral of employee contributions; and

WHEREAS, under the (California) State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) plan conditions, members may be allowed to redeposit contributions previously withdrawn plus interest and/or purchase permissive service credit;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional amounts herein specified, through payroll deduction from salary, are designated as being picked up by the employer and paid by the employer in accordance with CalSTRS retirement plan requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution by the following vote at a regular Board meeting this 12th day of October, 2026.

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

District/LEA: **FENTON CHARTER LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY**

By: _____
Joe Lucente, Chairman of the Board of Directors

By: *Irene Sumida*

Irene Sumida, Secretary

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

There are no items scheduled for Information this month.