



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 3/19/2024

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**\*Title:**

Pima Vocational High School – Community & Workforce Development (CWD) recommendations

**\*Introduction/Background:**

Pima Vocational High School (PVHS) is a charter high school that began operation in 2000 and operates within CWD. The school was created to provide a quality education and school-to-career pipeline, utilizing Pima County internships, for students who have encountered challenges in a traditional school environment. It is authorized to operate up to 5 campuses and accommodate an average daily membership (ADM) up to 120 students annually.

**\*Discussion:**

For approximately the last year, CWD leadership have been evaluating PVHS operations in light of the changes to the educational landscape in the years since PVHS began operations. These changes include the establishment of the Joint Technical Education District in 2007 and proliferation of alternative schools (both district and charter schools), including career and technical education programs. Some notable trends at PVHS include reduced ADM before the pandemic, pandemic-impacted ADM that has not yet rebounded, inconsistent Pima County internship opportunities for PVHS students, significant school-leadership challenges, and continued General Fund support.

**\*Conclusion:**

The Board of Supervisors should consider whether Pima County should continue to operate a charter high school.

**\*Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board surrender the PVHS charter before April 30, 2024 to accommodate Arizona State Board of Charter Schools timeframes to finalize surrender before the end of the 2024 fiscal year. Working within those timeframes, staff will wind down operations, continuing to focus on ensuring there is an individually tailored transition plan prepared for every student who has not graduated, in consultation with the student and their parent or guardian.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

Surrendering the charter would eliminate annual General Fund support for PVHS of approximately \$600,000.

**\*Board of Supervisor District:**

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