

Appendix 1: PUC-OPCS Strategic Priorities 2012-2017



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About Pillsbury United Communities & Approach to Authorizing

Pillsbury United Communities (PUC) is a nonprofit organization with a long history, dating back to the settlement house movement of the late 19th century, supporting recent immigrants. PUC now operates 6 neighborhood or community centers, through which it provides a variety of services in five impact areas: education, youth and family, wellness and nutrition, employment and training, and asset creation. It employs 180 people and impacted the lives of 54,000 people in 2013-14. PUC serves the Twin Cities metro area. The organizational mission is to create choice, change and connection.

PUC has been a charter school authorizer since the 1990s, with a portfolio that included 15 at its largest. In 2010, after Minnesota law changed to require charter school authorizers to be approved by the MN Dept. of Education, PUC submitted its Charter School Authorizer Application. It was approved, effective July 2011.

OUR MISSION: PUC charter schools will: offer bold and innovative educational strategies; provide an environment that promotes respect for all students and their individual identities; and engage students in academic and authentic learning opportunities, service learning, and personal development.

OUR VISION: Authorized schools are committed to creating communities where students can excel academically and socially to realize their opportunities and potential for higher education, citizenship, self-sufficiency and personal fulfillment.

OUR VALUES: We are motivated by the success of the people we serve; We value open and honest communication; We work in partnership, collaboration and participate in peer review; We value diversity in all of its forms; We strive toward continuous improvement; We value transparency; We understand that fiscal responsibility is required; We value quality board training and development.

The PUC – Office of Public Charter Schools is working to implement the following seven strategies.

STRATEGIES FOR STRONGER SCHOOLS

