

# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

November 19, 2025

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Storm Lake/Iowa Central/Buena Vista Early College Charter High School and West Central Charter High School One-Year Contract Extension Request
<b>State Board Goal:</b>	Goal 5
<b>State Board Role/Authority:</b>	Per Iowa Code chapters 256E and 256F, the State Board is the sole authorizer of charter schools, and retains the authority for monitoring, renewal and revocation of any charter school contract.
<b>Presenter(s):</b>	Thomas Mayes, General Counsel  Barbara Ohlund, Executive Officer 4 Division of PK-12 Learning
<b>Attachment(s):</b>	None
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p>1a - It is recommended that the State Board approve the one-year contract extension for Storm Lake/Iowa Central/Buena Vista Early College Charter High School.</p> <p>1b - It is recommended that the State Board approve the one-year contract extension request for West Central Charter High School.</p>
<b>Background:</b>	Storm Lake/Iowa Central/Buena Vista Early College Charter High School and West Central Charter High School are currently operating under Chapter 256F timelines and contracts, which indicate charters must enter renewal no less than every four years. We are seeking to align both schools with the Chapter 256E timeline, which indicate charters must enter renewal no less than every five years.

This change will (a) establish a common contract for the two charter schools and (b) align their renewal schedules with all other charter schools.

Under this adjustment, West Central Charter High School would be up for renewal in 2027–2028, and Storm Lake/Iowa Central/Buena Vista Charter High School in 2026–2027.