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## Students to ask trustees to renew school's charter

■ Bay Area School of Enterprise nears the end of its contract with the school district

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Students from the charter high school at Alameda Point will ask school district trustees to renew the school's charter when they meet tonight.

Known as the "Bay Area School of Enterprise," the campus has been open for five years and serves students who have been unsuccessful in traditional

### IF YOU GO

The Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave.

school settings.

About half of its 92 students, who come from Oakland and Alameda, are considered economically disadvantaged.

While the school is public, it operates under a "charter" — a contract with the district that provides its staff greater autonomy over curriculum than at other

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## Charter

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schools. The charter can be revoked and the school shut down if academic performance slips or other problems arise at the campus.

District leaders approved the five-year charter in May 2001.

The Andersen Community Learning Center located on the Encinal High School campus also has a charter with the district.

Before the meeting tonight, students from BASE plan to gather on the steps of City Hall before they go up to the Council Chambers and make their presentation.

Trustees will not vote on renewing the charter until their Feb. 14 meeting. Tonight they will hear about the school and why students and their teachers think the charter should be renewed.

Also tonight the board will hear an update on the proposed state budget and how it may relate to Alameda schools.

Trustees will also hear about a \$650,000 grant to help sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders who have been doing poorly in math improve their scores.

The program incorporates math and technology and the grant provides one-on-one coaching and monthly after-school seminars for teachers.

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