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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES TWO NEW KIPP SCHOOLS IN BAY AREA

March 15, 2018 – This afternoon, the State Board of Education approved two charter petitions from KIPP Bay Area Schools: KIPP Bayview Academy, a TK-4 public charter school to educate students in San Francisco, and KIPP Navigate College Prep, an East San Jose high school. Both will open in July 2018 (2018-2019 academic year).

“We are honored to open these new schools in partnership with the Bayview-Hunters Point and East San Jose communities,” said Beth Sutkus Thompson, CEO of KIPP Bay Area Schools. “We are inspired by the many families and community supporters who led the movement for more public school options in order to put more students on the path to and through college.”

KIPP Bayview Elementary is KIPP’s first elementary school in San Francisco and will open with students in transitional kindergarten (TK), kindergarten, and first grade. It will grow to offer transitional kindergarten through fourth grades by 2021. The school joins three other KIPP schools in San Francisco: KIPP Bayview Academy and KIPP San Francisco Bay Academy, both middle schools founded in 2003, and KIPP San Francisco College Preparatory, a high school founded in 2013.

KIPP Navigate College Prep will be the second KIPP high school in San Jose. KIPP opened its first high school in East San Jose, KIPP San Jose Collegiate, in 2008. There are also three middle schools in East San Jose: KIPP Heartwood Academy, KIPP Prize Preparatory Academy, KIPP Heritage Academy. KIPP Navigate will open with students in ninth grade, and will grow to educate students in ninth through twelfth grades.

KIPP Bay Area Schools is a non-profit network of 12 college-preparatory, public charter schools educating elementary, middle, and high school students in educationally underserved neighborhoods of East Palo Alto, West Oakland, San Francisco, East San Jose, San Lorenzo, and Redwood City. 95 percent of KIPP Bay Area Schools students are people of color, and 77 percent are from low-income households. KIPP schools are united by a common mission, a commitment to excellence, and a belief that if we help children develop the academic and character strengths they need for college and choice filled lives, they will be able to build a better tomorrow for themselves, for their communities, and for us all. 85 percent of KIPP students in the Bay Area go to college.

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