

(/en_US/web/guest/home) Propel Schools--Braddock Hills, PA Revenue Bond Outlook Revised To Stable From Negative On Unresolved Charter Renewal

30-Nov-2017 14:51 EST View Analyst Contact Information NEW YORK (S&P Global Ratings) Nov. 30, 2017--S&P Global Ratings revised its outlook to stable from negative and affirmed its 'BB+' rating on Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Pa.'s series 2013 charter school revenue bonds, issued on behalf of School Facilities Development Inc. (SFD) for Propel Schools-- Braddock Hills.

"The stable outlook reflects our view of the continued operations of the charter school for the past two years," said S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Kaiti Wang. "Despite the unresolved charter renewal with a charter term that expired on June 30, 2015 and no acknowledgement of renewal by the authorizer, this has not impeded the school's ability to operate in fiscal years 2016 and 2017, passing what we view as a critical period of risk and uncertainty regarding the school's charter standing," Ms. Wang added.

We expect Braddock Hills to sustain its robust coverage on the bonds with modest cash levels and to continue to operate under its existing charter as it has done in the past two years.

Propel is the only charter school system in the Pittsburgh region to operate more than two schools. Propel Braddock Hills is one of eight separately chartered schools currently administered by Propel Schools. The eight schools serve primarily K-8: Propel Homestead (Homestead K-8 and Andrew Street High School), McKeesport, East, Montour (K-10 in fiscal 2018), Braddock Hills (K-12), Northside, Hazelwood, and Pitcairn.

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