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**Community Learning Center Schools**  
**Board Meeting: September 21, 2017**  
**Executive Director Report – Annalisa Moore**

**Summary**

- Facilities update
- Portable Project Funds
- First 30 Days of School
- Legal Summary

**1. Facilities Update**

AUSD performed a site inspection over the summer at both ACLC and Nea. Upon this inspection they identified items that did not go through a formal change facility request process with AUSD and requested immediate action. These items were:

- Removal of all filtered water systems at both ACLC and Nea
- Removal of deck in Kindergarten yard at Nea
- Removal of electric outlet leading to the shed in the Kindergarten yard at Nea
- Halt on construction of sheds at both ACLC and Nea

In working with District staff we are ironing out a timeline to install two new drinking systems, one to be placed at each school site. The systems will include stations to fill up water bottles as well as waterspouts for drinking.

In working through the dispute resolution process, CLCS entered into mediation with AUSD regarding installation of portable classrooms on our site. After two mediation sessions, both parties came to a mutual agreement that will now need to be vetted by the CLCS and AUSD School Boards. Upon approval, we will move forward with underground testing of the portables site. Based upon a thick layer of clay-rich mud found beneath the site, California Geological Survey is concerned about compaction and liquefaction rates once the buildings are in place. Additional research will help determine if any special ground preparation will be necessary to mitigate the situation.

#### **4. Funds for Portable Project**

Currently I am researching funding pathways for portable installation. Thus far, the following areas have been identified for increasing funds to help support the program and facilities with the purchase and installation of portables.

- **SB 740 Funds:** These funds are provided to schools with 55% or more FRL qualified learners. I will lead a discussion both at the Nea and CLCS Boards in October about adjusting admissions policies to provide either priority admission for learners who fall within a specific attendance zone, or, preferential admission for learners who would qualify for FRL. If we increase the FRL percentage at Nea or are able to give priority enrollment to learners from a 55% or higher local school, we could qualify for these funds for the 18-19 school year and would be determined annually. Current funding for SB 740 is \$750/ADA. These funds are to be used toward rent and/or lease expenditures.
- **Grants:** We have been working with the staff at CDE who approve the Charter School Facilities Grant (CSFIG) currently held by Nea. We are in our last year of funding with 137k left to be used this school year. We have submitted a request for extension which will go to the CSFIG Board in October with the hope of being able to retain two years of the grant award in an extension agreement. If approved, we will have a total of \$262,500 towards the expense of portables for Nea. In addition, we are currently working with EdTec staff to identify appropriate grants to help not only enhance and develop new program offerings, but to also supplement the budget by helping to defray current program expenses.
- **Loan Rates and Approvals:** We are working with the EdTech staff to explore lenders. Unfortunately, some of the more affordable loans are not available to us as we do not meet their demographic profile. With this, we have requested rates from Wells Fargo and Chase. In reviewing our current financial status we could take out a loan from ourselves and access our line of credit should something arise.

#### **2. First 30 Days of School**

ACLC is off to a fantastic start. The hiring committee worked diligently to vet candidates hiring a dynamic, passionate, dedicated team to join the ACLC community this school year. They are continuing this work as they wrap up the hiring for the last core position of the school year. Enrollment is holding strong at 365 and budget is stable. Site



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Administration, Office Staff, and Counseling worked tirelessly to ensure that learners needs were met and designed schedules that set learners up for success. Back to School Night on September 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success and the site is a filled with excitement to be an ACLC Hawk!

Nea also hit the ground running as their site Administration, Office Staff and Counseling staff all worked to welcome back returning families and transition in new learners. Nea enrollment has increased this school year to 555 learners from 518 during the 2016-17 school year and budget is healthy. This school year staff retention at Nea is at an all-time high. The team welcomed in two new core Facilitators and two new support staff. Back to school night on August 24<sup>th</sup> was well attended and Nea Ninjas are ready for a phenomenal school year.

### **3. Legal Summary**

During the month of August and September, consultation with our legal team related to matters falling into the following categories:

- Special Education
- Litigation