

ACES UPDATE 6

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Executive Director/Principal/Head Learner Searches

Everyone will agree the most important, and often the most difficult, task of a Charter School Governing Council is finding the right leader for their school. Research has shown time and time again that leadership of a school is the key element to the school's success. ACES is very happy to announce that we can help Governing Councils with their search for, and selection of a new leader.

Dr. Jim Ledyard, ACES Cadre Staff member, has a proven track record of successfully assisting charter school Governing Councils with leadership searches. As a former charter school administrator, Jim has the knowledge and experience of guiding Councils through the following activities -

- Developing the search process;
- Identifying desirable qualities and skills in the new leader;
- Recruiting and advertising;
- Assisting with screening applicants;
- Setting up interviews and guidance through the interview process;
- Selecting the best candidate; and
- Communicating with key stake holders.

Please give Dr. Ledyard a call at [505-919-8646](tel:505-919-8646) or email him at Jim.L@nmaces.org to discuss your leadership needs and for a customized cost proposal. Please feel free to contact Dr. Bruce Hegwer at [575-740-0020](tel:575-740-0020) or bruce.h@nmaces.org with questions.

Membership

To date, the Governing Councils of 27 charter schools have approved Resolutions to become members of ACES. We know that several more charters are in the process of having their Governing Councils approve membership.

Regional Meetings

Max and Bruce recently held the first of several regional meetings of charter schools in Santa Fe to provide those in attendance an overview of ACES and the relationship with the NM Coalition for Charter Schools. Doug Wine, the new Executive Director of the NMCCS was in attendance. John McCarthy of Canteen provided the group with an overview of the cafeteria/food service program that Canteen has to offer. After an RFP and evaluation process, ACES awarded a contract to Canteen. Charter schools can use this contract for their food services program without having to do their own RFP. For more information on Canteen and the food services program, please contact Max or Bruce.

Additional regional meetings are scheduled for Las Cruces on April 29th and Taos on June 3rd. All charter schools in these areas are encouraged to attend and learn more about what ACES has to offer.