

ACES Update, August 2015

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Charter Asset Management

CAM aims to provide working capital for charter schools nationwide. Charter schools have created a paradigm shift in the US educational system and our goal is to support the growth and innovation of charter schools nationwide. CAM offers a reliable and low-cost funding program designed to meet the cash flow challenges for all charter schools. CAM has provided more than \$80 million in funding serving more than 75 schools across 12 states. For more information, please contact Robby Choate at Robert.choate@charterassetmanagement.com or Bruce at bruce.h@nmaces.org.

Save Big on Transportation for Field/Sports Trips!

ACES members can receive a substantial discount for activity buses for field trips and athletic events from Herrera Coaches. ACES schools will receive anywhere between an 11% to 50% discount on costs depending upon the length and time of the trip and they type of bus. All a school needs to do is to call Martin (pronounced Marteen) Herrera at 505-270-1001 to schedule the bus. Be sure to tell them you are an ACES member to receive the discount.

Again, this is a huge savings for ACES members. If you school is not an ACES member yet, please contact Bruce at Bruce.H@nmaces.org or Max at Max.L@nmaces.org for membership information.



Charter Leader's Academy

ACES is sponsoring a Charter Leader's Academy consisting of seven, monthly, workshops throughout the 2015-2016 school year. The workshop topics are subjects of great importance designed to assist current charter school directors to improve and enhance their skills. The areas to be covered are topics that most charter leaders deal with every day, but typically do not get any training on. Thus far, the topics will include:

Progressive Documentation of Employee Behavior (September 29, Dr. Dan Patterson)

Running Effective Meetings-including Board Meetings (October 20, Dr. Diego Gallegos

Fundraising-Establishing and Maintaining a Giving Program (November 19, Dr. Jim Ledyard)

Developing and Maintaining an Effective Special Education Program

Effective Interviewing of Perspective Employees (Dr. Dan Patterson)

Using a Strategic Plan to Document Your Own Performance (Dr. Diego Gallegos)

Education Technology-What Administrators Need to Know (Dmitri Calvert)

The remaining dates, presenters and exact locations are still to be determined and each session will be 4 hours in length and will include lunch. The cost for all seven sessions is \$500 for ACES members and \$700 for Non-ACES Members. The funds will be used to cover the cost of the presenters and the costs of the meals. Please contact Bruce at bruce.h@nmaces.org for more information and to register. We need a minimum of 10 participants.

New Business Partner

ACES is pleased to announce we have added Edgenuity at a business partner. Edgenuity provides engaging online and blended learning education solutions that propel success for every student, empower every teacher to deliver more effective instruction, and enable schools and districts to meet their academic goals. Edgenuity delivers a range of Core Curriculum, AP®, Elective, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and Credit Recovery courses aligned to the rigor and high expectations of state, Common Core and iNACOL standards and designed to inspire life-long learning. For more information on Edgenuity and how their products can provide greater education opportunities for your students, please contract Trent Keime at trent.keime@edgenuity.com or at 480-221-8750.



Regional Meetings

ACES is sponsoring regional meetings throughout the state to meet with charter leaders to discuss how ACES can save schools money and provide technical assistance and support. The meetings are from 11 am to 2 pm and lunch will be provided. The meeting dates and locations are:

September 15 Taos Taos Integrated School of the Arts

September 16 Santa Fe The Master's Program

September 17 Las Cruces Las Montanas Charter High

September 22 Albuquerque La Promesa Early Learning Center

Please RSVP with Bruce at so that adequate lunches can be ordered.

Personnel Training--Discounted Fee for ACES Members

Advance NM is offering a reduced registration fee for ACES members for a training entitled, "Personnel Issues-Legal and Practical Perspectives Training". The training will take place on September 17, 2015 and will be held the BioScience Center in Albuquerque. For more information and a registration form, please contact Shelly Cherrin at shelly@advancenm.com, shelly@advancenm.com, or call (505)269-2837

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If you are looking for a high quality, experienced and professional business/financial management services, please consider aptAbility. aptAbility's team has over 100 years of combined experience managing and auditing New Mexico charter schools. During FY2015, aptAbility managed the business office operations of 15 New Mexico charter schools with combined budgets in excess of \$27 Million. For more information, please contact Alfredo Diaz at alfredo@aptability.net or 520-7801375.

Charter School of the Month

Send us a picture of your school and a short article about what makes your school special and will feature one or more schools as our "Charter School of the Month". Please send your photo and article to Bruce at bruce.h@nmaces.org.

NMCCS Conference

Just a reminder the NMCCS Conference is October 29, 30 and 31 at the Albuquerque Marriott. For more information and to register, please contact Donna at donna@nmccs.org.

ACES Employment

We are looking for highly qualified and experienced special education endorsed, bilingual endorsed, and math and science endorsed educators that are interested in working in one or more charter schools. Interested persons are asked to contact Max (Max.L@nmaces.org) or Bruce (Bruce.H@nmaces.org)