### **CHARTER CHATTER**

## A COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER BETWEEN ACES AND PCSNM FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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### NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As public schools continue to see changes to their reopening parameters, it is your leadership that keeps things stable. There is a considerable weight on your shoulders as a leader in your community. Remember that ACES and PCSNM are both in your corner and ready to help. From something as simple as renewing a contract to brainstorming unique ways to deliver for students, we are here to help as thoughtful partners and allies in helping you execute your vision.

While ACES and PCSNM thank you for your leadership during these times, we should all take a moment to thank Max Luft for his leadership. Max is retiring this summer, and he has had an undeniable impact on our lives in public education. Max was the founder and longtime Director of CES, an organization that, over the past decades, has saved schools millions of dollars. That means schools have more money to spend on services and programs directly impacting kids. Max's latest venture, ACES, is a rising organization that will eventually be able to make a similar claim. I have had the extreme pleasure of working closely with Max over the past year: he is a visionary that changes with the times impressively. If you know me, you know I crave healthy discussion and debate on ideas and strategies for any organization. Max pushed me more than most colleagues, and I loved it. ACES is better for it and I am thankful for our time together. You should be thankful too. Please join me in thanking Max for his contributions to New Mexico public education.

Be well.

Matt Pahl



#### **SPOTLIGHT ON VENDORS**

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY SYSTEMS- PART TWO

# UNARMED SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND SECURITY TRAINING OF STAFF

#### AJF ENTERPRISES INC.

Mission Statement- "To provide a well-trained group of professional security guards that work well and provide our clients with safety and security at its highest level."

AJF Enterprises state that security in educational institutes has become more demanding in recent years and open communication and action on what is expected is of the utmost importance. This is where AJF rises above anybody else in the security business. The company has been built through establishment of high standards. At the core of these standards is client satisfaction and ensuring our clients are safe and secure. AJF strives to ensure both its current and future clients

are satisfied with its performance while providing the best safety, security, care, welfare, and customer service in the industry.

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#### 3D SECURITY SERVICES

3D'S most important goal is to support the mission of New Mexico Charter Schools.

3D strives to meet the security needs of supported schools through meeting with administration to determine how to effectively meet the needs of each school. By utilizing a tool "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" 3D completes vulnerability assessments of supported facilities. 3D will assist in development and enforcement of the security plan of each school.

Along with providing highly trained School Security Officers 3D has staff instructors who are qualified in providing Safety and Situational Awareness training for staff.

3D Security Way: Detect, Deter, Defend!

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#### **ALTHERA**

Over the summer months, ACES staff began conversations with a local medical center, clinicians, scientists, and operations persons at Althera Alternative Care, who had designed a Covid risk reduction plan for use in juvenile correctional facilities throughout New Mexico. The system deployed in this setting followed a layered risk mitigation strategy, adding contactless temperature monitors and face mask recognition, to compliment social distance measures, sanitization, and handwashing precautions. The features of the devices used were satisfiers to staff and administrators due to their ease of use and ability to safely obtain a listing of scanned students with an id number or other identifier. Data collected such as time of scan and temperature, could be stored internally at the school and distributed as determined by the school, quickly and efficiently. Also available with the system is a symptom inventory application (phone app) that quickly queries symptoms associated with an illness such as Covid-19. This instrument eliminates delays at school entry points, and in the process, meets the PED Reentry Guidance guidelines that schools must participate in, in the coming school year. It is our thought that by using these tools, and adhering to standard precautions and social distance guidelines, we are incrementally increasing safety and reducing risk of transmission of the Corona virus. We anticipate that using this technology will further facilitate disease surveillance and rapid response for staff and students at Albuquerque Charter Schools. Although we acknowledge that we cannot eliminate all risk that exists in a pandemic, we feel strongly that every effort should be made to improve safety as we plan to return to school in the Fall. Our initial roll out of the plan includes devices in four schools with installations scheduled in the coming weeks. Additional devices are available. If you would like further information on how your school can participate, please contact Max Luft (max.l@nmaces.org) or Todd LeCesne (info@altheraclinic.com) for more details.

#### JANI-KING IS OFFERING DISINFECTING SERVICES

We are currently offering electrostatic sprayer disinfecting to all our customers. The ACES price for this service is .13 per square foot, however I want to extend a special offer to those schools that we do not service. If any school signs on with us for cleaning service for the upcoming year, we will provide this service free of charge. For some this can be up to a \$2500.00 value. Please feel free to contact me if interested.

Thank you,

Michael Vigil, Regional Director

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### **READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

News on Governor's School Announcement: <a href="https://www.krqe.com/news/education/gov-lujan-grisham-delays-all-in-person-learning-at-new-mexico-public-schools-through-labor-day/">https://www.krqe.com/news/education/gov-lujan-grisham-delays-all-in-person-learning-at-new-mexico-public-schools-through-labor-day/</a>

New CDC guidance on re-opening: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools.html</a>

Private schools are in our context, and we must understand how they are opening as well: <a href="https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/coronavirus/santa-fe-area-private-schools-still-planning-return-to-classrooms/article\_aebab29a-c6af-11ea-8e28-33ab6d476f8e.html">https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/coronavirus/santa-fe-area-private-schools-still-planning-return-to-classrooms/article\_aebab29a-c6af-11ea-8e28-33ab6d476f8e.html</a>