

CHARTER CHATTER

A COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER BETWEEN ACES AND PCSNM FOR
CHARTER SCHOOLS **SEPTEMBER 2020**



Stress and anxiety are certainly running high as each of you are experiencing the ever-changing demands and expectations that are being placed on schools. I know each of your school communities are thankful for the hard work you are putting in to keep things running as smooth as possible! I want to THANK YOU and encourage you as you face each moment...you ARE appreciated, you ARE needed, and, certainly, ESSENTIAL for the students and families of New Mexico. Hang in there and keep doing the GOOD work. Remember that you are not alone. I want to thank Matt for continuing to host the calls that bring Charter Leaders together to discuss concerns, obstacles, and progress as we move forward. Please keep in mind that PCSNM and ACES are here to support you. Do not be afraid to reach out and ask questions on how we might be able to assist.

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**What a year this
week has been.**



YEAROUT SERVICE

There is no fail proof way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, based on recommendations from the CDC, ASHRAE, and Mechanical Industry experts, here is what we at Yearout Service, LLC recommend.

- Air Exchanges – Increasing outdoor air ventilation rates
 - HVAC systems are typically set to take in 10% outside air. While the weather permits, consider opening them to 20% at a minimum, more where possible.
- Filters
 - Quarterly filter changes at a minimum using a MERV13 filter can capture particulates the size of COVID-19 up to about 50%.
- Ultraviolet Light Systems
 - RGF Photohydroionization utilizes an advanced oxidation process to create hydro-peroxides, ozonide ions, super oxide ions and hydroxide ions. These systems are specific to HVAC and are 95% effective at cleaning the air before it enters/reenters into your building.

Yearout Service will gladly explain any of this in greater detail. However, you need to be supported, consider us a part of your team.

Yearout (at your) Service!

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PCSNM MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to join Public Charter Schools of New Mexico! PCSNM counts nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of charter schools as part of its membership and works together with its members to advocate for charter needs and support each other. Together, we have made significant strides in maintaining lease assistance payments and have stopped harmful legislation focused on a statewide enrollment cap. In the future, we want to work together to expand access to facility funding and ensure equity in our funding formula for charter schools. **We are stronger together - join us!**

Membership cost is \$12.50 per student.

Interested or have questions?

Contact Donna Vanlandingham at donna@pcsnm.org.



LINKS AND RESOURCES

Just another example of charter school leadership! https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/education/monte-del-sol-english-teacher-becomes-leader-in-his-profession/article_69b94ddc-f2ba-11ea-b4f9-0b4f95aadcaf.html

ICYMI: <https://www.abqjournal.com/1495665/voters-divided-on-students-going-back-to-school.html>

EdNext's annual survey just came out and there are some extremely interesting insights. Here is a link to the poll: <https://www.educationnext.org/2020-ednext-poll-interactive/>. Some of the results are mind-blowing! 51% of people in the general sector and 56% of parents approve of vouchers?!?!?

Look at the chart on the following page!

As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

