## CHARTER CHATTER

A COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER BETWEEN ACES AND PCSNM FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS OCTOBER 2020

## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SURVEY REMINDER!!! Thank you to the 27 charter leaders who have filled out the Member Needs Survey. This information is so important as ACES seeks ways to help you. To continue to provide more services to schools, we NEED to hear from more of you. We can only help when we KNOW what help is needed. By filling out the Member Needs Survey, you help ACES determine which direction we will head in the next 3-5 years. The survey is incredibly important to ACES and seeks to look at the services you most need as a charter school leader. The best part of all: it will take you less than 10 minutes.

Member

Needs Survey: https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV daqTzVF22nXs2ix

ERate Reminder - The deadline for jumping in on the ERate Consortia is November 6th. This is an opportunity to have a consultant, paid for by PSCOC, assess the status of the current network infrastructure and help improve internet connectivity and infrastructure. With an e-Rate consultant and experts from the PSFA **Broadband Deficiencies Correction** Program available to help (at no cost to the school), charter schools will be able to leverage dollars to improve connectivity and infrastructure to meet current and future technology demands of the school. Please reach out to me for additional information.

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## **PCSNM Welcomes New Team Members**

Public Charter Schools of New Mexico has made two new hires to better serve our members. Susan Lumley, former school leader at Academy of Technology and Classics (ATC) in Santa Fe is joining the team as the Director of School Support. She has over 25 Years of experience in public schools and ran ATC for a decade, turning it around from a school of concern that was in trouble with its authorizer to one that is regularly recognized in the state. Her vast experience is meant to benefit YOU – feel free to call Susan anytime with issues you face as a school leader (505-490-3792). In addition to Susan, we welcome Jordan Franco as our new Field Director. Jordan has worked in public schools in Albuquerque for over the last decade, starting with the district and ending as the Chief

Operations Officer of Mission Achievement and Success charter school. Jordan brings excitement to our team and great experience in helping parents at MAS find their voice for advocacy. He will expand his efforts at PCSNM to help charter supporters advocate for you with the legislature and authorizers. Please welcome Susan and Jordan!

