

Charter Chatter December 2020

A COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER BETWEEN ACES
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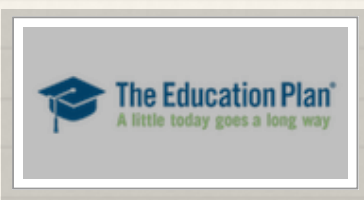


Notes from the Executive Director, Christy Takacs

DEADLINE TO FILL OUT SURVEY IS DECEMBER 31ST! We need your input so we can do our best to meet your needs. Please click this link and fill out our Member Needs Survey:

https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_daqTzVF22nXs2ix

We have had quite a few changes in our Executive Committee that I wanted to highlight this month. First, I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to ***Jesus Moncada***, Principal at Christine Duncan Heritage Academy and outgoing President of ACES. His willingness to lead ACES for an “over time” combined total of 4 years is an incredible testament to his passion for supporting ACES and all Charter Schools in New Mexico. I would like to welcome Eric Ahner, Executive Director of J. Paul Taylor Academy and newly elected President of ACES! Eric brings to us a wealth of knowledge and experience and, most importantly, a desire to make NM Charter Schools stronger. I am excited about our other additions, as well...Casey Benavidez, Director of Cien Aguas International School, is our newly elected Vice President, and new members Bridget Barrett, Head Administrator at SAMS Academy, and Alexandra Boyd, CEO of The ASK Academy. I am looking forward to working with these dedicated leaders in discovering ways we can grow and strengthen ACES to better support NM Charter Schools.



PCSNM Updates and Information

It's easy to help your employees save for their children's future with The Education Plan

Looking for an easy, no cost way to enhance your current employee benefits? [The Education Plan](#), administered by the Education Trust Board of New Mexico, will help you attract and retain your best employees by helping families save for college with a 529 account.

In the uncertainty of 2020, this year's holiday season is a good time to look forward to a better future. Adding [The Education Plan](#) to your current voluntary employee benefits package is an easy way for you to invest in the future and help ensure that student loan debt is less of a factor for your staff's children or grandchildren.

Enabling your employees to make deposits directly into their children's 529 college savings accounts with [The Education Plan](#) is easy to set up and at no charge to your school.

Studies show that with just \$500 saved, a child is three times more likely to attend college or vocational school and four times more likely to graduate. With no minimum contribution required, an account can be opened at any time and savings can easily grow with the help of gift contributions from family and friends. Your account grows tax-free and withdrawals are tax-free if used for qualified higher education expenses. Plus, contributions are fully deductible on New Mexico state income tax returns.

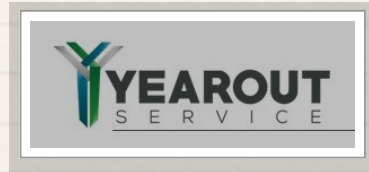
[The Education Plan](#) is both flexible and versatile, individuals can open an account for anyone – a child, other loved ones or even themselves. Plan funds can pay for qualified expenses including tuition, housing, books, computers, fees and more.

and can be used at any accredited college, university, professional, trade or vocational school anywhere in the country or online, and even many internationally.

To learn more about offering [The Education Plan](#) as an employee benefit option, visit

www.theeducationplan.com/employers or call (505) 412-5121.

Air Quality through HVAC Modifications



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Yearout Service has the in-house design and installation capabilities to help you implement the CDC, ASHRAE or **Yearout Service** recommended modifications to your buildings HVAC system. Our goal is to support you in making your buildings safer for occupants in a feasible way. There is no fail proof way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, however, we can help you achieve up to 95% cleaner, safer air with a combination of the below recommendations.

- **Air Exchanges**– Increasing outdoor air ventilation rates

- o HVAC systems are typically set to take in 10% outside air. If the weather permits, consider opening them to 20% at a minimum, more where possible.

- **Filters**

- o Quarterly filter changes at a minimum using a MERV13 filter can capture particulates the size of COVID-19 up to about 50%. These filters cost approximately 3X as much as the standard 'good' filters (MERV8).

- **In-Unit Air Purification Systems**

- o **Photohydroionization (PHI)** utilizes an advanced oxidation process to create hydro-peroxides, ozonized 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. PHI systems cost approximately \$1,000* per HVAC unit installed. Ongoing maintenance is about \$200* per unit, every two years for bulbs.

- o **Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization (NBI)** utilizes electronic charge to create a plasma field with a high concentration of + and – ions. These ions travel in the air stream and attach to particles, pathogens and gas molecules to make them filterable. This process allows the ions to kill pathogens by robbing them of hydrogen and breakdown harmful VOCs. This system costs about \$1,200* per HVAC unit installed and has no ongoing maintenance needs to costs.

- o **Key differences between PHI and NBI:**

- The processes are completely different, but both systems achieve between 95%-99% neutralization of virus, bacteria, mold, VOCs and allergens.

- The PHI option requires that light bulbs be replaced every two or so years depending on use, where the NBI is more of a 'one and done' solution.
- NBI ships in 3-4 weeks. PHI ships in 4-5 months.
- Within two years, the systems have the same approximate cost.

When to call Yearout:

- Call us with questions about the above information
- Call us to provide a customized quote. We'll evaluate your needs, building set up, and budget
- Call us to help support ANY of your HVAC needs – maintenance, air quality, service calls, projects and repairs

*Average cost based on year to date figures. Yearout will provide exact quotes to interested parties based on the specific HVAC equipment at your building.

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Calendar Events and Information

UPCOMING WEBINAR

Mark your calendars for January...you are invited to attend a BRIEF 30-minute webinar to learn about ACES.

More information to come!

ACES 101

Who we are...

- ACES employees
- Location

How we exist...

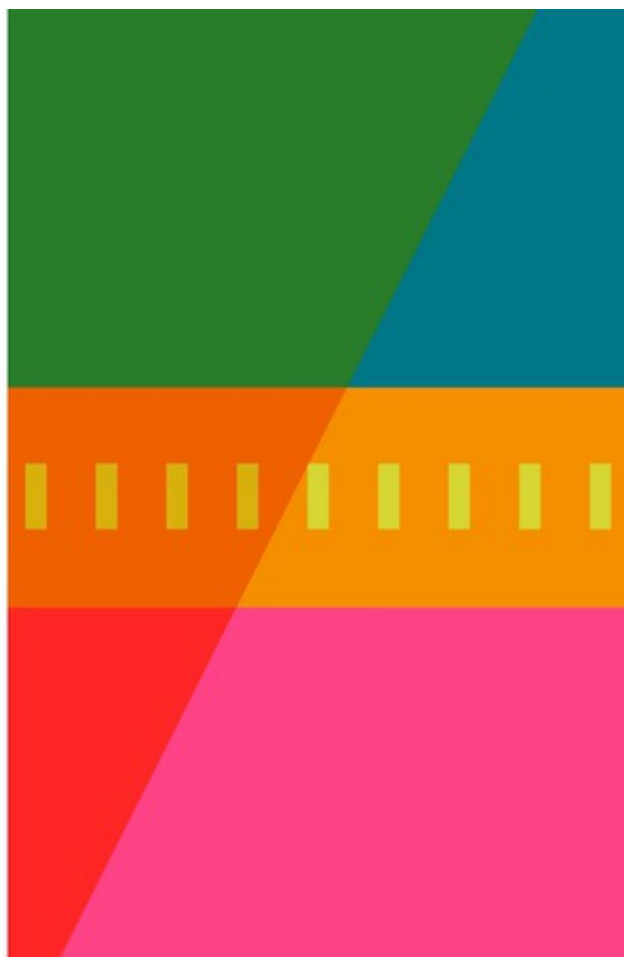
- Governance structure
- Financial structure

What we do...

- Procurement
- Programs and Services

How we can help YOU...

- Who to call
- Where you can find us
- Take the survey



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