

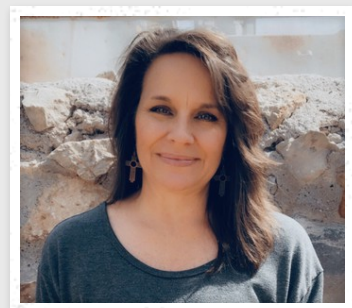
# Charter Chatter

## October 2021

▪ ASSOCIATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICES ▪

### NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHRISTY TAKACS

This month, we wanted to share with you several opportunities for **LEADERSHIP SUPPORT** through **CES**. They are providing options for any level of leaders such as first year principal, first year superintendents (charter leader), and aspiring superintendents (charter leader) support. These programs provide learning throughout the year and connect you with other school leaders who are on the same journey. The Leadership Series: Topics for Learning are free of charge! Here is what Stephanie Becker, Executive Director of Amy Biehl High School and Bridget Barrett, Head Administrator at SAM's Academy have to say:



"We have been excited to support our faculty as potential leaders through the CES Leadership programs. Some have already moved into important leadership positions not only in our school, but others as well. It's a great opportunity to build leaders in your institution." – Stephanie Becker, Executive Director Amy Biehl High School

"It was an absolute pleasure being a part FYPA at CES with Gloria and Evan. As a first-year administrator, it was invaluable to me to have such wise, encouraging and supportive instructors to guide me. In addition, the group we had has formed a bond that has continued throughout the current school year. They are an invaluable resource and a team that calls on each other frequently when help is needed. As you walk through the first year in any role, it can be daunting. I am so grateful for what I have learned in the FYPA class, and the wealth of support it provided me in that very challenging first year. " – Bridget Barrett, Head Administrator, SAMS Academy

You can reach out to Dr. Gloria Rendon or Evan Grasser at CES or visit [ces.org](https://ces.org) for more information. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions!

Also, is your school in need of a **Security Guard**? ACES has a vendor who would love to help you out! Read more below about **AJF Enterprises**.

Don't forget to reach out to Chris at PSFA for help with your **E-Rate funding**! I have listed his contact information below.



**Dr. Gloria O. Rendón**

Dr. Gloria O. Rendón is the former Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders. During her career, Dr. Rendón also served in various district and school level positions spanning from teacher to Superintendent of Schools in Santa Fe. Dr. Rendón's passion for advancing the learning of all students sustains her effort in supporting aspiring and current leaders as they gain the skills and knowledge in their journey to provide the leadership New Mexico's students need and deserve.



**Evan Grasser**

Evan Grasser has served in a variety of administrative positions in small to very large school districts. As an educator, trainer, coach, leader, and facilitator of learning, she strives to build each participant's capacity and group based on their strengths. Evan is committed to continuous learning and is passionate about working with those who are focused on providing the best learning environment for New Mexico students.

### Apply Early!

Participation for all programs is limited.

Application information for each program is located on the CES website.  
[www.ces.org/leadership-development](http://www.ces.org/leadership-development)

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## 2021-2022 CES Leadership Development Program







It gives me great pleasure to present our Leadership Professional Development opportunities for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. I want to thank our CES Executive Committee for allowing the CES budget to support our Member districts in meeting your professional development needs. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the following for their collaboration in helping identify the CES training opportunities:

Stan Rounds and the New Mexico School Superintendents Association  
Joe Guillen and the School Boards Association  
Higher Education  
Regional Education Cooperative Association  
Leadership

We continue to research and incorporate best practices when selecting the programs we offer. We encourage you, as a leader or supervisor, to participate in these powerful professional learning opportunities. We have also found that it helps cultivate and preserve your district's best talent when you include your leadership team.

Again, I want to thank our many partners for helping us select the professional development opportunities we plan to offer for this coming fiscal year. Thank you, our members, for supporting CES and the programs we offer in helping you meet our New Mexico Children's needs.

### First Year Superintendents Academy (FYSA)

CES has designed this year-long academy to focus on strategic, relevant content alongside powerful interactions and networking opportunities with educational and legislative leaders across the state. High-intensity executive coaching and quarterly learning opportunities will further support new superintendents throughout their first year as they support students in their district.

### First Year Principals Academy (FYPA)

FYPA provides a year of ongoing learning, support, and coaching. Targeted professional learning designed specifically for new campus administrators begins with an intensive summer workshop designed to fine-tune leadership skills, strategic planning, and preparation for the school year. Monthly learning sessions, check-in meetings, and one-on-one coaching will ensure high levels of support throughout the first year of principalship.

**Requirements:** First-Third Year in Principal position; Superintendent's recommendation

### Aspiring Superintendents Academy (ASA)

The ASA program provides a full year of rich experiences for learners who aspire to ready themselves for Superintendent responsibilities. Designed to be intensive, thorough, and focused on building skills to prepare future leaders, monthly seminars and assignments equip participants well for their professional growth and aspirations in a highly supportive environment.

**Requirements:** 3 or more years of Administrative experience; Superintendent's recommendation

### Administrators Leadership Development (ALD) Program

The ALD program is a year-long PED-approved opportunity for current outstanding NM educators to acquire their 3B Administrative License. Focused learning designed for building leadership, instructional knowledge, communication skills, and other significant skills will prepare participants to become strong and valued district educational leaders.

**Requirements:** MA Degree; 2B Instructor License; Superintendent's recommendation

### Leadership Series

Monthly learning opportunities for leaders across the state will focus on critical topics designed to enhance educational practice. All leaders, or aspiring leaders, are welcome to participate in the learning.

### Board Leadership Development (BLD)

This opportunity provides leadership training to new and experienced Board members across New Mexico. Sessions are designed strategically to strengthen educational outcomes across all school districts.





## Leadership Series 2021 Fall Semester: Topics for Learning

**September 14, 2021**

Communication Tips for all Seasons & Reasons

Tip from a Chief Communications Strategist

[Click Here to Register for Sept. 14](#)

**September 28, 2021**

High Expectations = Increased Student Achievement

(A New Mexico District Shares Their Strategies)

[Click Here to Register for Sept. 28](#)

**October 12, 2021**

Tying Student Outcomes to Funding

[Click Here to Register for Oct. 12](#)

**October 26, 2021**

AVID Strategies for Good Instruction

[Click Here to Register for Oct. 26](#)

**November 16, 2021**

Innovations in Evaluation Techniques

[Click Here to Register for Nov. 16](#)

**December 7, 2021**

Assessment Preparation #1

(Preparation for taking the PRAXIS Administrator exam)

[Click Here to Register for Dec. 7](#)

**Meetings on Tuesdays  
from 3:30 - 5:30pm**

*You are invited to these invaluable learning opportunities via Zoom!*

*Register in advance of each meeting:*

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting*

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## PFSA E-RATE SUPPORT REMINDER

Within the next month Chris Martinez, with PSFA, will be available to assist any charter school with evaluating and creating a scope of work for their infrastructure (**CAT2**) projects. PSFA applies and assists for federal funding for NM Charters to improve networks. They provide a consultant (**Solix**) **free** of charge to help assist with the applications for funding. If you are interested in having your network evaluated or suggestions for improvement, please reach out ASAP to schedule a visit. Charter schools receive **\$167.00** per student so, for example, if you have **250 students**



the charter school is eligible for **\$41,750** to upgrade/improve your network. This is a great program and has made a big difference for many schools and ultimately the students' success to have access to current technology. The other great thing about this is, other than some signed documents, PSFA does all the work for you! Please contact Chris if you have any questions or need assistance.

**Thank You**

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## **ACES SERVICES HIGHLIGHT: AJF ENTERPRISES INC.**

### **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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