

Charter Chatter

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ACES Executive Director, Christy Takacs

FOOD SERVICE RFP - Let us help!

Charter Leaders, I would like to remind you that the main purpose of ACES existence is to provide schools the opportunity to participate in cooperative purchasing for a variety of goods and services. ACES is currently in collaboration with PED in drafting three food service RFP's for SY 2022-23. **We will solicit proposals for Cost Reimbursement, Fixed Price, and Bulk Foods Contracts.**

There are many of you who's current food contracts are up this year and will need to put out an RFP for these services. ACES is here to help and can do the work for you! If you are interested in being a part of ACES food service RFP, please contact me as soon as possible. We will work collaboratively with you or your food service manager to make sure your needs are addressed in the RFP. I am also seeking volunteers to participate in the RFP evaluation process. Let me know if you would like to be a part of the process! In addition to food service, ACES has several RFP's scheduled in the coming months. Ancillary Services, Landscaping, and Security Systems are just a few that we want to put on your radar.



ACES Annual JPA Board Meeting

When

Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 2:30-3:15pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

Please join us for our ANNUAL JPA meeting for important information and updates of what ACES is doing for all of our members!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87986975843?pwd=ZitRNFJ1TWVBa2FXRFZvbWxGcjRmUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 8697 5843 Passcode: 061459



Public Charter Schools of New Mexico, Matt Pahl

Hi Everyone,

I'm writing to remind you that registration for the annual conference is on! With our hybrid format, this conference is an excellent opportunity to send other members of your leadership team or other staff who are interested in future leadership to the conference. They can attend sessions as their schedule allows and come to the regional reception to meet other leaders in the charter school and education sector at large. Please see the details below!

2021 Annual Conference: December 1st & 2nd

We welcome you to join our 2021 Annual Conference. This year's conference will be a hybrid affair, and open to all members of the charter school community: school leaders, staff, charter supporters included. The hybrid conference will include two in-person events: a school visit on the morning of December 1st and a reception that same evening.

The theme for this year's conference is equity, as it is at the forefront of charter school work and a primary driver in New Mexico education policy. Equity will be the focus of our keynote speaker, school site visit, and breakout sessions. We're hopeful that those sessions will provide discussions that provoke critical thought and resources to serve all of New Mexico's students. When we lift every student up toward success by meeting their individual needs, our students have bright futures.

Cost is \$150 per person for members and \$250 for non-members.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/HBDTYX4ydb8QesW88>.

The DEADLINE to register has been extended to November 26th!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - December 1st

December 1st

8:00 am -10:00 am – In-Person School Site Visits

Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque

- Albuquerque - Tierra Adentro: The New Mexico School of Academics, Art, and Artesania
1781 Bellamah Ave, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104
- Santa Fe - New Mexico School for the Arts
- 500 Montezuma Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501
- Taos - Anansi Charter School
57 NM-230 El Prado, NM 87529
- Las Cruces - The New America School Las Cruces
207 S. Main Las Cruces, NM 88001

10:45 am - 11:00 am – VIRTUAL Welcome from Matt Pahl, Executive Director of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico

11:30 am - 12:00 pm – VIRTUAL Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, Secretary-Designate of the Public Education Department

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm – VIRTUAL Equity Breakout Sessions*. These three breakout sessions will focus school-based strategies that can be used to meet students' needs and create opportunity for all students. Participants will be exposed to curriculum, new perspectives in providing social emotional supports, and more. *This session counts toward 1 hour of governing council training credit for Equity and Culturally Responsive Practices*

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm – Virtual ACES Annual JPA Meeting

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm – In-Person Reception in Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque. Join your fellow charter community members for fellowship and good times. We will raffle off prizes and serve food and drinks.

- Albuquerque - Tomasita's 4949 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
- Santa Fe - Tomasita's 500 S Guadalupe St, Santa Fe, NM 87501
- Taos - Taos Country Club 54 Golf Course Dr, Rancho De Taos, NM 87557
- Las Cruces – Sunset Grill: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course 1274 Golf Club Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - December 2nd

8:00 am - 9:00 am – VIRTUAL Charter School Innovation in Law*

To truly meet their missions, public charter schools in New Mexico are afforded certain waivers from state law. This session will focus on these waivers and what is possible for schools in using them. Participants will get exposure to the law and considerations for deciding on using waivers.

****This session counts toward 1 hour of governing council training credit for Ethics and Responsibilities***

11:00 am - 12:00 pm – VIRTUAL Panel: The Future of Equity

Focusing on the success of all our students is not new for many of our educators. The Yazzie Martinez ruling has changed the environment, but the effects are unclear. This panel of experts has been focusing on equity their entire careers, and provide perspective from the Yazzie/Martinez Plaintiffs, the state, a school district, and, of course, a charter school, and will explore the future of equity in New Mexico education.

- Rick Miera (invited), Former Chair of the House Education Committee
- Kata Sandoval, Deputy Secretary of Academic Engagement and Student Success, Public Education Department
- Matt Montano, Superintendent, Bernalillo Public Schools
- Theresa Archuleta, Co-Director, Tierra Adentro of New Mexico

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm – VIRTUAL The State of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico: PCSNM's Annual Report. Members of PCSNM are welcome to attend this session, which will provide an inside peek of PCSNM's organizational health. We are accountable to our members!

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm – VIRTUAL Public Charter Schools of New Mexico 2021 awards

Join us for this exciting event, where we honor our charter community. Awards will include Charter School of the Year, Charter Leader of the Year; Charter Student of the Year and Governing Board Member of the Year. Come see the people that make our charter schools work!

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm – VIRTUAL Legislative Panel

Join our Legislators from both the House and Senate for a panel to discuss the upcoming legislative session. They'll share their thoughts on possibilities and threats existing for charter schools and the state as a whole.



Marketplace Introduction: Charter School Capital

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For more information or to set up a personal appointment contact me directly.

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