



ACES Insights

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Christy Takacs, Executive Director

ACES is excited to share with you that we have completed the RFP process for Educational Technology and have awarded four contracts. We are pleased to continue our relationships with LDD Consulting and PowerOn Technology Services. We look forward to working with Rising Sun Technologies and Sharp Electronics. You can learn more about them below! I would like to thank **Katelyn Church**, Coordinator of Technology, at Cobre Consolidated School District and **Mark Carrara**, IT Director, at Amy Biehl High School for assisting us in evaluating proposals. This is a necessary part of the process and we appreciate the time they gave in reviewing the submissions. Be sure to read about School Security Grant Writing Support from Intraworks and free Professional Development from The Social Institute!

We are continuing to work through the process of updating our 3-Party Agreement to include an **Agency Agreement with Incorporating Contract (AAIC)** document that our vendors will sign and a new **Participating Agency Agreement (PAA)** that our agencies will sign and it will only need to be signed ONE TIME!!! This will allow any work to be completed by our vendors to any of our agencies as soon as a Purchase Order is issued to ACES. This will *simplify* the process for any of our agencies to quickly access the goods and services provided by our contracted vendors. We will be reaching out to all of you to get this in place for ease of use as we move forward. We are here to help! Let us know how we can best support you.

Check out our new website at: <https://nmaces.org/>



School Security Grant Opportunity

Hello ACES partners. Intraworks, your trusted ACES security provider, is offering to work with you on your DOJ federal grant application. Our in-house grant writer, Carlos Gallegos, is offering his services, working with you on this DOJ grant that could secure up to \$500,000 in school security measures. This grant could be used for security solutions & equipment such as concealed weapons detection, weapons detection, cameras, upgraded access control, emergency notifications and other security equipment that could improve the safety of your schools and campuses. The DOJ School Violence Protection Program grant is currently open for application and closes in June 2024. Please call us @ 505-884-1970 to setup an appointment.



New Vendors for Educational Technology



Rising Sun Technologies Electrical, LLC

Rising Sun Technologies' unique approach is to provide comprehensive integrated technical solutions for charter schools in order to harness the efficiencies of integrated technology with our capable in-house teams.

Our lineup includes everything from cutting-edge VoIP phone system installations and high-density Wi-Fi products, to comprehensive network services, desktop support, and managed IT services. We also specialize in setting up advanced AI-capable camera systems, full-campus paging and access control, and rock-solid network infrastructure with BICSI-compliant fiber optic and CAT6 cabling. All of these solutions are provided under one roof by our capable team. We also foster partnerships and work closely with companies that focus on test readiness and campus safety.

We have spent decades finding the talent to round out our offering and have a combined 100+ years of experience in the various aspects of providing technology solutions. Central to our culture is not only technical competence, but strong interpersonal skills and friendliness.

Our goal is simple: Help the charter schools of New Mexico by providing a resilient and agile communication and computing environment so they can provide a safe campus and empower the next generation to achieve greatness.

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Sharp Business Systems



Sharp Business Systems (SBS) is the direct sales organization backed by Sharp Electronics Corporation, a pioneer in technology for over a century that employs over 50,000 people worldwide.

When you choose Sharp Business Systems, you get a provider that understands your organization's technology needs and offers a vast range of office equipment, ProAV products, software applications and professional services. Other companies may provide

similar products, but what makes us unique is our local management and community relationships along with our genuine desire to craft solutions that improve the way you do business.

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Poweron Technology Services

Poweron Technology has been serving the Albuquerque area since 2004, providing IT Support such as technical helpdesk support, computer support, and consulting to small and medium-sized businesses. It's always been our goal to provide enterprise-level IT practices and solutions to the charter school sector, with affordable prices. Our experience has allowed us to build and develop the infrastructure needed to keep our prices affordable and our schools up and running. We provide weekly onsite, remote support, surveillance systems, 24/7 surveillance monitoring, door access controls, technology plans and more to our charter school clients. As a member of Aces we will provide you a free consultation on request.

Anthony Brown

CEO, Poweron Technology Services

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LDD Technology Services

Elevate the success of your school's success with LDD Consulting's trusted Managed IT Services. Benefit from over two decades of expertise tailored to educational needs, ensuring seamless operations and sustained productivity in Albuquerque's dynamic landscape. Our services include standardized testing expertise, swift response times (with live, local phone support), securing and managing Chromebooks, and flexible, satisfaction-guaranteed plans. From proactive monitoring to robust cybersecurity, trust LDD to provide uninterrupted support for smooth, secure IT operations.

Contact David Luft, CEO, at 505-792-2375 or visit <http://www.LDDconsulting.com> for more information.



Help Empower Students To Navigate Social Media

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With almost [100% of Gen Z](#) participating in a group chat, this will likely be one of the top ways they'll communicate with their friends they can't be with over the summer. However, misinterpretations, arguments, and the overwhelming nature of group chats can lead to drama. **Now is the perfect time to equip your members with the tools to empower their students to navigate group chat drama over the summer break.** Check out our

new free PD session on this topic below along with other resources to prepare for the summer.

1. [New PD session available](#) for your members on how to empower students to navigate group chat drama
2. TSI Insights: [Setting Family Standards to Use Tech for Good | Elementary School Edition](#)
3. Upcoming Webinar: [Investing in Student Well-Being: Improving school culture by huddling with students](#)

Learn more about these resources:

New PD session available for your members on how to empower students to navigate group chat drama.

Many educators tell us that their schools are impacted by group chat drama regularly, so we are currently offering a free webinar, *Top Tips for Helping Students Navigate Group Chat Drama During Summer Break*, to help schools navigate this topic before the school year ends. If you are interested in a free PD session that we will personally present to your educators and administrators, request more info by emailing savannah.shaw@thesocialinst.com or booking time with this [link](#).

TSI Insights: Setting Family Standards to Use Tech for Good | Elementary School Edition

From Minecraft to FaceTiming to YouTube Kids, students are gaining access to technology earlier than ever before. This means it's never too early to start thinking about the standards your family wants to set about technology. Every family has their own set of standards and ideas when it comes to screens and tech, which is why we encourage families to **huddle together as a "team"** and discuss which guidelines work best for them. [Download](#) the Family Social Standards Agreement for elementary school aged students to help start these conversations.

Upcoming TSI Webinar: Investing in Student Well-Being: Improving school culture by huddling with students

May 2, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. ET - 4:45 p.m. ET

Schools often try to enhance school culture by monitoring data and conducting surveys, but there's a more impactful approach. The more we huddle with students, the better we can understand their needs and views. So, how do we transition from over-monitoring and helicoptering to **more meaningful and perspective-building moments**? [Register](#) for a dynamic and insightful conversation with Dr. Sharon Hoover, Co-Director of the National Center for School Mental Health and the Director of the Center for Safe and Supportive Schools, and learn why focusing on student well-being is crucial for the upcoming school year.

Explore Student Trends: Join our Huddle newsletter

Join [The Huddle](#) to get expert summaries on how the latest social media, tech, and current event trends are impacting K-12 students, plus student-respected discussion prompts that educators just like you are using to better understand their students so they can better equip them to navigate social media and tech in positive and high-character ways.

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Don't Forget to Check Out Our New Website!!



Sharon Myers

Sharon is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters