



## YPI CHARTER SCHOOLS

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**TO:** YPI Charter Schools  
Board of Directors

**FROM:** Yvette King-Berg  
Executive Director

**SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve notice to authorizing district, LAUSD, to reserve the right of YPICS to leave LAUSD SELPA**

### BACKGROUND

In 2011, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) reorganized its Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) to provide charter schools with a continuum of options for serving students with disabilities. The continuum spans from the least autonomous Option 1 to the most autonomous Charter Operated Program: Option 3 (COP3).

Since the reorganization, nearly 200 independent charter schools have embraced autonomy and responsibility in special education through COP3. This new autonomy has resulted in a steady increase in the percentage and range of students with disabilities enrolled in LAUSD charter schools.

### ANALYSIS

Although the relationship with the District and the results achieved by the charter schools in COP3 have been positive, the COP3 members recognize that special education arrangements with the LAUSD SELPA are subject to change. For this reason, charter schools must take steps necessary to preserve their autonomy and infrastructure by maintaining the ability to exit the SELPA should such action be in the best interest of the charter school and their students.

The YPI Charter Schools, along with the other COP3 member schools, will submit a letter as notification that all (or selected) schools in COP3 reserve the right to exit the LAUSD SELPA effective July 1, 2021.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the submission of the notice to the authorizing district, LAUSD, to reserve the right of YPICS to leave LAUSD SELPA.