



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 25, 2021

The mission of the YPI Charter Schools (YPICS) is to prepare students for academic success in high school, as well as post--secondary education; prepare students to be responsible and active participants in their community; and enable students to become life-long learners. Students at YPI Charter Schools will become active citizens who characterize the ideals of a diverse and democratic society. Students will provide service to their community, take responsibility for their own learning, and develop the habits of mind and body that will empower them to be successful in high school and beyond.

National:

*U.S. Food and Drug Administration
October 1, 2021*

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is announcing two upcoming meetings of its Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) to discuss newly available data for the currently available COVID-19 vaccines.

VRBPAC Meeting on Janssen and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

On Oct. 14 and 15, the advisory committee will meet to discuss the use of booster doses of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Both vaccines are currently authorized for emergency use to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. The committee will also hear presentations and discuss the available data on the use of a booster of a different vaccine than the one used for the primary series of an authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine (heterologous or “mix and match” booster).

“Vaccines are one of the most important interventions for bringing an end to the ongoing pandemic. It’s critical that as many eligible individuals as possible get vaccinated as soon as possible. Once vaccinated, we want to ensure that individuals continue to be protected against the adverse effects of COVID-19. The available data make clear that protection against symptomatic COVID-19 in certain populations begins to decrease over time, so it’s important to evaluate the information on the use of booster doses in various populations,” said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of the FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

On Oct. 14, the committee will discuss an amendment to the emergency use authorization of the [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for the administration of a booster dose, in individuals 18 years of age and older.

On Oct. 15, the VRBPAC will discuss amending the emergency use authorization of Johnson and Johnson's [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for the administration of a booster dose, in individuals 18 years of age and older.

Additionally, on Oct. 15, the committee will hear a presentation from the National Institute of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases on the heterologous use of booster doses following the primary series of the three currently authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines.

During the meeting, the committee will hear presentations from the companies on the data for their respective vaccines. The FDA will also present its own analyses of each of the manufacturers' data. There will be an open public hearing each day during which the public will be given an opportunity to provide comments.

VRBPAC Meeting on Pfizer Data on Its COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11

The FDA anticipates receiving a request from Pfizer to amend its emergency use authorization to allow the use of its COVID-19 vaccine in children 5 through 11 years of age. In anticipation of the request, the FDA is moving forward with scheduling an advisory committee meeting on Oct. 26 to inform the agency's decision-making.

"We know from our vast experience with other pediatric vaccines that children are not small adults, and we will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of clinical trial data submitted in support of the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine used in a younger pediatric population, which may need a different dosage or formulation from that used in an older pediatric population or adults," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D.

State:

CCSA Capitol Update - Legislative Update October 15, 2021

October 10 was the deadline for Governor Newsom to sign or veto legislation. Below is a comprehensive update on all legislation CCSA was watching on the Governor's desk. CCSA will be holding a webinar on November 4 to summarize Governor Newsom's final actions and more, [you can register here](#), more information below.

[AB 101 \(Medina\)](#) Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement – This bill was signed by Governor Newsom. AB 101 would require all schools, including charter schools, to offer an ethnic studies course by the 2025-26 school year and to have an ethnic studies graduation requirement by the 2029-30 school year. CCSA was successful this year in removing a broader amendment that would have required charter schools to follow all graduation requirements.

[AB 167 \(Budget\)](#) Clean-up Education Trailer Bill - This bill was signed by Governor Newsom. In addition to broad clean-up of AB 130, the original Education Trailer Bill, this bill contains charter protective language that excludes Independent Study ADA due to COVID-related closures and quarantines from the threshold to trigger a nonclassroom-based charter school funding determination. Unlike last years' exemption, this provision only exempts independent study ADA

from the threshold if it is due to a public health closure or quarantine. Since AB 167 is an urgency measure, it took effect immediately. [You can find CCSA's summary of the Independent Study changes contained in the bill here.](#)

[AB 361 \(Rivas, Robert\)](#) Brown Act Emergency Teleconferencing Extension – This bill was signed by Governor Newsom. AB 361 extends the COVID-19 teleconference requirements for meetings under the Brown Act until January 1, 2024 during states of emergency based on governing board findings, and incorporates into law the increased flexibility for charter school boards during the pandemic. AB 361 is also an urgency bill, and as such, is already in effect. You can find guidance from the bill's sponsors, the California Special District's Association, [on AB 361 here](#), and a [sample resolution to implement the provisions of AB 361 here](#). As always, please check with your legal counsel before implementing these provisions.

[AB 599 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#) Williams Act Expansion – This bill was signed by Governor Newsom. AB 599 will revise and recast the provisions of the Williams Act to require the list of schools that must be inspected per the Williams Act be revised in 2021-22, again in 2022-23, and then revised every three fiscal years thereafter. In effect, this makes the Williams Act a permanent part of the CA Education Code and may subject school districts and charter schools to Williams inspections if they become part of the revised lists.

[AB 824 \(Bennett\)](#) Petition Process to Add Student Board Members – This bill was signed by Governor Newsom. AB 824 requires County Offices of Education (COE) and charter schools to allow high school students that are part of their student body to petition the board to add a non-voting student member to the COE or charter school board. CCSA was successful in ensuring a letter was filed by the bill's author to the journal specifying that the requirements of AB 824 would not constitute a material revision. To be clear, AB 824 is not a student board member mandate nor require a non-voting student board member be immediately added to the governing board. It requires the student body to petition the board to add a non-voting student member.

[AB 1055 \(Ramos\)](#) Tribal Foster Youth – This bill was signed by Governor Newsom. CCSA supported AB 1055 as it revises the definition of foster youth to ensure that tribal foster youth, including those subject to a voluntary placement agreement or who are dependents of a court of an Indian Tribe, are considered foster youth for purposes of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). This was a technical issue with LCFF that excluded such students, and resulted in no additional supplemental funding despite clearly being foster youth. We are glad to see this bill signed and this issue fixed.

[SB 224 \(Portantino\)](#) Mental Health Education Mandate – This bill was signed by Governor Newsom. SB 224 would require all schools, including charter schools, that offer courses in health education in middle or high school to include instruction in mental health based on the required elements specified in the bill.

On November 14th, the Safe Schools for All Team made revisions and additions to the California Department Public Health [K-12 Schools Guidance 2021-2022 Questions & Answers](#), as follows:

- FAQ #10 provides updated recommendations regarding testing during quarantine;
- FAQ #13 provides updated recommendations for a targeted approach to school-based contact tracing; and
- FAQ #20 provides considerations when hosting dances and assemblies.

The [CDPH K-12 Schools Guidance](#) was also updated to explicitly refer and link to the FAQ website within Section #8 on Quarantine recommendations. [You can find the updated guidance here.](#)

District:

LAUSD COVID 19 Vaccine Requirement

LAUSD modified their vaccine requirement to allow employees with one vaccine by October 15, 2021 to continue to report to work, and not be subject to separation from District service as long as they receive the 2nd dose by November 15, 2021. The District will place employees without proof of vaccine on paid leave until October 31, 2021.

LAUSD is requiring all employees and adults who provide services on District property to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and receive their 1st dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or their single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine by October 15, 2021, and as applicable, receive their 2nd dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine by November 15, 2021. These dates are summarized in the chart below.

Vaccine	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose
Pfizer	<i>No later than October 15, 2021</i>	<i>No later than November 15, 2021</i>
Moderna	<i>No later than October 15, 2021</i>	<i>No later than November 15, 2021</i>
Johnson & Johnson	<i>No later than October 15, 2021</i>	N/A

All YPICS employees and adults working on YPICS facilities are in compliance with the YPICS and LAUSD policies.

YPICS:

The YPICS Executive Team spent the past two months working on a YPICS Teacher Effectiveness Rubric. The Rubric is now being shared with teachers to obtain their feedback as we continue to work towards excellence for students and instructional leaders.

Executive Director King-Berg and Chief Operations Officer Duenas have been conducting

monthly site visits to support instruction in the classroom School Climate and Culture, and to continue to improve on overall operational procedures.