



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

December 6, 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:

From School Services of California –

*SBE Approves Revised LCAP Template
November 23, 2021*

On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, the California Department of Education released the revised template and instructions for the 2022-23 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the template and instructions for the Supplement for the Annual Update to the 2021-22 LCAP (Supplement). Both of the templates were approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) at its November 3, 2021 meeting.

Local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to use the new template in developing their 2022-23 LCAP, which needs to be adopted by July 1, 2022. Additionally, LEAs must complete the 2021-22 Supplement and provide an update on the 2021-22 LCAP to their local governing boards by February 28, 2022. LEAs will then include the Supplement as part of the 2022-23 LCAP for purposes of adoption, review, approval, and posting.

From School Services of California –

*Congress to Tackle Key Fiscal Deadlines After Thanksgiving Break
November 23, 2021*

While President Joe Biden and the coalition of bipartisan congress members that supported the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill celebrated its passage at a signing ceremony on the White House

lawn last week, there are a number of significant deadlines looming for Congress when it returns from the Thanksgiving holiday next week.

With the infrastructure bill now signed, the new national focus has shifted to the \$1.75 trillion Build Back Better Act, which the House approved along partisan lines 220-213 last Friday, November 19, 2021, after the Congressional Budget Office provided its summary of the bill. The bill faces an uphill battle in the Senate if Democrats can't get moderate Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) to endorse the measure.

However, there are arguably two more important issues that, if not dealt with by Congress in December, could prove catastrophic to the U.S. economy: the fiscal year (FY) 2022 federal budget and the raising or suspension of the nation's debt limit.

Congress is supposed to approve a budget by October 1 (the beginning of the federal fiscal year) every year or face a government shutdown; however, to avoid a government shutdown it can also approve a continuing resolution (CR), which is a stopgap measure that keeps the government funded at previous fiscal year levels for a short period of time. Since Congress was not able to approve the necessary appropriations bills that make-up the federal budget before October 1, it sent President Biden a CR to keep the government funded at FY 2021 levels until December 3. However, with congressional focus on the infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better Act, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) conceded that Congress will not be able to approve a budget by the December 3 deadline. This means that it will need to approve another CR next week to keep the government funded, which Democrats should be able to do despite their razor-thin majorities in both houses.

The more complicated issue that Congress must deal with is the raising or suspension of the national debt limit, as failure to tackle this issue could result in the U.S. defaulting on its financial obligations. Back in October 2021, President Biden signed a bill increasing the nation's debt ceiling by \$480 billion, which is how much the U.S. Treasury Department told Congress it would need to get through December 3. Secretary Janet Yellen is now predicting that the funding should last until at least December 15 (and perhaps later), which buys Congress more time to cut a deal.

While Congress has historically been able to raise the debt ceiling regardless of the party in power, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) told his Democratic colleagues and the Biden Administration that congressional Republicans will not assist in raising the nation's debt limit. He has instead dared Senate Democrats to use the budget reconciliation process, which bypasses a Republican filibuster by requiring only a simple majority to pass out of the Senate. While McConnell backed down from this threat in providing the ten Republican votes needed to block a filibuster and allow Democrats to approve the October increase, he has reverted to his stance that Democrats will need to go it alone if they want to raise the debt ceiling long term.

Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough, the official advisor to the U.S. Senate on the interpretation of rules and parliamentary procedure, has confirmed that Democrats can raise the debt ceiling on their own via budget reconciliation without impacting their FY 2022 budget resolution. The issue with taking the budget reconciliation route is that it is a process that takes up significant time and it is also unknown whether Democrats can suspend the debt limit for a certain

amount of time or if they must increase the limit by a fixed number, the latter of which could make politically vulnerable Democrats uneasy.

If Congress is unable to suspend or raise the national debt limit, it would be catastrophic for the U.S. economy, affecting all industries including education. For this reason, we at School Services of California Inc. will be paying close attention to this issue and will continue to provide updates in subsequent articles.

District:

From California Charter Schools Association, Los Angeles -

*LAUSD Updates: Charter Policy, Vaccinations
November 22, 2021*

Vaccination Policy for All LAUSD Charters

Last week, UTLA called for the Board to introduce a vaccination mandate for all charter school staff and students authorized by LAUSD, including those on private sites. Board Members Goldberg and Schmerelson requested the Interim Superintendent work with the District General Counsel to develop a proposal for the Board to consider in December.

From Megan K. Reilly, Interim Superintendent -

*Spring COVID-19 Guidance
November 21, 2021*

With vaccination rates increasing throughout Los Angeles County, the following new COVID-19 policies will take effect for all Los Angeles Unified schools on January 10, 2022.

Los Angeles Unified will continue to collaborate with our health partners at the county and state levels, as well as our panel of medical experts and university partners. We may adjust policies accordingly should the need arise due to an increase in community case and positivity rates.

- Baseline testing for unvaccinated students will take place the first week back from winter break.
- Weekly COVID-19 testing will only be required for unvaccinated individuals. This includes students age 12 and older who are conditionally admitted or medically exempt from vaccination.
- Vaccinated students and employees will not be required to test.
- Unvaccinated asymptomatic students who are close contacts will participate in “modified” (in-school) quarantine, provided all Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requirements are met.

- Outdoor masking will only be required for schools where fewer than 85% of students on campus are fully vaccinated. Indoor masking will continue to be required for all individuals at all schools, regardless of vaccination status.

The above policies are in concert with existing health and safety practices like frequent hand washing, classroom sanitation, air ventilation, social distancing when possible and daily health screenings. Further guidance is forthcoming in the form of updated IOCs and resources for families.

In addition, Los Angeles Unified will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccine access for all students and employees. Students aged 5 to 11 are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated but will not be part of the current student vaccination requirement. Similarly, eligible employees will have access to COVID-19 boosters’ shots through the District’s vaccination sites. Third doses will not be mandated for employees at this time, but we highly encourage these also.

Los Angeles Unified remains committed to providing our students with the best possible education in the safest possible environment. Working together, we can all help our students achieve great things.

YPICS:

Vaccination Status

All adults and employees working on YPICS facilities are currently vaccinated. Currently, because of Prop 39 and the LAUSD Collocated vaccination Mandate, our vaccination policy mirror’s the LAUSD policy. Teachers and staff have begun to receive the booster vaccines. We are highly encouraging YPICS Staff to obtain the booster shots. At this time, they are not mandated but highly encouraged. YPICS continue to follow all public health guidelines and laws to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

LAUSD Oversight Visits 2021-22

The CSD will be conducting oversight visits this year in two days. Listed below are the YPICS scheduled dates. We will provide you with more information second semester. For now, the Executive Administrators and YPICS Teams are working hard to ensure that they are complying with all of the regularly updates this year. Most of all ensuring that all YPICS Scholars have what they need, both emotionally and academically, to be successful in school.

School	Day 1	Day 2
Bert Corona Charter School	April 27 th	April 29 th
Bert Corona Charter High School	April 27 th	April 29 th
Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School	May 18 th	May 20 th