

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

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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.

BMS Facilities Improvement Project - New Gymnasium

A community meeting was scheduled this month and postponed for a later date to give an update on the new gymnasium project. CO Architects have come up with three designs for the designated committee. A decision to continue with the next phase in design is schedule at our next meeting. TBD.

Jaffe Building

MORCS has settled into the Jaffe building. The new building is definitely an upgrade from the bungalows and has had a positive impact on school culture and safety. Jaffe currently occupies 15 classrooms and 3 additional small storage spaces. We are looking forward to settling in to our new home until the new facility is built.

MORCS Enrollment

We currently have steady enrollment with **338** students currently enrolled with us. In the 6th grade, we have **121** students who have joined the Puma family followed by **105** students in the 7th Grade (13 new, 92 returning). In the 8th grade, we have **112** students (6 new, 106 returning) with a current classroom size as follows:

- 6th – 30 (4 classrooms)
- 7th – 26 (4 classrooms)
- 8th – 28 (4 classrooms)

Back-to-School Night

We had an excellent BTSN on August 28th with 173 families (6th = 66%, 7th = 40%, 8th = 45%) showing up and best of all they had an opportunity to meet our amazing teachers. All we heard from parents was how they enjoyed the presentations and loved our new teaching staff. As one 6th grade parent highlighted, “I really enjoyed the presentations. I like the structure and method of teaching and this is why I sent my child to this school.” It was a job well done by the entire faculty and staff in organizing our event.

School Climate Transformation Grant

We currently are in Year 1 of our school climate transformation grant. In the last couple of months, MORCS has participated in our Positive Behavior Intervention Support – Promise Coalition (PBIS-PC) Leadership group consisting of seven schools (4 in the SF Valley and 3 in Hollywood-Pico area). The MORCS Site Team has completed its initial walkthrough assessment

that was conducted by our site social worker. We have also completed our “Tier 1” Tiered Fidelity Inventory assessment and have submitted our results. Our next steps are to create an action plan based on our results that supports the PBIS framework. In addition to the PBIS-PC Leadership group and MORCS Site Team (School Culture & Climate Committee), MORCS is also part of the YPICS PBIS team made up of admin and staff for both middle schools to help refine our process and systems of support for implementing the PBIS framework.