



PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT
JUNE 6, 2017**

**Class of 2017 Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, June 8
Stadium by the Sea
5:30pm**

Ticket Required – Watch the Pali Production live stream!

LAUSD Charter Division Visit – PCHS Leadership Team met with representatives from the Charter Division this week to receive preliminary feedback on the annual authorization review. Areas identified as strengths include the work done to address campus culture and climate, the addition of new programs to support students including Peer Mediation, Teen Court, and Mindfulness for staff and students, and additional mental health services. PCHS rates very high in state and district comparisons of graduation rates, attendance, and overall suspensions. Areas for growth discussed included using data analysis especially in math, closing the achievement gap in math, and timely child abuse training reporting. The full report will be forthcoming and will be shared with the school community at an upcoming board meeting.

Update on California tenure legislation – AB 1220 (www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov)

The PCHS Board of Trustees has discussed teacher tenure in previous meetings. Currently California law grants tenure after a two-year probationary period. New legislation proposed by Assembly member Shirley Weber of San Diego would provide new teachers with an additional year of probation with the option to add another one or two years with access to additional mentoring. AB 1220 would also align California's teacher tenure laws with those of forty-two other states where tenure is granted after three to five years.

Protocol for early release/reunification in the event of non-emergency situation impacting facilities

Earlier in the school year broken water main lines causing campus-wide water shut off resulted in the need to release students before the end of the school day. This incident revealed the need to develop protocols for similar situations which could result due to aging infrastructure or inclement weather. If faced with the need to release students early from campus, PCHS has a particularly challenging situation in that many students do not live in the immediate area. The new protocol will be implemented at the start of the 2017-18 school year when parents submit registration information. The Emergency Card included in registration paperwork requires parents to indicate if they want their child to be released from school or remain at school in the event of school release. **Materials are included in the meeting packet.**



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Upcoming Professional Development for 2017-18

Next year PCHS will continue our focus on ensuring equity across the campus. We have selected summer reading to provide a foundation for the work we will be doing throughout the school year. Each staff and board member will receive a copy of the summer reading material, the November issue of *Educational Leadership* with the theme of “Disrupting Inequity”. The lead article is “Unconscious Bias: When Good Intentions Aren’t Enough”. **The summer reading assignment and supplemental materials are included in this meeting’s packet.** The materials also include more information on hidden bias from *Teaching Tolerance* and a “Hidden Bias Test” from Project Implicit. Back to School Professional Development on Tuesday, August 8 will be based on the reading and addresses ways to incorporate these ideas into classrooms and offices.

“Disrupting Inequity.” *Educational Leadership*, November 2016, vol. 74, Number 3.