



# PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

## PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT NOVEMBER 6, 2018

*Our mission: PCHS will empower our diverse student population to make positive contributions to the global community by dedicating our resources to ensure educational excellence, civic responsibility, and personal growth.*

Schoolwide Goal: PCHS will continue to develop and expand opportunities for social emotional wellness development and stress management both inside and outside the classroom for all stakeholders.

**“Take 10” Room** PCHS has launched a morning support program for students who travel long distances to school. Students who arrive on late buses have the opportunity to get breakfast, print homework assignments, pick up personal toiletries, and collect themselves for the day. A new portable check-in systems allows students to bypass the Attendance Office. After a ten-minute moment to decompress, students are on their way to class.

**Restorative Justice Class** - This course is an A-G approved UCCI (University of California Curriculum Integration) course offered for the first time at PCHS this year. See the additional material in the meeting packet for more information about the course. A presentation by students and staff will be provided at the November 6 Board meeting.

Schoolwide Goal: PCHS will commit to equitable policies and practices to ensure Pali’s diverse student population have access to academic opportunities.

Schoolwide Goal: PCHS will improve consistency in instructional curriculum, policies, and practices and increase student centered learning.

PCHS continues to revise the **PCHS Homework Policy** to ensure equity across classrooms. A revised policy draft is being presented at the November 6 Board meeting.

### **Upcoming elections that impact education in CA**

The work we do with our students, families, and staff is foundational to increasing civic engagement and awareness about the elections and elected officials that make decisions about our schools and communities. I encourage you all to get out and **vote Tuesday, November 6** and to encourage your friends and family to do the same. The **State Superintendent of Instruction, State Assembly and Senate races are especially important** in dictating the direction of education policy across the state.



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### **Collective Bargaining**

PCHS UTLA and PCHS Management Teams met this week to begin planning for contract negotiations. As an independent charter school, PCHS teachers bargain separately from LAUSD UTLA. The teams calendared dates for future meetings and determined materials needed for productive discussions. Both teams have included sunshine proposals in the meeting materials for the November 6 PCHS Board meeting. ***PCHS UTLA has indicated that the bargaining unit will not be part of potential strike activity that is currently being discussed by LAUSD UTLA.***

### **PCHS builds relationships and engages in state level charter school initiatives**

#### **Conversion Charter School Leadership meeting at Vaughn Learning Center**

The leaders of conversion charter schools authorized by LAUSD continue meeting to develop strategies to address common concerns and share best practices. Birmingham Community Charter High School, El Camino Real Charter High School, Granada Hills Charter High School and Vaughn Learning Center Executive Directors and Chief Executive Officers participated along with Palisades Charter High School. The charter leaders will be meeting with CA Charter School Association leadership to determine how the organization can best support the unique needs of conversion charters. An area where CCSA currently serves as an excellent resource is through the charter renewal process, which PCHS will be going through next year.

#### **CA Charter School Association Executive Summit convened in San Francisco this past week.**

Charter school leaders from across the state met for two days to provide input on priorities for the organization and learn about the current landscape for charter schools. CCSA is fully embracing a social justice focus to ensure good public schools for all students. CCSA is also very involved in State and local advocacy and policy creation. The need to elect officials who will support education-friendly initiatives will be critical for the future.