



# PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT  
JANUARY 15, 2019**

## **2019-20 School Year Calendar**

Per the calendar recommended by PCHS UTLA and approved by the PCHS Board of Trustees, the first day of classes in the 2019 school year will be August 12. This calendar is the final stage of a three-year agreement. The 2020-21 school year calendar will be revisited next year.

## **Counselor Symposium hosted by PCHS on January 25**

Approximately 30 counselors from ten local schools will participate in the Counselor Symposium at PCHS. School attendees include Beverly Hills, Culver City, Mira Costa, Santa Monica, Torrance, North Torrance, South Torrance, West Torrance, and University. Seminar topics: 1) The Counselor's role in SST, 504, and IEP meetings 2) Scheduling, drop policies, and concurrent enrollment 3) Mental health and suicide prevention resources.

## **Executive Director/Principal Workshops**

### **Governor's Budget Update from Financial Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) and School Services of CA (SSC) - Ontario, CA January 16**

The release of the Governor's Budget on January 10, 2019, was the first official indication of the Governor's priorities for the state as a whole and for K-12 education specifically. The workshop will focus on the major policy issues and funding proposals of the Governor, and it will provide detail for local educational agencies (LEAs) to project their revenues for 2019-20—and for the balance of 2018-19—in accordance with the new Administration's Budget recommendations and fiscal assumptions. The workshop will also offer SSC's insights and advice on what LEAs should do now to prepare for the upcoming year.

### **Charter School Critical Issues Symposium - Glendale, CA on January 23**

Young, Minney & Corr, LLP and CSMC (Charter School Management Corporation) are teaming up to present critical fiscal and legal topics that will impact schools in 2019. The symposium will cover recent court decisions relating to charter schools, new laws impacting charter schools effective January 1, 2019, the best operational and fiscal steps to take to prepare for our challenging political times, and an analysis of the new governor's initial budget proposal. The symposium is designed to prepare schools to thrive in the new political environment, provide opportunities to ask questions of the experts, and connect with other charter school leaders.



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### **LAUSD SELPA Charter-Operated Programs – Director’s Advisory Committee Oakland, CA - January 30 – 31**

Charter Operated Programs (COP) is sending representatives to the Bay Area to visit with the Seneca programs and meet with charter leaders that utilize their supports. Mary Bush and I will be participating. PCHS has utilized Non-Public School (NPS) supports in the past and has been invited to learn more about Seneca’s work with charters. As LA charters begin to think more deeply about localizing NPS supports, this will be an opportunity to visit with schools that are working through solutions. Mental health representation from COP and other LA charter representation will also be in attendance. The program agenda is included in the meeting materials.

**New LAUSD Charter School Division liaison** - PCHS will be working with a new Charter School Division liaison due to Chris Humphrey’s recent retirement. Dr. Blanca Alves-Monaster is stepping into this role. Dr. Alves-Monaster participated in last year’s CSD compliance audit and already has some familiarity with PCHS. We look forward to working with Dr. Alves-Monaster who is leading the annual compliance audit which takes place on May 8 and 9, 2019.



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