



### This month at Excel Academy:



★ The EACS Admin team engaged professional development with Board Consultant Kurt Madden, who lead the team though chapter one of "Everyone Deserves a Great Manager."



★ EACS invested in the Pryor+ Membership for Excel's leaders and support staff.



★ The Executive Director and Operations Coordinator, along with input from legal, developed a Board Manual for the EACS Board of Directors.



Had a successful first interim for the 2022/23 school year and cleared our financial audit for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

### **TK Compliance**

Excel Academy's staff will meet the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Requirements through two years of teaching TK in a classroom setting (from prior experience), or through two years of teaching TK at Excel Academy, along with acquiring 9 units of relevant Child Development coursework.

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Current staff already
meet the TK
compliance
requirements through
their experience and
credentials.

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Currently enrolled in January's USD San Diego County Office of Ed cohort program to meet compliance standards. 9

Staff joining March
USD San Diego
County Office of Ed
cohort, outside
program or waiver in
accordance with
compliance.

# **Board Governance Highlights**







### DID YOU KNOW...

This is the first year Excel Academy split the school into Elementary and Secondary schools

Currently, we have 1085 elementary students in grades TK-6 and 527 secondary students in grades 7-12!

#### BOARD MEMBER RESOURCES & UPDATES

#### · CCSA: Charter Board Retreat

A new opportunity for charter board members to come to conference for a single day or as a capstone to the week, the Charter Board Retreat will connect charter board members with industry experts for a half-day intensive addressing board compliance and best practices.

When: March 16, 2023 Where: Sacramento Convention Center Sponsored by: Excel Academy

lease let Heidi & Lauren know if you'd like to attend!

#### · Update on AB 2449

WOO!

Great news! Board Members can remain VIRTUAL for all board meetings. following specific protocol in AB 2449. More information to follow!

# Holiday Celebrations

Director of Business Services Joe Sorrera attended the Temecula Valley Symphony concert to support our very own IT Coordinator, Alex Han, as he played the violin!







### **December Social Media Campaign**

College + Career Series



# **Outdoor Classroom**











# Student Spotlight

KJ is a seventh grader who has continued to experience success through his academics and extracurriculars. This fall KJ played soccer and with instructional funding he is enrolled in Felton Ninja Academy where he studies ninja warrior and Kempo karate. KJ also takes weekly piano lessons for his musical education. This year, KJ has started dedicating some of his time to get certified as a soccer ref and volunteered for AYSO games on the weekends. KJ shows up each day with a posture to learn and it's been incredible to witness his growth in anything he decides to do.

# Kevin "KJ" Bland



# Staff Highlight: Joe Sorrera





Joe is the Director of Business Services at Excel Academy, and joined the team in April of 2022. Prior to joining Excel Academy, Joe worked as an Associate Superintendent and Chief Business Officer and as an audit manager at a public accounting firm. He loves being with his family and has a passion for spearfishing. Joe has brought tremendous leadership and expertise to the financial wellbeing of Excel Academy, and we are so grateful for him!

## Looking forward to...



ACSA Superintendents Symposium Jan. 24-27, 2023



WASC Visit Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2023



Spring All Staff PD Feb. 8, 2023

