

June 28, 2024

Anthony Aguilar
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Los Angeles Unified School District
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Dear Mr. Aguilar,

The special education partnership between LAUSD and the charter school community continues to be instrumental in improving services and outcomes for students with disabilities across Los Angeles, especially in light of the challenges brought by the COVID 19 pandemic. On behalf of charter schools participating in the Charter Operated Programs: Option 3 ("COP3"), I am writing to express our gratitude for this ongoing collaboration.

Over the past decade, the COP3 has led to the development of a robust charter school special education infrastructure that expanded the range of innovative high-quality special education programs. Today, more than 200 charter schools in the COP3 serve over 15,000 students with disabilities, 2,500 of whom are students with extensive support needs. This is a testament to the fact that charter schools are an integral part of the continuum of special educational options within LAUSD and that our ongoing work together ensures that students and families are able to receive appropriate support and services regardless of which type of school they attend.

We also recognize that special education arrangements within the LAUSD SELPA are subject to change. For this reason, charter schools must take the necessary steps to preserve their ability to exit the SELPA should such action be in the best interest of their students. Please accept this letter as notification that the undersigned charter schools reserve the right to exit the LAUSD SELPA effective July 1, 2025.

Please note that this letter is not binding upon the undersigned charter schools and serves the requisite administrative function of providing a one-year notice of intent to exit the SELPA. If, in consideration of all options, the charter schools find that it is not in the best interest of their students to exit the SELPA, they will remain with the LAUSD SELPA for the 2025-26 academic year.

We look forward to ongoing partnership in the service of all of our students and families.



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