



Superintendent's Report
October 3, 2019

Great work is happening throughout the organization. This report is meant to highlight several of the functional areas with updates for the Board of Directors:

Academic Services

- Aviva Ebner, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer
- Academic Services Division Update Agenda
 - LCAP Updates
 - Special Populations Updates
 - Academic Performance Updates
 - Assessment Updates
 - FY20 Highlights to Date

Financial Services

- Lisa Fishman, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer
- Financial Services Division Update Agenda
 - FY20 Budget Update
 - Finance Updates
 - Operations Updates
 - Vendor Relations Updates

Information Services

- Mae Van Vooren, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Information Officer
- Information Services Division Update Agenda
 - Admissions Updates
 - IT Updates
 - Engagement Updates

Human Resources

- Sophia Trivino, Chief of Staff
 - All staff have been asked to become Google Certified Educator Level 1 through the Google for Education Teacher Center. The exam covers all Google products in relation to education, such as Google Classroom, Google Forms, Google Sheets, and more.
 - Another group of staff went through the Leading Edge program to become Leading Edge Blended & Online Certified Teachers over the summer. Congratulations to Kelly Cortese, Terrasa McGuire, Carrie Talcott, Erin

Thomson, and Kristen Winter, who join 14 other Compass staff who completed this program.

- The Leadership Team is participating in the Harvard Business School's online Certificate in School Management and Leadership. There are four courses in the program, and each course is four weeks long. The team took the *Leading Change* course over the summer, and start the *Leading Schools* course this month.
- We have created a partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education's Center for Teacher Innovation, to help teachers with preliminary credentials clear their credential. This is a piece of our LCAP goals for professional development. One Educational Facilitator will be participating to clear her credential; all other instructional staff have clear credentials.
- We have identified seven conferences where we will be sending a delegation to this school year. *See enclosed Conference Delegations list.*
- Organizational changes have transpired since the last meeting. *See enclosed worksheet.*

Executive

- I attended the National Charter Schools Conference in early July. In addition to attending sessions on governance and HR, I was honored to represent Compass at the Charter School Honor Roll Luncheon, where we were recognized for School Leadership by Charter School Capital.
- I attended SuperCUE in mid-July. Walked away with a few ideas and potential vendor relationships for the upcoming 2019-20 year. One vendor is MIDAS. The superintendent of Winters Joint USD, our CCS of Yolo authorizer, was also in attendance and I was able to spend some time with him.
- We successfully hosted our in-person All-Staff Retreat August 11th 14th in Palm Springs. We spent a majority of our time in department and division sessions, focusing on our LCAPs. Our committees also met, spending time on how their work will also support our LCAPs. *See enclosed agenda.*
- My Cabinet and I attended the Annual Action-Agua Dulce Charter Luncheon in late August. AADUSD is our CCS of LA authorizer, and the lunch was an opportunity for all of the charter leaders from the charters they authorize to come together with their staff prior to the start of the new school year.
- We hosted virtual Welcome Back Nights for new and returning scholars and learning coaches at the end of August. These were hour-long programs, meant to set the tone for the upcoming school year, introduce our new systems, and left room for a Q&A with those in attendance. They were recorded and those recordings were shared with all of our scholars, learning coaches, and staff.
- We have partnered with Our Community School, a classroom-based public charter school in LA, to offer Algebra I to their 8th grade scholars. They have four scholars enrolled in our course through an MOU between our two schools.
- Mae Van Vooren, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Information Officer, and I attended the APLUS+ Regional Meeting in mid-September. The conversations

centered around SB126, AB1505 and AB1507. There was also collaboration on the need for more PR and promotion of the great work happening within personalized learning public charter schools.

- As part of our partnership with the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE), we will be scheduling Executive Coaching and Leadership Development workshops with staff throughout the year. These sessions are focused on *Operationalizing Alignment to Improve Learner Outcomes* and *Whole Child Personalized Learning Outcomes*.
- There has been a lot of action out of Sacramento this year with legislation affecting all aspects of education, including public charter schools. Of note:
 - AB 1505: revises charter submission criteria, reasons to deny a charter petition, and appeal process. Also revises credentialing requirements for teachers. Places a two-year moratorium on new nonclassroom-based charter schools.
 - AB 1507: revises provisions in Ed Code on the location of learning centers and resource centers.
 - See enclosed article from *EdSource* with highlights on a number of the bills and their current status. Note – all bills must be signed or vetoed by the Governor by October 13th.
- I am honored to continue my service on the El Dorado County Charter SELPA's CEO Executive and Selection Committees, Digital Learning Collaborative, Digital Learning Annual Conference Advisory Committee, and the Editorial Board for *The Charter Schools Resource Journal* out of Central Michigan University. I am equally honored to have been elected to serve on the Association of Personalized Learning Schools & Services (APLUS+) Advisory Committee.

A lot of great work is taking place, thanks to our dedicated staff, to continue to improve the educational experience we provide our scholars. My thanks to our team for everything they do each and every day.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Superintendent & CEO