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Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) to become Compass Charter Schools

Thousand Oaks, CA – Academy of Arts & Sciences is changing its name to Compass Charter Schools effective March 1. The Board of Directors approved the name change during their January 30 meeting, and the announcement has been shared with families this week through Parent Town Halls. The change reflects the growth of the program, and the goal to inspire innovative, creative, self-directed learners, one scholar at a time. The new name offers a clear vision of the school's goal to be each scholar's compass on their educational journey.

“Core values are a great compass that can guide us when need some help navigating life. Here at Compass Charter Schools, our core values of Achievement, Communication, Integrity, Respect and Teamwork were selected last year as we were growing as a school,” said Compass Charter Schools President & CEO J.J. Lewis. “We try to embed these in what we do and how we teach each and every day. You can see our values in how we work with our scholars and how we work with each other. We have a great team and this name change was the final step in that growth.”

Along with the name change, the Compass Charter Schools has a refreshed website, new school colors and a new mascot, the Phoenix. In response to requests from stakeholders, the change also includes a new online school apparel store where scholars can purchase gear to represent their school.

“We want our scholars to know that they are being guided in the right direction when it comes to their education, which is why our new name and look are so important,” said Mae Van Vooren, Compass Charter Schools Director of Strategic Initiatives. “Plus, we want scholars to be proud of their school. The online apparel store offers plenty of options for them to show their school spirit.”

Compass Charter Schools' stakeholders are optimistic about all of the changes as it reflects the school's significant positive growth in recent years. They are looking forward to helping scholars navigate non-traditional education models and develop a life-long passion for learning. The new school name and mascot demonstrate continued progress toward a future of innovation and advancement.

“We have been with AAS for several years, and are very proud to be part of their educational community, said Lisa Robotham, chair of the Parent Advisory Council. “They continue to grow and expand their academic and enrichment opportunities, and I know with this rebrand, the direction they are headed in will truly allow them to meet their mission and vision. My scholars and I are proud to be part of the Compass Charter Schools family, and are very excited for the upcoming school year!”

About Compass Charter Schools

Compass Charter Schools (CCS) is one of California's leading WASC-accredited public charter schools serving scholars throughout the state. CCS offers a home study and online option for scholars in grades transitional kindergarten (TK) through 12. CCS is committed to creating a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for lifelong learning, and preparing scholars to take responsibility for their future successes.

For more information about CCS, visit www.compasscharters.org.