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## **Compass Charter Schools (CCS) Hosted Back-to-School Picnics to Start the 2017-18 School Year**

*Thousand Oaks, CA* – Compass Charter Schools (CCS) hosted multiple back-to-school picnics last Friday, September 8 to kick-off the 2017-18 school year. The picnics were hosted by CCS staff at public parks in Cerritos, Clovis, Corona, San Diego, and Thousand Oaks.

“At CCS we value every scholar. The back-to-school picnics were another great demonstration of how CCS is dedicated to building close, working relationships with each child to help them succeed,” said Karle Roberts, Family Engagement Coordinator. “The staff had a wonderful time engaging with the scholars and their families.”

Scholars and their families enjoyed outdoor activities and a picnic-style lunch with CCS staff members. During each picnic, CCS staff members organized several activities ranging from kickball and Simon Says, to frisbee and a game of catch. Everyone also enjoyed eating lunch together and discussing the new school year.

Each picnic also included the first Coaches’ Corner session of the year for learning coaches, or parents and guardians. Twice a month CCS hosts Coaches’ Corner sessions, which consist of informational presentations and open discussion. Every session is dedicated to creating a close-knit community and support system for all of CCS’ learning coaches.

“The beginning of the school year is a very exciting time for our scholars and their families, along with our staff,” said J.J. Lewis, CCS President & CEO. “Our back-to-school picnics served as the perfect opportunity to bring our school together to kick off what will be an amazing year of learning and growing. It was truly a joy to see our scholars, parents and staff gather together to build our Compass community.”

CCS continues to offer scholars the opportunity to play a leading role in their school’s community, and encourages scholars to engage with their peers and share their school spirit. Visit CCS on Facebook and Twitter to view more pictures from the picnics. If you took photos, please share them on our [CCS Photo Share Group](#) on Facebook.

### **About Compass Charter Schools**

Compass Charter Schools (CCS) is a WASC-accredited virtual public charter school serving thousands of scholars throughout the state. Catering to TK-12 grade scholars, CCS offers the choice of either their home school or online academic program. 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](http://www.compasscharters.org).