



Superintendent's Report
January 28, 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:

Business Services

- Finance:
 - Investment ladder has matured with JP Morgan Chase. We have rolled these funds over per policy. *See enclosed portfolio report.*
- Information Technology:
 - We are using a new asset management system through our ZoHo Helpdesk. IT Asset Tracker will be used to manage all technology assets at Compass. We are initially starting with our office equipment, and then will add staff and scholar equipment and software.
- Human Resources:
 - We are looking into a new way to present professional development to our staff. The system is an online and game-based platform that offers a customized experience for staff, and there is also an option for scholar learning.
 - Organizational changes have transpired since the last meeting. *See enclosed worksheet.*
- Operations:
 - Fall 1 and P1 (attendance) reports have been submitted on time. Fall 1 (Census Day counts) were certified with a total of 166 scholars in our Fresno charter, 579 scholars in our Los Angeles charter, and 597 scholars in our San Diego charter. The total certified total was 1,342 scholars for the 2018-19 school year.
 - Our WASC Self Study process continues this week with the WASC Visiting Committee meeting on-site at our Central Office starting today, through this Wednesday, January 30. The Visiting Committee will provide a report out at the conclusion of the visit this Wednesday, and we will be notified of our accreditation renewal status later this spring. As a reminder, this visit is for both our CCS of Fresno and CCS of LA charters. *See enclosed WASC Self Study report.*

Personalized Learning

- Counseling Services:
 - New to our Counseling Services program this year is our SEL Spotlights initiative, which is delivered on a weekly basis through our Monday Morning Update (MMU). The Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) series has been incorporated to best support scholars in their social-emotional

learning development. Visit <http://bit.ly/2FOoCJz> to view SEL Spotlights segments.

- 40 high school scholars have been supported during the fall semester to complete 53 additional courses under our Accelerated Course Options Program (ACOP).
- Several scholars have received early acceptance letters from Arizona State University, Morehouse College, Concordia University Irvine, Holy Names University, and Whittier College as they prepare to continue their journey to pursue their post high school college/career goals.
- Engagement:
 - We had a great time during our Spirit Week as we celebrated National School Choice Week last week! We had dress up days, a photo contest and a virtual "Chill N Chat!"
 - Our Virtual Scholar Workshops have been enjoyed by our scholars during the past few months. We all enjoyed our Virtual Scholar Talent Show, "Pivot Point" session where we focused on our post-secondary goals, "Hour of Code" with our Computer Code Club and our Music Lesson with Ms. Noller.
- Exceptional Scholar Services:
 - The continued collaboration between the special education teachers and our Online and Options teams has been making such a positive difference in the support of IEP goals and also with the extended math and writing needs of our scholars.
- Online Learning:
 - As we continue to expand the AVID Program school-wide, we welcomed Middle School Teacher Andrea Lomeli to our AVID Site Team. She will be a valuable voice to have on the team. AVID Tutorials continue to be implemented and developed this year. These tutorial sessions have been mainly focused on addressing algebra concepts and Ms. Karen Lewers has been instrumental in facilitating these sessions.
 - A Professional Learning Network between CCS, iSucceed Virtual High School in Idaho and eAchieve Academy in Wisconsin. The PLN will meet monthly to collaborate on their AVID programs. All schools have an online program that are in the first two to three years of implementing the AVID Program.
 - Our High School a-g science labs yielded our highest attendance ever with 51 scholars attending across California. This is up from 32 last spring and from approximately 10 per semester during our first year of implementation. This is truly remarkable and a huge effort on the part of our great science team: David Spink and Lynn Woodley, as well as our High School Coordinator, Janae Smith.
- Options Learning:
 - Educational Facilitators are discussing overall progress, goals, and semester grades during their connection meetings with families this month as they continue to build relationships with the families.

- Educational Facilitators continue to facilitate “roundtable” discussions with learning coaches every other month, providing a forum for sharing on topics related to homeschooling. The next roundtable is Thursday, February 7 at 8 pm, and the topic is “Building a Local Homeschool Community for Your Scholars.”

Executive

- The charter renewal petition for Compass Charter Schools of Los Angeles was approved by the Acton-Agua Dulce USD Board of Trustees last week. *See enclosed press release.*
- We successfully celebrated National School Choice Week last week, hosting “Breakfast at the Park” in Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego. We were joined by scholars, their families, and members of the community to honor this important week with free donuts and coffee, performing the National School Choice Week dance, and meeting prospective families to share what we do here at CCS.
- Our third *Compass Chronicle* newsletters of the year were published for Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Options families on Thursday, January 24th. The newsletter will highlight back to school updates, important events as well as spotlighted some families, staff and scholars. *See enclosed newsletters.*
- Cross-Functional Teams between Compass and REALM Charter School have been created, in the areas of finance, human resources, and operations. These teams are meeting weekly to share the current state, future state opportunities, and roadmaps to follow in order to arrive at that final state.
- Yovhane Metcalfe, StrongMind’s Vice President of Education Innovation, and I have been invited to speak on “Integrating Assessments” at the inaugural Digital Learning Annual Conference this spring in Austin. We are both members of the Digital Learning Collaborative, and I am serving as a DLAC Conference Advisory Board.

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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