



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER #15 - 9.20.23

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The Accelerated Board of Trustees is the governing body for The Accelerated Schools (ACES/TAS/WAHS)

<b>Board Members</b>	Leonard Rabinowits, Board President Peter B. Morrison, Vice President	Larry Picus, Trustee Elizabeth Weiss, Trustee	Binti Yost, Trustee
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### BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

Board President did not have any new comments however he did respond to a comment from the June 22nd meeting.

During our June 22nd meeting concerns were raised regarding our tutoring services and our teachers' extra hourly pay. The comment suggested that we should pay our teachers at the same rate as Hey Tutor charges for their services. It's important to clarify that the rate we pay to a tutoring service provider, like Hey Tutor, isn't the same as what their individual tutors receive. When we pay \$50 per hour for tutoring, it covers various costs such as payroll taxes, benefits, taxes, and insurance for the tutoring company. So, the tutors themselves receive significantly less. Sometimes only 50%. Currently, our teachers receive an extra hourly pay rate of \$32 per hour, which has been negotiated through their union. However, when you factor in additional costs like payroll taxes, contributions to CalSTRS, workers' compensation, and other expenses, the actual cost to TAS exceeds \$39 per hour.

Negotiations regarding our teachers' contracts are not done in public. Even though the current contract is in place until June 30, 2024, we've heard this feedback about potential opportunities for our teachers to provide tutoring outside of their regular working hours. Your concerns are important to us, and we are committed to finding the best ways to support our incredible teachers who provide an outstanding education for our students.

### A MESSAGE FROM

### Leonard Rabinowitz, Board President



At the September board meeting, I was thrilled to learn exciting news from our educators about the post-COVID learning improvements within TAS. With almost 1,800 students under our care, we have witnessed remarkable progress in the wake of the pandemic, and I want to emphasize that this is just the beginning of our commitment to supercharge learning for our students. The resilience and adaptability demonstrated by our students and educators during these challenging times has been truly inspiring. We have not only weathered the storm but have emerged stronger, more innovative, and more dedicated than ever to ensuring student education remains at the forefront of our priorities.

Our post-COVID success serves as a testament to the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, engaged parents, and, most importantly, the determination of our students. As President of the Board of Trustees, I am immensely proud of the strides we have made in providing a safe and conducive learning environment. Moving forward, we are fully committed to building upon this momentum. The future holds tremendous promise, and together, we will continue to chart a course that empowers our students to thrive academically and personally. IT.



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### CEO's COMMENTS

- Thanked LAUSD Charter School Division for their presence at the Board meeting,
- ACES/TAS/WAHS school leaders presented update on mission and vision continuity: Principals shared longitudinal data and testimonials on how each school is demonstrating achievement and growth for students.
- Board Resolution for Affirming Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – CEO shared that a culture of belonging is important to support the whole child, which includes academic and socio-emotional support. Students and staff feel belonging when we affirm their diversity, cultivate a culture of equity, and develop students who will be inclusive leaders in our community, college, and their career path. *Information only.* Board discussion was postponed until the next Board meeting so as to allow input from the full board.

### ITEMS APPROVED:

- 2023-24 Consolidated Application (Con App) for Federal Funds (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
- Contract Ratifications:
  - ARC Agreement for before and after school services (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
  - ARC Expanded Services Agreement for additional ELOP services (ACES/TAS)
  - HeyTutor Agreement for during, before, and after school services (ACES/TAS)
  - HeyTutor Agreement for science classroom support (TAS)
  - Los Angeles Community College District Agreement for College and Career Access Pathways partnership (WAHS)
  - Total Education Solutions for special education services (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
  - Swing Education Agreement for substitute services (TAS/ACES/WAHS)
  - People's Yoga for student wellness activities (ACES)
  - ProCare Therapy for special education services (ACES)
  - Teachers On Reserve for substitute teacher services (TAS/ACES/WAHS)

### BRING BACKS FOR NEXT MEETING:

The Board requested to bring back for next Board meeting the following:

- i. How are HeyTutors evaluated?
- ii. How successful are HeyTutors?
- iii. Should we be using certificated tutors?

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Accelerated School (MPR)

