



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board of Trustees Newsletter #13 – 6.1.2023

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

Board Members

Leonard Rabinowitz, *Board President*
Peter B. Morrison, *Vice President*

Larry Picus, *Trustee*
Elisabeth Weiss, *Trustee*

Binti Yost, *Trustee*

The Accelerated Schools held Board Meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at The Accelerated School's MPR. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

Board President Comments

Thanked everyone for TAS Staff for their preparation for today's meeting and expressed he feels proud of the TAS team. He thanked the board members for their volunteer service.

Items approved:

1. Academic Calendar for 2023-2024 for ACES/TAS/WAHS
2. Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan TAS/ACES
3. Ratification of ARC Amendment for Spring Break 2023 Programming TAS/ACES
4. Ratification of Invo Healthcare Agreement for Behavior and Mental Health Support for ACES/TAS/WAHS
5. Project Wayfinder – Core curriculum licenses, support, and training – TAS/WAHS

A MESSAGE FROM Grace Lee-Chang, CEO

TAS Family,

As we get close to the finish line for this school year, I want to express my appreciation for the dedication and resilience you all continue to demonstrate as parents.

As parents, we often experience a rollercoaster of emotions throughout the year – immense pride and joy, and feelings of stress, too. By this time of year, though, we often see how our children have blossomed from the start of the school year, both academically, and in their mindset. I'd like to thank you in advance for all that you've done this year to see your child succeed and cross that finish line.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge Mental Health Awareness Month. The pursuit of academic excellence often comes with feelings of stress and anxiety. It continues to be a priority at TAS that we create a supportive environment in which our students and educators feel safe to talk about their emotional well-being and seek out support if they are experiencing mental health problems.

May is also AAPI Month, a time to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to our culture and history. I encourage everyone to take a moment to learn more about the rich culture and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The first week of June is a joyful time for TAS where we join our students and families in taking that next step in their education journey. We get to see culminations, promotions, and graduations, all of which are a testament to the work done by our students throughout the year. One of my favorite moments each year is to hear our student testimonials detailing how you have profoundly impacted their lives.

Some of our exciting celebratory events are listed below:

ACES TK/Kinder Culmination:

- June 8, 2023, at 8:30 am in the ACES Courtyard.

ACES 6th Grade Promotion:

- June 7, 2023, at 9:30 am, 6th Grade Culmination in the ACES courtyard.

TAS Kinder Culmination:

- June 7, 2023, at 10 am in the MPR.

TAS 5th Grade Promotion:

- June 8, 2023, at 10:00 am in the MPR.



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TAS 8th Grade Promotion:

- June 8, 2023, 2:00 pm in the Gym.

WAHS Graduation and Commencement:

- June 6, 2023, Grad Walk at 10:00 am.
- June 8, 2023, Commencement 5:00 pm on the field.

I look forward to participating in these events alongside you!

In closing, I'd like to share a video of our TAS Mission in action from WAHS' first [College Signing Day!](#)

I'm looking forward to this joyous time of year with you!

Grace Lee-Chang, Chief Executive Officer

CEO's comments and reports

1. CEO reviewed TAS's efforts toward mission and vision continuity. Board Members reviewed academic data. Board members shared comments on The Accelerated Schools Mission and Vision statement.
 - a. Dr. Weiss shared about the long-standing collaboration between USC Viterbi School of Engineering and ACES, and which has expanded to include TAS. She thanked Mr. Laramie Banks for the wonderful partnership.
 - b. Dr. Picus shared about staff who have participated in a partnership with USC.
 - c. L. Rabinowitz shared about community and private partnerships that have built ACES/TAS/WAHS schools.
 - d. B. Yost shared about the importance of connecting students to career exploration in DTLA and how these experiences can change the way students view school.
 - e. P. Morrison shared that his law firm supported with pro-bono legal services to help build the ACES building.
2. CEO also reviewed talent recruitment and retention rate from 2018 – 2023.
3. WAHS Graduating Class of 2023 Data and college acceptance data.
4. Update from District PD Committee: Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment and the Director of Elementary Education provided an update on THE Professional Development Committee (PDC).
5. CEO presented an update on the 2022-2023 LAUSD Annual Oversight Report.

SUMMER SCHOOL

 **ACES: June 12th to June 30th from 8:00 am to 12noon**

 **TAS K-8: June 12th to June 30th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

 **WAHS: June 12th to June 30th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

If you have any questions regarding the summer session, please contact your student's respective schools:

- **ACES: 323-846-6694**
- **TAS: 323-235-6343**
- **TAS 2: 323-985-6368**
- **WAHS: 323-235-6343 ext. 2543**



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“Take pride in how far you’ve come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don’t forget to enjoy the journey.”

Michael Josephson

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, June 22, 2023
The Accelerated Schools
Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
4000 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037**

Accelerated Charter Elementary School
3914 E. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037
Office (323) 846-6694 • Fax (323) 846-0686

The Accelerated School
4000 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037
Office (323) 235-6343 • Fax (323) 235-6346

TAS 2
119 E. 37th Street (Grades TK-K)
Los Angeles, CA 90011
Office (323) 985-6369 • Fax (323) 235-6346

Wallis Annenberg High School
4000 S. Main Street
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