



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Board of Trustees Newsletter #9 – 09.22.2022

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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 a regular Board meeting at 10:00am on Thursday, September 22, 2022, Here are some of the highlights of this meeting

## Board President Comments

L. Rabinowitz shared that he was thrilled to see all of the facilities and campus beautification upgrades. He recognizes that this is a team effort.

## Items approved:

1. 2022-23 Consolidated Application (Con App) for Federal Funds for ACES, TAS, WAHS
2. Contract Ratifications:
  - a. ARC Agreements for After School Program ACES/TAS/WAHS
  - b. HeyTutor for additional tutoring services TAS/WAHS
  - c. John Tracy Center for special education services ACES/TAS/WAHS
  - d. HopSkipDrive for special education transportation services TAS
  - e. JSP Educational Services for special education services ACES/TAS/WAHS
  - f. Professional Tutors of America for additional tutoring services TAS/ACES
  - g. Southwest Patrol-contracted services for additional security ACES/TAS2
3. EL Master Plan 2022-2023 ACES/TAS/WAHS
4. Safety Plan 2022-2023 ACES/TAS/WAHS

## A MESSAGE FROM CEO, Grace Lee-Chang

National Hispanic American Heritage Month takes place in the U.S. from September 15 to October 15, and I want to set aside a moment to recognize this special month. While it doesn't take place during a set calendar month, its dates have special significance.

- September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.
- In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

I'm proud that TAS is a thriving diverse and inclusive environment, and all cultures that comprise the TAS community should be celebrated. I encourage all of us to continue to learn more about what makes us unique! As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I want to share some ideas resources that continue to help all of us and our students in our lifelong journey of learning and spark new ideas.

- ACES dedicated a special week of programming to engage with families through cultural events from 9/19-9/23.



- TAS/WAHS will be featuring quotes on our new digital clock throughout this month
  - 9.21.22's quote was a fun fact "Next time you bringe watch a series in color, remember to think Mexican engineer Guillermo Gonzalez Camarena. He developed color TV in the 1930's!"



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- Additional educational resources curated especially for teachers by the Library of Congress are available [here](#).

Thank you all for your continued dedication to our students in cultivating future Latino leaders who will rise from South LA community.

### CEO's comments:

Thanked the board for their continued support in our TAS Mission and Vision for the community of South Los Angeles and for dedication and volunteer work.

CEO congratulated Bethany Santana, recipient of the WAHS Annenberg Scholarship in 2022. Ms. Santana has attended TAS since Kindergarten in 2009 and graduated WAHS in June 2022. She will be attending UCLA.

CEO updated board on several facilities and campus beautification upgrades and thanked the Facilities and Technology team for their work on these special projects

- New student lunch benches at TAS/WAHS
- ACES exterior playground painting
- TAS/WAHS exterior and interior painting
- New digital clocks at TAS/WAHS with messaging systems
- Filtrated water filling stations
  - Middle school students did a project about the harm of plastics to our environment. They presented their learning to us and we implemented water filling stations with filtration systems

**“One of the greatest things I life is that no one has the authority to tell you what you want to be. You’re the one who will decide what you want to be”**

**Jaime Escalante**

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

**October 27, 2022**

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