



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board of Trustees Newsletter #5-01.27.2022

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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
- John W. Ward, Trustee
- Elisabeth Weiss, Trustee

- Binti Yost, Trustee
- Scott, Yetter, Trustee

The Accelerate School held a regular board meeting at 10:00am on Thursday, January 27, 2022, by teleconference pursuant to AB361. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

Board President Comments

Mr. Rabinowitz thanked teachers and TAS team members for their extraordinary efforts in supporting our students during these unprecedented times.

CEO's Update

CEO thank staff, faculty for their work, unrelentless dedication, and care for students. She also thanked parents for their continued partnership and their understanding of COVID safety measures and quarantining guidelines.

CEO provided mid-year academic progress

- Our K-2 students are ACES and TAS are working hard to read at grade level by end of year. CEO noted a difference for students learning how to read with masks on.
- 69% of ACES students are near or have already met end of the year standards in English Language Arts
- 62% of TAS students are near or have already met the end of the year's standards in English Language Arts
- 88% of high school are near or have already met end of year standards
- 80% of our high school students graduate completing 4 Year College requirements compared to 56% at LAUSD

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD MEMBER

Binti Yost



I have served as Accelerated Schools Board of Trustees for close to 10 years. I do so because I believe in the power of education to transform student and family lives.

My parents immigrated to the UK from Africa in the 1970s, my mother didn't graduate high school, my father didn't graduate from middle school. The sacrifices they made for their children were so that we would not to suffer as much as they did, so that we would have opportunities, options, choices, on what jobs we wanted and where and how we wanted to live. I am the first grandchild and a first-generation college graduate. I am proud to say that because of those sacrifices my parents made I found myself at university and doing a job that I love.

At this board meeting, we discussed the importance of all students graduating our high school eligible for to a 2- or 4-year college of their choice. There are advantages for students pursuing a 2-year college as a pathway to 4-year college or university including less financial cost and being close to home.

Ultimately, I believe life skills and characteristics such as resilience, persistence, and grit, in addition to academic preparation are essential in the workplace.



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Items approved:

- Approval of Financial Statements as of December 31, 2021 for ACES/TAS/WAHS
- Approval of School's Accountability Report Card for 2020-21 ACES/TAS/WAHS
- Sixth Amendment and restatement of the Schools Excess Liability Fund-Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA)

**UPCOMING
BOARD MEETING**

February 24, 2022

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today” — Malcolm X.

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