



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Board of Trustees Newsletter #3-9.24.2021

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

**Board Members:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leonard Rabinowitz, Board President</li> <li>○ Peter B. Morrison, Vice President</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Larry Picus, Trustee</li> <li>○ John W. Ward, Trustee</li> <li>○ Elisabeth Weiss, Trustee</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Binti Yost, Trustee</li> <li>○ Scott, Yetter, Trustee</li> </ul> |
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The Accelerate School held a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday September 23, 2021, by teleconference pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

### Board Meeting

#### President Comments

Mr. Rabinowitz thanked teachers and staff for their adaptability and rising to the occasion specially during the return to on-site learning. Mr. Rabinowitz also thank the members of the Board for volunteering their time because board members service is voluntary and unpaid.

#### CEO's Report

Our CEO shared report on how the organization is continuing is mission and vision of accelerating student learning. We are focusing on nurturing students' well-being and learning as stated in our mission and vision statement. She shared academic baseline data for

- 1) Early Literacy – Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>
  - a) Students will read at grade level
- 2) Growth – Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
  - a) Students grade 3-8 will grow at least a year's gain or more in English and Math each year.
- 3) Achievement – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
  - a) All students graduate in 4 years College and Career Ready

CEO and Director of Elementary and Secondary Education shared how we make this possible for all students in our organization.

Finally, the CEO thank teachers, staff, school leaders and board members for their partnership. She especially acknowledged parents who have been so supportive of our schools and complying with our health and safety protocols to keep our community safe.

### Meet our Board Members

**Peter Morrison, TAS Board Vice President**

*"I fundamentally believe that a high-quality education is the greatest equalizer and that every child should have equal access to the finest schooling. There is simply no reason why a child's access to high quality education should differ based on where that child lives, the parents she was born to, her family's wealth, the color of her skin, or the language her family speaks.*

*If that is what I truly believe –and I do – then I have an absolute obligation to work toward a goal of high-quality education for every child. There is no greater gift to a child than a top-notch, inspired, strong and full education. That is why I serve.*

*The Accelerated Schools must strive to be the stalwart leader in our march toward education equality for all children.*

*It starts with us... Let's go."*



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### Vaccination Verification Card:

The Accelerated Schools are required to follow the LAUSD guidelines regarding student and staff vaccinations. All students who are 12 or older are required to provide a record of their vaccination status. Students who are not participating in extracurricular activities are required to have received their first vaccination dose no later than **November 21, 2021** and be fully vaccinated by **December 19, 2021**. Students participating in extracurricular activities in-person are required to receive their first dose no later than **October 3, 2021**, and a second dose no later than **October 31, 2021**.

**It is important that we receive a copy of your vaccination records as soon as possible.**

You can submit your students' vaccination information in the following ways:

1. Parent or student can bring in a copy of his/her vaccination card or qualified exemption or conditional admissions to the main office
2. For WAHS (high school only), parent or student can upload a copy of his/her vaccination card or qualified exemption or conditional admissions to the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms>
3. Parents or students can bring in their vaccination card or qualified exemption or conditional admissions to the main office and copy will be taken. Your card or qualified and approved exemption will be provided back to you.
4. Parent or student can take a picture of the front and back of their card or their qualified exemption or conditional admissions and email it to [sis@accelerated.org](mailto:sis@accelerated.org) which is a confidential email address that goes directly to our Student Information Services Department.

Thank you for helping keep all students and staff safe and healthy at The Accelerated Schools

## Vaccination Mandate at The Accelerated Schools



In a special meeting held Thursday, September 9, 2021, the Los Angeles Unified School Board decided by unanimous vote that a COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate was appropriate based on the sudden surge of the virus brought about by the Delta variant and data showing lower rates of infection and hospitalization among those who are vaccinated.

As part of Los Angeles Unified School District's efforts to provide the safest possible environment in which to learn and work, *all District employees, Partners, Contractors, and other adults who provide services on District property* (which includes charter schools and the Accelerated Schools) will be mandated to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no later than October 15, 2021, as a condition of continued employment/service

As a charter school within the Los Angeles Unified School District, we are required to follow LAUSD guidelines regarding student vaccinations and as such, all eligible students must be vaccinated unless they have a qualified exemption or conditional admissions. *Eligible students include ALL students who are 12 or older and are attending school in-person. A qualified exemption includes a medical exemption. Students may be conditionally admitted if they are in one of these groups: foster youth, homeless, migrant, military family, or has an IEP. State law does not recognize religious or personal belief exemptions for student immunizations.*



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**Now Recruiting Parent Representative  
for the 2021-2022 School Year for ACES/TAS/WAHS**

If you are interested in being considered for a Parent Representative position:

1. Complete a Parent Representative Nomination Form
2. Submit the following application packet
  - “Resume” listing other committees and volunteer activities
  - Candidacy statement of why they would like to serve on the Board as Parent Representative and how they would support their school and the TAS organization (this will be shared with other parents and may be posted on website)
3. Return all via mail or email to the School Principal or to the Main Office by the Main Office by Friday, October 15, 2021

Any questions about the process or responsibilities should be directed to your respective school

- ACES- Ms. Figueroa
- TAS -Ms. Clerx
- WAHS- Ms. Montoya

All interested candidates’ names & information will be sent to the TAS Board Nomination Committee for review as consistent with Governing Board Bylaws. The TAS Board Nomination Committee will review the parent nomination packets and inform the Principals of the Parent Nominees approved for the school-site level election.

**Items approved:**

During the meeting 4 items were approved:

1. The Accelerated School’s Governing Board Bylaws.
2. Financial Unaudited Reports
3. Fiscal Policy and Procedures Policy and procedures manual
4. Independent Study Policy for ACES/TAS/WAHS

**UPCOMING  
BOARD MEETING**

**October 28, 2021 @  
10:00m**

**“Education is  
fundamental to  
social happiness; it is  
the principle on  
which the liberty and  
greatness of the  
people rest.”**

- Benito Juarez

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