A new era has been ushered in for California charter public schools with the passing of Assembly Bill 1505. This Bill significantly alters the state’s charter public school legislation in a number of ways. The passing of this legislation follows a year-long upswing across the state by anti-charter factions to blame charter schools for the woes of traditional public-school districts coupled with an increased avalanche of myths about how and who charter schools serve and how they are funded. Along with this there was immense pressure on the Governor and legislators to draft new laws that would eliminate charter public schools completely or at least greatly limit their historic freedoms and flexibility. AB1505 emerged as a result of these conditions. According to the California Charter School Association, the original version of this new legislation would have had devastating consequences for the most vulnerable students in our state. Staff from CCSA worked tirelessly negotiating with legislators, the Governor, and anti-charter factions to protect the flexibilities that were granted to charter public schools in the original legislation in 1992. Simultaneously, many thousands of charter school parents, students, staff and supporters made phone calls, sent e-mails, and visited legislators in Sacramento to deliver positive messages about charter schools and advocate for justice. CCSA believes the final language that was included in the legislation will actually strengthen the charter school movement and our service to students and help ensure our continued existence as an essential part of the public education landscape. They believe this is in great part due to how engaged the charter families and staff were in making sure their voices were heard during this very challenging period.

Below are some of the new additions to charter law that are included AB1505.

- Consideration of fiscal impact in a new charter school petition along with balancing academic need.
- A 2-year moratorium on authorization of new non classroom-based schools.
- A three-tiered charter renewal process based on the California School Dashboard color indexes of “blue,” “green,” “yellow,” “orange,” and “red.” Schools that land in the highest performing tier are eligible for a 7-year renewal. Schools that land in the lowest performing tier can be denied renewal.
- Certification by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) for all non-core, non-college prep charter school teachers is now required. Teachers who already work in charter schools have 5 years to become compliant. All teachers who are hired on or after July 1, 2020 must be certified.
Annual PUC Kick-Off Event a Huge Success

Submitted by Dr. Jacqueline Elliot

The annual PUC Kick-off event was held on September 14th at Verdugo Park in Glendale. For the first time, this year’s annual event welcomed families of employees and was held outdoors on a Saturday morning. Everybody had a great time with the festivities which included face painting, bubble machines, a giant obstacle course jumper, dance performances by students, 10 and 15 year service awards for employees and music. Two of the PUC Schools’ board members attended the event along with approximately two hundred employees and their family members. Attendees enjoyed yummy tacos and hamburger and veggie burger meals from the The Habit. Hundreds of bottles of water for the attendees were generously donated by Pathwater. Having fun and feelings of inclusivity on a beautiful Saturday morning in the park were evident and we all look forward to kicking off next year's school year in the same manner!
October 2nd was a big day for the PUC Excel Wolf Pack. Teachers, Student Service Coordinators, Food Service Team and Admin all prepared to make it an amazing day, full of celebrations for our scholars. First up, students attended school in Super Hero free dress to represent their very important role in our school’s success story! Then, each grade level had a hand-soccer tournament followed by a water balloon toss. Lunch included a delicious BBQ hamburger prepared by our food vendor, Better For You Foods! Our community partner, GRYD, from Alma Family Services, also visited during lunch to promote their Kindness Campaign. Students took polaroid pictures posing with a giant inflatable unicorn and dinosaur. Each cohort closed their day with celebrations during which scholars with perfect attendance received rewards and the whole class engaged in a community building activity. The staff of PUC Excel looks forward to maintaining high attendance and finding fun ways to celebrate our Wolf Pack all year long!
Data Family Night at PUC Community Charter Elementary School

Submitted by Bianca Centeno & Fressia Delgado, Inclusion Specialists, PUC Community Charter Elementary School

On Thursday September 26, 2019, PUC Community Charter Elementary School hosted its first Family Night: Data Night of the year. All of our students and parents were invited to participate in this Family Night alongside with their Inclusion and elective teachers.

Prior to our Family Data Night, teachers set time aside to promote awareness amongst students and introduce students to their data. Teachers supported students with promoting awareness of their academic level. Once students had an understanding of their data, they created goals that are focused on growth mindset and data portfolios to present to their families. Students became active agents in taking ownership of their own learning.

On Family Night: Data Night, teachers were able to promote family awareness of what the data means in regards to their child’s academic growth. After explaining to parents how to interpret their students’ data, students, parents and families were able to dive into the data portfolios. Students, parents and families were able to interpret the data and set goals together that focused on student growth and achievement. Students were able to share with parents their reading level, Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) RIT scores, and Achieve 3000 Lexile reading level. Based on parent participation and feedback, Data Night was a big success! Families were able to have meaningful conversations, provided support for their children, and gained knowledge on how they can continue to support their children’s academic goals this year.

Our students are invested in their growth and achievement. We look forward to their continued growth and overall success. PUC CCES scholars are college and career bound!
PUC Community Charter Early College High School Student Published in Broad Newsletter

Submitted by Pete Frias, Director of Media Communications, PUC National

PUC Community Charter Early College High School (PUC CCECHS) was recently published and recognized in the Broad’s Yearly Newsletter. Congratulations to Ms. McPeek, a teacher at PUC CCECHS and 12th grade student Viridiana Duenas!

Viridiana is a senior student at PUC CCECHS and is highly involved in extracurricular activities such as LatinX Association, Titan Cheer Team, and President/founding member of our Pre-Med Club. Additionally, Viridiana has decided to challenge herself by taking multiple AP courses and concurrently enroll in college courses. Currently, Viridiana is working on her college applications and achieving her dream of becoming a neurologist.

Viridiana now has her first published piece, which is a great start to her future and/or inspires her to continue to use her voice to change the world.
Seeking Industry Experts for Upcoming 2020 Majors & Careers Event!

Submitted by Nicole Murphy, Director of School & College Counseling, PUC National

PUC is seeking volunteer presenters for our upcoming Majors & Career event! We are seeking experts from a variety of industries, who are excited to share their personal career journey, expertise and who would enjoy presenting to high school sophomores and juniors. Per PUC students’ Naviance career interests data, below is the career data our 10th and 11th graders have expressed interest in:

- Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communication
- Architecture and Construction
- Business Management & Administration
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Government & Public Administration (National Security)

*The Majors and Careers Event presenter registration is now OPEN through the Friday, November 22, 2022 deadline.* If you know experienced professionals who work in any of the above career clusters and/or pathways please share our [PUC 2020 Majors and Careers webpage](#) which provides presenter and event details, as well as our Eventbright registration link.
PREPARING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Transition Success Event for PUC Families of Student with Disabilities (Students & Parents grades 7-12) Pick one of these dates that works best for you!

**Pick One!**

**Saturday, 9/21/19**
9:30AM - 12:00PM

**Location:**
PUC Sylmar Education Complex
(LCHS, TCHS, TCA)
13361 Glenoaks Blvd,
Sylmar, CA 91342

**Note:** Food & Childcare Provided!

**Saturday, 11/16/19**
9:00AM - 12:00PM

**Location:**
Sotomayor Learning Academies (eCALS) PARENT COLLEGE
2050 N. San Fernando Road,
Los Angeles, CA 90065

**Purpose:**
The focus of this event is to support and prepare students with IEPs and 504s for life after high school. A panel comprised of experts from a variety of colleges, universities and agencies will provide insight on student expectations, and the transition skills needed for students to successfully transition to college, the workforce and independent living.
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