

**NEW INFORMATION FROM LAST WEEK = YELLOW HIGHLIGHT**

**North Star Updates**

Authorization & Oversight	
<p><i>North Star: Oversight of charter schools is efficient for both LAUSD and educators, centered on student learning, and promotes a collaborative relationship between charter schools and their authorizer.</i></p>	
Current Strategy	<p><b>Updated Authorization &amp; Oversight Policy:</b> We had our clearest window to date to make this happen with Ref's resolution, which we are now working to kill as it has been hijacked by Board Member Schmerelson. We decided we did not want to encourage the continuation of Applicable Policies Working Group, which has essentially died out. We will need to push for an alternative path forward in this area, and are focused on leadership changes as a logical next step since policy is good, but there is a gap between policy and practice.</p> <p><b>Path forward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing the CSD with renewal criteria</li> <li>• Pushing for changing staffing at the CSD if they are not responsive</li> <li>• Updating renewal criteria so we can work backwards and have Authorizing and Oversight can reflect those improvements</li> <li>• Eliminating Ref resolution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oversight Feedback &amp; Survey:</b>                  We believe that the strongest argument to the new superintendent to encourage him to make changes on charter issues will be to demonstrate the gap between the existing policy and practice: the policies are good, but staff is ineffective and isn't following them. <b>Glenn Gritzner</b> shared that he thinks that is a strong argument for <b>Austin</b>. We are continuing to document the gap via the circulation of a new oversight and authorization survey and compiling school leader anecdotes, particularly now that most schools have completed oversight visits for the year.</p> <p><b>Updated Charter Renewal Criteria:</b>                  It's become clear that CSD still does not want to update renewal criteria, despite feedback given by charter leaders at the Listen &amp; Learn session. We are prioritizing advocacy with <b>Austin</b> directly, as well as continued advocacy with Board Members, especially <b>Nick/Kelly</b>. Unfortunately, Nick's office has not been able to move things despite meetings between <b>Allison Holdorff</b> and <b>Frances/Jose</b>, though Allison shared with us that she's continuing to work on this. We reached out to <b>Nick</b> directly to update him, and he is supportive of our plan to directly engage Austin.</p> <p>We are preparing for all members to submit renewal petitions with CCSA criteria if no or minimal changes are secured. We are also preparing for a public collective action campaign by having 1:1 conversations with all renewing members, including prioritized conversations with school leaders who are best positioned to help lead this action.</p> <p>We are also continuing to monitor conversations around the Performance Framework. We understand <b>Emilio</b>, <b>Cristina</b> and <b>Marcia</b> will be asked to join</p>

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	<p>the working group. Based on <b>Jose's</b> recent messaging, we are concerned that the Performance Framework is being used as an excuse not to tackle charter renewal criteria, and we are speaking to this with Board Members.</p> <p><b>Path Forward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for <b>Emilio/Cristina/Marcia</b> meeting with <b>Austin</b> to ask for administrative update to renewal criteria, engaging <b>Nick/Kelly</b> to help push</li> <li>• Submit petitions with CCSA criteria if no or minimal changes are secured; Prepare for collective action campaign if needed</li> <li>• <b>Marcia, Emilio, Cristina</b> join performance framework group</li> </ul>
<p>What Happened Last Week</p>	<p><b>Updated Authorization &amp; Oversight Policy:</b> After conversations with Board offices, we were successful in convincing <b>Ref</b> to commit to pulling his resolution. However, Board Member <b>Schmerelson's</b> offered amendments appeared in print for next Tuesday's meeting. We are learning about how that happened. We are confident the resolution will be withdrawn, as noticed, and are now preparing possible responses to media inquiries about the Schmerelson amendments. Our initial strategy will be to downplay the resolution.</p> <p>On Wednesday, KPCC News published a story noting that LAUSD does not intend to renew Inspector General <b>Ken Bramlett's</b> employment contract when it expires at the end of June. According to KPCC, <b>Monica, Kelly,</b> and <b>Nick</b> voted against renewing the contract, while <b>Ref</b> abstained. The 3-3 deadlock resulted in the contract not being renewed. Some media coverage speculated about whether the decision was related to charter politics. Also this week, the OIG released its 2019 Work Plan. Unlike prior years, the plan describes it anticipated charter school work as the "[OIG] will continue to conduct due diligence reviews of charter schools and their principal officers to assist the [CSD] in making fair and equitable recommendations to the Board of Education." But, it does not mention of charter "investigations" or Audits. The signified a major shift away from charter oversight by the OIG, and is what we ended up pushing for during the DRL negotiations in the fall. This should be seen as a major win by and for the charter community.</p> <p>Ref shared with Jed earlier this week that the BOE intends to re-orient the OIG office toward its original intent, which will be to focus on fraud and abuse within the bond programs, once they hire to replace Bramlett. In the past, CCSA's Legal Team has written a letter to the District outlining its concerns with OIG overreach, but, with given the current trajectory and board member feedback, we will likely off on writing a letter until a new Inspector General is hired so we don't throw current progress off course.</p> <p><b>Oversight Feedback &amp; Survey:</b> The 2018 Oversight Survey was finalized and will be distributed to schools. Responses were asked by Tuesday, June 12. As of Friday, 13 leaders had taken the survey.</p>

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	<p><b>Updated Charter Renewal Criteria:</b></p> <p>We are preparing for a potential collective action campaign by having 1:1 conversations with all renewing members.</p> <p>We are also prioritizing a group of charter leaders we believe are best positioned to lead a potential collective action effort.</p> <p>On Friday, we hosted a renewal call for all renewing schools to update the group on the current landscape, progress on renewal criteria, potential collective action, as well as logistics for early submissions. We have a group of 24 organizations who want to submit in July.</p> <p>We learned that <b>Austin</b> agreed to a small group meeting with some charter leaders during which we expect to address renewal criteria.</p> <p>At a Fenton school visit, <b>Irene</b> talked to <b>Kelly</b> about renewal criteria to garner her support. Kelly shared that <b>Ref/Vlad</b> are taking the lead on renewal criteria. In a subsequent meeting with <b>Megan</b>, Jennie/Cassy ensured Megan is up to date on Ref's resolution and made the ask for Kelly's support with CSD.</p>
<p>For Discussion: What's Happening Next Week</p>	<p><b>Updated Authorization &amp; Oversight Policy:</b> Ensure that Ref's resolution dies. It has been essentially hijacked by Schmerelson. Our plan is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Lobby friendly board members to kill the resolution</li> <li>2) Analyze the amendment threats with our legal team</li> <li>3) Support Ref to make sure he withdraws before Schmerelson gets a word in</li> <li>4) Line up at the board meeting to block UTLA speakers</li> <li>5) Work on media responses</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Oversight Feedback &amp; Survey:</b> CCSA staff will monitor survey response rates and reach out to school for reminders post-election to increase feedback so we can quickly analyze results to move our case on oversight forward.</p>
	<p><b>Updated Charter Renewal Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will work on next steps to support the small group meeting between <b>Austin</b> and EP, CDJ, and MA.</li> <li>- We will continue to prepare for potential collective action, including bringing in cross-team partners and requesting funding for support from Jason Mandell.</li> <li>- We will continue to monitor conversations regarding the performance framework.</li> <li>- We suggest Emilio calls Kelly to talk about Ref resolution.</li> </ul>
<p>What's Happening with Working Group</p>	<p>Awaiting survey results.</p>
<p>Preliminary Thoughts for Next LAAC Meeting</p>	<p>We may want the LAAC to take a confirmation vote on the collective strategy of including CCSA renewal criteria in petitions, assuming we don't fully get the updates we want via a last minute administrative change.</p> <p>Depending on date: LAAC could review initial survey results and provide feedback on whether those results suggest that we (de)prioritize changes to particular elements of oversight, but this doesn't need to happen at the LAAC meeting.</p> <p>We also may want to vote on the strategy of pushing the board for a board informative on whether the CSD is following current Authorizing and Oversight</p>

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Facilities – Bond	
<i>North Star: State and local charter school bond dollars are allocated in a manner that is transparent and consistent with the long-term facilities needs of charter schools.</i>	
Current Strategy	<p>Developing. Following confirmation that the District <b>will not</b> pursue a facilities bond in 2018, we are developing strategies and recommended next steps toward ensuring greater accountability and responsible spending of current bond dollars and, as <b>the possibility</b> of both a facilities bond and parcel tax in 2020 remains, continue to discuss and socialize with District leadership and the BOE equitable charter inclusion in any future bond or parcel tax.</p> <p>Although developing, our current strategy remains rooted in our initial bond strategy; namely that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The reason we wanted a bond to move was so that we could quickly move on other facilities policy like long-term agreements. Without a bond as leverage, we need to make sure the District doesn't back off on this priority.</li> <li>- Charters must be included in the 2020 bond and parcel tax, and we will need to be ready to have those conversations with the board and Austin.</li> <li>- The District needs to address its unfunded liabilities and a parcel tax is a reasonable way to do this.</li> </ul> <p>For now, we can pause on the 2018 bond and use the upcoming summer to develop early planning for a potential 2020 bond and/or parcel tax.</p>
What Happened Last Week	<p><b>-Emilio/Cristina/Marcia</b> secured a meeting with <b>Austin</b> on Wednesday, June 13, to discuss, among other things, the LAAC's facilities-related priorities, time permitting.</p> <p>-We learned from members of the District's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) that they remain concerned that the District does not have the resources to meet existing facilities costs and obligations and, as a result, will likely be very conservative in their recommendations on use of existing bond funds. We are concerned that the BOC will not only be conservative (not a bad thing), but that financial circumstances will encourage or otherwise for the BOC to divert bond funds (e.g., charter bond funds) to district facilities. We need to continue our bond advocacy to ensure that charter bond funds are not further misappropriated.</p>

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	- Regional Advocacy continued to discuss with the Facilities and Legal teams a plan to pivot toward using the summer months for strategizing and planning toward increased access and greater accountability of remaining bond expenditures and funds under Measure Q and laying groundwork toward a potential bond measure and parcel tax in 2020. This remains something we will bring back to the LAAC for summer planning relative to our other priorities.
What's Happening Next Week	-On Wednesday, June 13, <b>Emilio/Cristina/Marcia</b> will meet with <b>Austin</b> to discuss, among other things, Austin's thoughts on a potential bond and parcel tax, time permitting. The meeting focus is renewals, though.
What's Happening with Working Group	Proposal: While we do not foresee a need for the FPWG to meet within the next two weeks, considering that bond advocacy and preparation constituted a substantial portion of recent work for FPWG/LAAC members, we should be among the first to let them know that the District will not pursue a 2018 facilities bond. We also need to work with the LAAC over the summer to identify next steps around a bond, and whether we shift our focus back to improving the Measure Q program, per Facilities' recommendation.
Preliminary Thoughts for Next LAAC Meeting	Update LAAC members on the District's confirmation that it will not pursue a 2018 facilities bond and the potential for a 2020 dual bond and parcel tax. Consider having preliminary discussions and/or work toward updating the bond-related north star SMART goals considering the new landscape over the summer.

**Facilities - Long Term Agreements**

*North Star: Los Angeles charter school families have access to long-term, stable, District facilities that are equipped to support the learning needs of all students.*

Current Strategy	<p><b>Long-Term Facilities Use Agreements:</b> We leveraged the dismissal of our two facilities lawsuits to push for an accelerated conversation regarding long-term facilities use agreements, and have been pushing on the issue all year with LAAC members starting with DRL. We have shared our facilities proposal with Nick's office as a starting place. Currently, we are working most closely with Board Member Melvoin's office on next steps, and his office is also working with District staff to move the needle on facilities.</p> <p>As we continue to work with Nick to remove roadblocks (e.g., OGC) and consider politically viable mechanisms to implement long-term agreements, we continue to push for and counsel on long-term facilities use agreements, either through leases from Prop. 39 or an RFP process.</p> <p>We will continue to build public pressure and awareness around facilities by organizing charter leaders to speak at public meetings and work with the new Superintendent and Nick Melvoin to push District policy toward approving long-term agreements.</p> <p><b>Public Facilities Inventory &amp; Database:</b> We learned that the board has already contracted with a company who is doing a District-wide facilities inventory, and</p>
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	<p><b>will also be making recommendations around facilities use.</b> The BOE passed a transparency-related resolution that can serve as the foundation for this work and we know from pre-Superintendent conversations with Austin indicate that he wants to move very quickly on a public inventory and database. Will work with the new Superintendent and Nick Melvoin to push District policy and directives toward inventorying and publishing District real estate and facilities-related information.</p> <p><b>Prop 39 Oversight:</b> Nick has indicated interest in adding charter representation to the space utilization committee to have a more direct lever to improve the process. We must push for this more explicitly, and also continue calling for improvements to Prop. 39 publicly at board meetings and through media.</p> <p><b>Paradigm Shift in Facilities Allocation:</b> Our strategy toward establishing a complete paradigm shift in the way in which District utilizes and allocates public school facilities will be a long-term strategy and is determinative upon building a persistent groundswell of support and achieving major facilities wins, such as public and transparent facilities inventories and successful long-term facilities use agreements. A shift will also depend on the development of a performance framework and results therefrom.</p>
<p>What Happened Last Week</p>	<p><b>Long-Term Facilities Use Agreements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<b>Emilio/Cristina/Marcia</b> secured a meeting with <b>Austin</b> on Wednesday, June 13, to discuss, among other things, the LAAC's facilities-related priorities.</li> <li>-<b>Emilio/Cristina</b> were uninvited from participating in <b>Nick's</b> BD4 Summer Co-Location Retreat. Although the retreat is designed for charter leaders, Nick's office allegedly received pushback for inviting non-BD4 charter leaders.</li> <li>-LA RA and Facilities teams worked on a matrix identifying ALL of the potential paths forward on long-term facilities use agreements (e.g., pilot-program, broad RFP, existing Prop 39 co-locations) and the potential # of schools, # of students, financial, political, etc., impact to inform further strategizing and planning. Facilities is continuing to work on metrics and visuals for the matrix and will have finalized early next week.</li> <li>-LA RA reached out to <b>Nick's</b> office to schedule our long-term facilities use agreement follow-up meeting post-LAUSD last day of school as requested by Nick. We are waiting to hear back from Nick and his office.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Facilities Inventory &amp; Database:</b> Jed learned from Austin that the facilities inventory is already underway and that the same group is being contracted with to make recommendations around public school facilities use.</p> <p><b>Prop 39 Oversight:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Paradigm Shift:</b> N/A</p>
<p>What's Happening Next Week</p>	<p><b>Long-Term Facilities Use Agreements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will work on developing facilities-related talking points for <b>Emilio, Cristina, and Marcia's</b> meeting on Wednesday, June 13, with <b>Austin</b> in</li> </ul>

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	<p>case the opportunity to discuss facilities-related north stars arises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will work on supplementing the “kids-first” and “win-win” messaging with themes consistent with the LAUSD Advisory Task Force Real Estate Report and intended to draw public support around the under-utilization of tax-payer funded public facilities. [Did not happen this week.]</li> <li>- We will follow-up with Nick’s office toward setting a meeting with for the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> or soon thereafter to follow-up on long-term facilities meeting. [We attempted to schedule with Nick’s office this week, but have not heard back]</li> <li>- We will be working to secure more information about the facilities inventory that Jed discussed with Austin to understand if and how we can influence the recommendations, but on a whole we are glad that recommendation has moved outside the District’s hands.</li> <li>- We will finalize the matrix identifying ALL of the potential paths forward on long-term facilities use agreements (e.g., pilot-program, broad RFP, existing Prop 39 co-locations) and the potential # of schools, # of students, financial, political, etc., impact to inform further strategizing and planning.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Public Facilities Inventory &amp; Database:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask Austin and Nick about database during next interaction.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Prop 39 Oversight:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask Nick about Space Utilization committee during next interaction.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Paradigm Shift:</b> Same as above.</p>
What's Happening with Working Group	No recommended action until more information is gathered per next steps above.
Preliminary Thoughts for Next LAAC Meeting	Potentially discuss and vote on long-term use agreement framework.

<p><b>Relationships</b> <i>North Star: The Los Angeles charter community establishes and maintains a leading voice informing LAUSD policy decisions with the new school board in place so that students and parents are at the forefront of District decision making.</i></p>	
Current Strategy	<p><b>Superintendent:</b></p> <p><b>Other Relationships:</b> We are continuing to facilitate small-group meetings with LAAC members and LAUSD Board Members. We are holding on additional goals until the 2018-19 school year, due to capacity and low attendance/interest from LAAC members.</p>
What Happened	<p><b>Superintendent:</b> Emilio secured time with Austin next week, after attending</p>

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Last Week	the Vision to Learn fundraiser. Jed talked to Austin directly, and the main news was on the facilities inventory as described above.
	<b>Other Relationships:</b> No new updates.
What's Happening Next Week	<b>Superintendent:</b> LA RA will help prepare LAAC leadership for the meeting with Austin.
	<b>Other Relationships:</b> We will set up a meeting with <b>Emilio, Cristina, Marcia</b> and <b>Mónica</b> to discuss <b>José</b> . [Did not happen this week.]
What's Happening with Working Group	Not Applicable
Preliminary Thoughts for Next LAAC Meeting	We hope that <b>Austin</b> can join the June meeting, but given timing we are moving forward with scheduling the June meeting. A gathering with Austin may have to happen separately.  BD5 special election scenarios conversation, as we may need to move quickly to form a PAC and make an endorsement.

**Additional Updates**

1. LAAC Membership & Leadership
  - Scheduling interviews for Arina, Richard, Carrie, Johnathan, Natasha and possibly Sylvia if she decides to apply (leaning toward yes).
  - Member Council/LAAC liaison – are we comfortable with Oliver in this position?
2. Common Enrollment
3. **Last week**, we spoke to CCSA cross teams and representatives from Oakland's enrollment system to better understand the challenges potentially facing schools that have signed onto the GPSN-led charter common enrollment pilot program. We find that implementation could be endangered by the LAUSD Charter Schools Division, and participating schools could face disciplinary action from the CSD depending on how the pilot is implemented. To anticipate and potentially head off problems, CCSA is planning to accrue data from all participating schools, do additional research on the technical implementation, and map out advocacy strategies.
4. **This week**, we spoke with GPSN and Parent Revolution to discuss next steps discuss three immediate challenges: the potential need for material revision petitions, data sharing, and the adoption of a single-accept policy for the pilot. **We have compiled a list of participating schools and are reviewing school petitions to determine whether we believe they will need to undergo material revisions. We think this may turn into a policy fight with Jose.**

**LAAC June Meeting Agenda Planning**

Draft Agenda in progress:

1. North Star updates
2. Legislative Policy Priorities (will be a separate call if Austin attends)
3. BD 5 Election preliminary discussion re PAC formation and LAAC role



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