



El Dorado Charter SELPA CEO Council Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2020 | 3:00 p.m.

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El Dorado Charter SELPA CEO Council Members

A complete list of CEO Council Members is attached.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Item

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval/Changes to Agenda Items** (Action Required)
3. **Public Hearing** (for items not on the Agenda - comments limited to two minutes)
4. **2019-20 Charter Member Rate** (Action Required)
SELPA AB 602 funding for the current year has been reduced due to disqualification of prior year ADA, and an adjustment to the 2019-20 state funding rate must be determined.
5. **Adjournment** (Action Required)

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2019/20 Charter SELPA CEO Council Members

Partner Name	CEO	Title	LEAs
ACE Charter Schools	Greg Lippman	CEO/Executive Director	4
Achieve Charter School of Paradise Inc.	Casey Taylor	Executive Director	2
Albert Einstein Academies	David Sciarretta	Principal	2
Alma Fuerte Public	Laurilie Keay	Director	1
Alpha Public Schools, Inc.	John Glover	CEO	4
Alta Public Schools	Xavier Reyes	CEO	1
Altus Schools	Mary Bixby	CEO	7
America's Finest Charter	Jan Perry	Executive Director	1
Amethod Public Schools	Nicolas Vaca	CEO	6
ARISE High	Soo Jin Kim	Head of School	1
Aspen Public Schools, Inc.	Shelly Lether	Executive Director	2
ASPIRE Public Schools	Mala Batra	CEO	26
Aurum Preparatory Academy	David Hardin	Executive Director	1
Baypoint Preparatory Academy	Nancy Spencer	Executive Director	2
Bella Mente Montessori Academy	Erin Feeley	Executive Director	1
Blue Oak Charter School, Inc.	Susan Domenighini	Executive Director	1
Caliber Schools	Terrance Johnson	CEO	2
California Online Public Schools	Richard Savage	Executive Director	2
California Virtual Academies	Katrina Abston	Executive Director	4
Capitol Collegiate Academy	Cristin Fiorelli	Principal	1
Ceiba Public Schools	Annie Millar	Executive Director	1
Chico Country Day	Amie Parent	Director of Special Education	1
Circle of Independent Learning	Stephanie Walton	Executive Director	1

Partner Name	CEO	Title	LEAs
City Heights Preparatory Charter	Elias Vargas	School Director	1
Classical Academy Schools	Cameron Curry	Executive Director	4
Clayton Valley Charter High	Jim Scheible	Executive Director	1
College Preparatory Middle School, Inc.	Christina Callaway	Director of School Business	1
Community Learning Center Schools, Inc.	Annalisa Moore	Executive Director	2
Community Roots Academy	Jeremy Cavallaro	Executive Director of Education	1
Community School for Creative Education	Ida Oberman	CEO	1
Compass Charter Schools	J. J. Lewis	CEO	3
Connecting Waters Charter Schools	Sherri Nelson	Executive Director/CEO	2
Contra Costa School of Performing Arts	Neil McChesney	Executive Director	1
CORE Butte, Inc.	Mary Cox	Executive Director	1
Darnall Charter	Hee-Jin Peterson	Associate Director of Instruction	1
Da Vinci Schools	Matthew Wunder	Executive Director	2
Delta Charter Schools	Steve Payne	Deputy Superintendent	7
Dixon Montessori Charter	Ben Ernest	Executive Director	1
e3 Civic High	Cheryl Ward	CEO	1
East Bay Innovation Academy	Dean Marolla-Turner	Executive Director	1
Ednovate	Oliver Sicut	CEO	1
Education for Change	Hae-Sin Thomas	CEO	7
Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center	Ron Paez	Interim Director	1
Element Education, Inc.	Terri Novacek	Executive Director	2
Elevate Elementary	Ryan Elliott	Principal/CEO	1
Elite Public Schools	Ramona Robinson-Bishop	President/CEO	1
El Rancho Charter School	Michelle Walker	Principal of Academics	1
Empower Charter	Demi Brown	Executive Director/President	1
Environmental Charter Schools, Non-Profit	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Executive Director/CEO	3

Partner Name	CEO	Title	LEAs
Envision Schools	Gia Truong	CEO & Superintendent	3
Epic Charter Schools of California	Paul MacGregor	Executive Director	1
Epiphany Prep Charter	David Rivera	President	1
Escuela Popular del Pueblo	Patricia Reguerin	Executive Director	2
Fortune	Margaret Fortune	CEO/Principal	2
Francophone Charter School of Oakland	Mark Kushner	Interim Executive Director	1
Garvey/Allen Visual and Performing Arts Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	Tiffany Gilmore	CEO	1
Gateway College and Career Academy	Miguel Contreras	Director	1
Gateway Community Charters	Cindy Petersen	Superintendent/CEO	6
GOALS Academy	Debra Schroeder	Director	1
Gompers Preparatory Academy	Jane Firpo	Executive Director	1
Gorman Learning Center, Inc.	Denice Burchett	Executive Director	2
Green Dot Public Schools California	Cristina De Jesus	CEO	1
Growth Public Schools	David Richards	CEO	1
Guajome Schools	Kevin Humphrey	Superintendent of Schools	2
Harriet Tubman Village Charter	Ryan Woodard	CEO/Principal	1
Hawking S.T.E.A.M. Charter Schools	Lorena Chavez	CEO	1
Hayward Collegiate Charter	Neena Goswamy	Executive Director	1
Holly Drive Leadership Academy	Alysia Smith	Principal	1
Howard Gardner Community Charter	Beverley Jimenez	Executive Director	1
Iftin Charter	Ali Hori	Prinicpal	1
iLEAD Charter Schools	Dawn Evenson	Executive Director	6
Imagine Schools	Darrin Anderson	Regional Director	1
Ingenium Schools	Jake Rodgers	Superintendent	2
Inland Leaders Charter School	Mike Gordon	Executive Director	1

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Innovations Academy	Christine Kuglen	Director	1
Inspire Charter Schools	Steven Lawrence	Interim Executive Director/COO	10
Inspire School of Arts and Sciences	Matt McLaughlin	Director of Special Education	1
Invictus Academy of Richmond	Gautam K Thapar	Executive Director	1
John Adams, Inc.	Heather Brown	Co-CEO/Headmaster	3
Julian Charter School, Inc.	Jennifer Cauzza	Executive Director	3
Kairos Public School Vacaville Academy	Jared Austin	Executive Director	1
Kavod Charter School	Alexa Greenland	Executive Director	1
Keiller Leadership Academy	Joel Christman	Executive Director	1
KEY Educational Group	Krista Kastriotis	Executive Director	1
Kinetic Academy	Bre Lionetti	Executive Director	1
King-Chavez	Cindy Kelley	CEO	6
KIPP Bay Area Public Schools	Beth Sutkus-Thompson	Executive Director	13
KIPP SoCal Public Schools	Marcia Aaron	CEO	10
Leadership Public Schools	Patricia Saddler	Superintendent & CEO	3
Learn 4 Life	Pat Hill	VP of Student Services	14
Learning Choice Academy	Debi Gooding	Executive Director	3
Lifeline Education Charter School	Paula DeGroat	Director	1
Life Source International Charter	Deberae Culpepper	Executive Director	1
Lighthouse Community Public Schools	Jenna Stauffer	CEO	3
MAAC Community Charter School	Arnulfo Manriquez	President/CEO	1
Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation	Alfredo Rubalcava	CEO	6
Making Waves Academy	Alton Nelson	CEO	1
Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy	Terrence Davis	Head of School	1
McGill School of Success	Norma Sandoval	Principal/CEO	1
Mission Preparatory	Kristine MacDonald	Executive Director	1

Partner Name	CEO	Title	LEAs
Museum	Phil Beaumont	Executive Director	1
National University Academy	Kimberleigh Kopp	Executive Director	3
Navigator Schools	Kevin Sved	CEO	3
New Day Academy, Inc.	Laura Blachman	Executive Director	2
Nord Country School, Inc.	Kathy Dahlgren	Principal/Superintendent	1
North Oakland Community Charter School	D. M. (David) Kloker	Head of School	1
North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy	Mark Ryan	Superintendent	1
Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy	Stanley Echols	Superintendent	1
Oakland School for the Arts	Staci Smith	Interim Executive Director	1
Old Town Academy K-8 Charter	Jon Centofranchi	CEO	1
Olive Grove Charter School	Laura Mudge	President/Director	5
OnePurpose School	Anne Shibley	Principal	1
Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts	Kapil Mathur	Executive Director	1
Oxford Day Academy	Mallory Dwinal	CEO/COO	1
Oxford Preparatory Academy	Jill Marks	Executive Director	2
Pacific Charter Institute	Paul Keefer	Executive Director	2
Pacific View Charter	Gina Campbell	Founding Executive Director	1
Palmdale Aerospace Academy	Melinda Jaggi	Co-CEO	1
Paragon Collegiate Academy	Serafin Alvarez	Vice President	1
Partners in Oakland Education	Rosette Costello	Executive Director	1
Peak to Peak Mountain Charter	Jeffrey Fenske	Administrator	1
Perseverance Preparatory School	Alexandria LeeNatali	Founder and Executive Director	1
Phoenix Charter Academy	Patricia Dougherty	CEO	1
Plumas Charter	Taletha Washburn	Executive Director	1
Preuss School UCSD	Helen Griffith	Executive Director	1
REACH Leadership STEAM Academy	Virgie Rentie	Executive Director/CEO	1

Partner Name	CEO	Title	LEAs
REAL Journey Academies	Alex Lucero	Chief Executive Officer	1
Redding School of the Arts	Margaret Johnson	Executive Director	1
Redding STEM Academy	John Husome	Director / Principal	1
Rising Sun Montessori	Karl Zierhut	Head of School	1
River Charter Schools	Steve Lewis	Superintendent	2
River Montessori Elementary Charter	Kelly Mannion	Executive Director	1
ROADS Education	Jayna Gaskell	Executive Director	4
Rocketship Public Schools	Preston Smith	CEO	13
Rocklin Academies	Robin Stout	CEO/Executive Director	4
Ronald Reagan Charter School Alliance	Barbara Hale	Director/Principal	2
Roses In Concrete Community School	Jeff Duncan-Andrade	Founder/Board Chair	1
Ross Valley Charter School	Luke Duchene	School Director	1
Samueli Academy	Anthony Saba	Executive Director	1
San Diego Cooperative Charter Schools	Tom Pellegrino	Executive Director	1
San Diego Global Vision Academy	Christine Kane	Executive Director	1
San Jose Conservation Corps Charter	Dorsey Moore	Executive Director	1
Santiago Middle	James D'Agostino	Principal/Executive Director	1
Scholarship Prep	Gloria Romero	Executive Director	2
School for Entrepreneurship and Technology	Neil McCurdy	CEO	1
School of Arts and Enterprise	Jon Gundry	Executive Director	1
Semillas Community Schools	Marcos Aguilar	Executive Director	1
SF Five Keys	Steve Good	Executive Director	3
Sherwood Montessori	Michelle Yezbick	Director	1
Sierra Charter	Lisa Marasco	Principal / CEO	1
Springs Charter Schools	Kathleen Hermsmeyer	Superintendent	3
St. Hope Public Schools	Kari Wehrly	Chief of Schools	2

Partner Name	CEO	Title	LEAs
Stallworth Charter Schools	Gayle Stallworth	Executive Director	1
Stockton Collegiate International	Scott Luhn	Head of School	2
STREAM Charter School	Don Phillips	Director	1
Summit Leadership Academy - High Desert	Randy Wormmeester	CEO	1
Summit Public Schools	Diane Tavenner	CEO	6
Sunrise Middle School	Teresa Robinson	Executive Director	1
Temecula International Academy	Camile Lara	Principal	1
Temecula Preparatory School	Michael Agostini	Head of School	1
Temecula Valley Charter School	Michael Murphy	Executive Director	1
The Beginning Project	Celeste Beck	Principal	1
The Language Academy of Sacramento	Eduardo de Leon	Principal	1
The Learner-Centered School, Inc.	Edna Heller	Co-Administrator	2
The New School of San Francisco	Emily Bobel Kilduff	Head of School	1
The O'Farrell Charter Schools	Jonathan Dean	Superintendent/Executive Director	2
Thomas Edison Charter Academy	Anakarita Allen	Executive Director/Superintendent	1
Today's Fresh Start Charter School	Jeanette Parker	Superintendent	2
Tomorrow's Leadership Collaborative Charter School	Jessica Tunney	Executive Director	1
Trivium Academy of Classical Education	Trisha Vais	Executive Director	3
Unity Middle College High	Erin Craig	Founding Executive Director	1
Urban Discovery Academy Charter	Shawn Loescher	CEO	1
Urban Montessori Charter	Krishna Feeney	Head of School	1
Valiente College Preparatory	Dr. Esther Perez	Executive Director	1
Vista Charter Public Schools	Don Wilson	Superintendent	2
Vista Oaks Charter School, Inc.	Lucy Berk-Fisher	Director of Special Education	1
Westlake Charter Schools	John Eick	Executive Director	1
Willow Educational Foundation	Seth Feldman	Executive Director	1

Partner Name	CEO	Title	LEAs
Woodland Star Charter	Jamie Lloyd	Administrator/CEO	1
Yu Ming Charter	Sue Park	Head of School	1
Total Number of Organizations	180	Total Number of LEAs	383



2019-20 Charter Member Rate

Issue

Based on the fraudulent activity of the A3 Education organization, the 2018-19 ADA for all A3 schools has been reduced to zero. This ADA reduction results in a loss of 2019-20 revenue to the Charter SELPA and requires an adjustment to the current year funding rate to partners.

Background

A3 Education schools were in operation serving students, including students with disabilities, for the entire 2018-19 school year. CDE certified ADA of 20,357.77 for the A3 schools in the SELPA at P-1 in February 2019. After the P-1 certification, the San Diego District Attorney began an investigation of the organization's alleged fraudulent activity. On May 29, 2019 the San Diego DA made public the fraud indictments. In response, the SELPA withheld all funding to A3 schools. An interim administrative team charged with overseeing A3 school operations reported that the fictitious students and erroneous attendance reporting were corrected. Subsequently, combined ADA for A3 schools of 13,780.65 was certified at P-2 in June 2019, a 6,578.12 (-32%) reduction in ADA from P-1.

The ADA reduction from P-1 to P-2 in 2018-19 resulted in a need to recover \$1.5M in special education funding from A3 schools that had already been distributed. Working directly with the A3 interim team, the Charter SELPA was able to structure a solution and the overfunding was recovered, avoiding a loss to the SELPA. The SELPA was not aware nor could have anticipated any further ADA adjustments in the time between June 2019 and February 2020. The SELPA administration was informed by CDE's Principal Apportionment Funding Office on February 19, 2020 that the P-Annual adjustment to the ADA of the SELPA's A3 schools, which was to be published the following day, would reduce 2018-19 ADA from 13,780.65 to 0.

The basis of this decision is:

- the court appointed receiver, the authorizing school districts, and the county offices of education all stated they will not certify the accuracy of the 2018-19 P-2 or Annual ADA for the charter schools; and
- the San Diego District Attorney has made the legal argument that the foundation of these schools is invalid due to fraud, therefore nothing that follows is valid.

Impact

While SELPA administration continues attempts to recover the funding, this unprecedented situation results in a revenue loss of nearly \$7M in the current year, detailed in the table at right along with the ADA reduction from 2018-19 P-2 (June 2019) to P-Annual (February 2020) for each school.

A3 Education LEA	ADA Reduction	2019-20 Funding Loss
California STEAM Santa Barbara	740.55	(367,549)
California STEAM Sonoma II	2,005.93	(995,583)
Uplift California North Charter	799.02	(396,569)
Uplift California Santa Barbara	1,143.61	(567,596)
Uplift California South Charter	586.63	(291,157)
Uplift Monterey	688.03	(341,483)
Valiant Academy DESD	3,352.81	(1,699,473)
Valiant Santa Barbara	637.93	(323,354)
Valiant Academy of Los Angeles	2,331.65	(1,181,866)
California Prep Sutter 8-12	558.48	(280,134)
California Prep Sutter K-7	920.01	(461,477)
Total	13,764.65	\$ (6,906,241)

The 2019-20 Charter Member Rate is currently set at \$543/CY ADA. Due to the impact of the funding reduction, SELPA administration has determined it is not possible to maintain this rate. The two sources available to cover this loss in funding are the Rate Smoothing Pool and the Set-Aside Risk Pool. The Set-Aside Risk Pool is projected to end the year with a balance of \$786,378. As a result of a very small current year deficit applied at P-1, the year-end projected balance of the Rate Smoothing Pool is \$4,699,142. Further, since the new special education funding legislation in the Governor's budget eliminates the deficit next year and beyond and is likely to pass, the need to mitigate fluctuations of the state rate throughout the year with the Rate Smoothing Pool should no longer be necessary.

The table below describes three scenarios for dealing with the funding decline by:

1. absorbing the full loss in the current year rate;
2. applying the entire balance of the Rate Smoothing Pool and all but \$250,000 of the Set-Aside Risk Pool; or
3. utilizing the entire balances of both the Rate Smoothing Pool and the Set-Aside Risk Pool.

See Line 12 for the resulting 2019-20 rate. The dollar amount of the reduction from the current \$543/ADA rate appears on line 13.

FUNDING RECOVERY SCENARIOS		Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
1	Excess Revenue Recovered from A3	642,801	642,801	642,801
2	Set-Aside Risk Pool Dollars Used	-	536,378	786,378
3	Rate Smoothing Pool Dollars Used	-	4,699,142	4,699,142
4	Total Available to Cover Loss	\$ 642,801	\$ 5,878,321	\$ 6,128,321
5	Total Funding Loss	(6,906,241)	(6,906,241)	(6,906,241)
6	Total Available to Cover Loss	642,801	5,878,321	6,128,321
7	Shortfall	(6,263,440)	(1,027,920)	(777,920)
8	2019-20 ADA @ P-1	209,095.94	209,095.94	209,095.94
9	Per ADA Adjustment	(\$29.95)	(\$4.92)	(\$3.72)
10	Current 2019-20 Rate	543.00	543.00	543.00
11	Current Rate - Adjustment	513.05	538.08	539.28
12	Revised 2019-20 Rate	\$ 513.00	\$ 538.00	\$ 539.00
13	2019-20 Rate Reduction	\$ 30.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00

While CEO Council policy delegates the authority to SELPA administration to make these decisions, we believe it to be appropriate and necessary for the Council to formally act. Additionally, given the significance and the extraordinary nature of this situation, it is essential that we honor our shared values of transparency and shared decision making.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the CEO Council approve Scenario 2: using the entire balance of the Rate Smoothing Pool and all but \$250,000 of the Set-Aside Risk Pool. Charges against the Set-Aside Risk Pool have been \$47K and \$22K in the past two years. It would not be advisable to drain all funds from the Set-Aside Risk Pool and rely on building it back up over time with the one-time \$5/ADA contribution from new charters. The \$1.00 difference in rate between Scenarios 2 and 3 is seen as a prudent tradeoff.