

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions  
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP JPA)  
**DESERT/MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*October 21, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.*  
Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

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## **AGENDA**

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**NOTICE:** This meeting will be held as a hybrid committee meeting with some committee members participating in person and others participating via Web Ex. If members of the public wish to participate in the meeting and/or make public comment, please follow the instructions below to participate telephonically:

### **PARTICIPATE BY PHONE:**

Dial Access Number: 1-415-655-0003

When prompted - enter Meeting Number: 2453 815 8344

Follow directions as a Participant; an Attendee I.D. is not required to participate.

If you wish to make a public comment at this meeting, prior to the meeting please submit a request to address the Charter Steering and Finance Committee to the recording secretary via fax at 1-760-242-5363 or email [jamie.adkins@cahelp.org](mailto:jamie.adkins@cahelp.org). Please include your name, contact information and which item you want to address.

Reasonable Accommodation: If you wish to request reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting telephonically, please contact the recording secretary (via contact information noted above) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

### **2.0 ROLL CALL**

### **3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The public is encouraged to participate in the deliberation of the Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee. Several opportunities are available during the meeting for the Council to receive oral communication regarding the presentations of any items listed on the agenda. Please ask for recognition either before a presentation or after the presentation has been completed. Please complete and submit a “Registration Card to Address the Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee” to the Recording Secretary and adhere to the provisions described therein.

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the October 21, 2021 Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

### **5.0 INFORMATION/ACTION**

5.1 Assembly Bill 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements

Assembly Bill (AB) 361 requires local agencies to consider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make the following findings by a majority vote: 1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or 2) state or local officials

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continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

5.1.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly Bill 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements be approved as presented.

### **6.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

It is recommended that the Charter Steering Committee consider approving several Agenda items as a Consent list. Consent Items are routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. Consent items may be called up by any Committee Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

6.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Consent Items be approved as presented:

6.1.1 Approve the September 23, 2021 Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

### **7.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 Legislative Updates

Jenae Holtz will present the Legislative Updates.

7.2 Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Policy and Procedure Chapter 14 Appendix B

Jenae Holtz will present the updated D/M Charter SELPA Policy and Procedure Chapter 14 Appendix B Non-Exclusive List of Qualified Examiners.

7.3 Revised 2021-22 D/M Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Calendar of Meetings

Jenae Holtz will present the revised 2021-22 D/M Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Calendar of Meetings.

7.4 Desert/Mountain Children's Center Client Services Reports and Updates

Linda Llamas will present the Desert/Mountain Children's Center Client Services monthly reports and updates.

7.5 Professional Learning Summary

Heidi Chavez will present the D/M Charter SELPA's Professional Learning Summary.

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7.6 Resolution Support Services Summary and Updates

Kathleen Peters will present the D/M Charter SELPA’s Resolution Support Services Summary and updates.

7.7 Prevention and Intervention Updates

Kami Murphy will present Prevention and Intervention Updates.

7.8 Compliance Update

Peggy Dunn will present an update on compliance items from the California Department of Education (CDE).

**8.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.1 Pupil Count/CALPADS Certification Memo

9.2 Monthly Occupational & Physical Therapy Services Reports

9.3 Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

**10.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS**

**11.0 CEO COMMENTS**

**12.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC**

This is the time during the agenda when the Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee is again prepared to receive the comments of the public regarding items on this agenda or any school related special education issue.

When coming to the podium, speakers are requested to give their name and limit their remarks to three minutes.

Persons wishing to make complaints against Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee personnel must have filed an appropriate complaint form prior to the meeting.

When the Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee goes into Closed Session, there will be

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no further opportunity for general public to address the Council on items under consideration.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Aster/Cactus Room, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

*Individuals requiring special accommodations for disabilities are requested to contact Jamie Adkins at (760) 955-3555, at least seven days prior to the date of this meeting.*

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## AB 361 Creates Exemptions to Brown Act Virtual Meeting Requirements During a State of Emergency

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On September 15, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361, amending the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow local agencies to continue conducting public meetings remotely during a state of emergency, so long as certain requirements are met. As explained in more detail below, public agencies who wish to conduct meetings remotely on or after October 1, 2021, must make specific findings, every thirty days, and ensure conditions related to public participation are satisfied.

### Background

Generally, if a local agency elects to use teleconferencing for a public meeting, the Brown Act requires: (1) a quorum of the legislative body to participate from within the boundaries of the agency's jurisdiction, (2) the public agency to post notice of each teleconference location, and (3) the public be allowed to address the legislative body from each teleconference location.

Beginning in March 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders (Prior Orders) relaxing these Brown Act provisions, allowing public agencies greater flexibility in holding remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Prior Orders, suspending the Brown Act teleconferencing requirements and confirming the use of internet-based service options for holding public meetings, were set to expire on September 30, 2021. In light of this looming deadline, AB 361 was passed and amends the Brown Act to allow public agencies to continue conducting remote meetings during a state of emergency without the need to comply with all of the teleconferencing requirements. While AB 361 was an urgency measure, effective upon the Governor's signature, the Governor also signed a new Executive Order, clarifying that most of the requirements of AB 361 become effective October 1, 2021.

Although the Governor waived the applicability of AB 361 until October 1, 2021, local agencies retain the option of meeting before October 1 to make the required findings under AB 361 in order to hold future meetings remotely. If a local agency does not do so, it will have to have a separate meeting in October to make the necessary findings before any regular or special meetings otherwise scheduled for October can be held remotely.

### Applicability of AB 361

Under the urgency legislation, a local agency may utilize the more “relaxed” Brown Act teleconferencing requirements in any of the following circumstances:

1. There is a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. There is a proclaimed state of emergency, and the local agency’s meeting is for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. There is a proclaimed state of emergency, and the local agency has determined, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.

AB 361 defines a “state of emergency” as a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act. Importantly, this includes the current state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

To continue to rely on the relaxed teleconferencing provisions, the local agency must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make the following findings by majority vote, *every 30 days*:

- The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
- State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

## Virtual Meeting Requirements Under AB 361

For all remote meetings held under AB 361, local agencies are required to meet the following public participation and notice requirements (note that some of these requirements differ from what had been in place under the Prior Orders):

- Meeting agendas and notices must describe how members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, and identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option;
- The public must have the opportunity to address the legislative body and comment in real time. The local agencies may still allow for the public to submit comments in advance of the meeting, but the local agency must also provide an option for the public to comment in real time;
- If a timed public comment period is provided on an agenda, whether on a specific agenda item or in general, registration and the public comment period cannot close until the time has elapsed. If public comment is taken separately on each agenda item, the legislative body must allow a reasonable amount of time per item to allow members of the public the opportunity to provide public comment, register, or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment;

- Local agencies are permitted to use platforms which, incidental to their use and deployment, may require users to register for an account with that platform so long as the platform is not under the control of the local agency;
- If there is a disruption in the broadcast of a public meeting using the call-in option or the internet-based option, or there is a disruption within the agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering comments, the agency must not take any action on items appearing on the agenda until full access is restored.

Meeting agendas are not required to be posted at all teleconference locations, and local agencies are not required to make each teleconference location accessible to the public, provided that members of the public are afforded the opportunity to provide public comment remotely.

## Takeaways

AB 361 creates statutory exemptions to the Brown Act that extend flexibility for remote public meetings during proclaimed emergencies, through January 1, 2024. For state and local agencies that are subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act, AB 361 establishes similarly relaxed guidance for virtual public meetings, until January 31, 2022. State and local agencies must give the public notice and an opportunity to comment and participate at meetings in real time, even using remote means, and they must comply with certain prerequisites in order to rely on the remote meeting provisions, including reconsideration of the circumstances and need for remote meetings every 30 days. While this new law relaxes certain remote meeting requirements relating to member participation, agendas, and public accessibility at remote locations, the underlying aim of the Brown Act—to ensure meetings of local agencies be open and public—remains.

If you have any questions about AB 361 or about Brown Act or board governance issues in general, please contact the author of this Client News Brief or an attorney at one of our [eight offices](#) located statewide. You can also subscribe to our [podcasts](#), follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) or download our [mobile app](#).

*As the information contained herein is necessarily general, its application to a particular set of facts and circumstances may vary. For this reason, this News Brief does not constitute legal advice. We recommend that you consult with your counsel prior to acting on the information contained herein.*



**AB-361 Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences.** (2021-2022)

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## Assembly Bill No. 361

### CHAPTER 165

An act to add and repeal Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of, and to add and repeal Section 11133 of, the Government Code, relating to open meetings, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[ Approved by Governor September 16, 2021. Filed with Secretary of State September 16, 2021. ]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 361, Robert Rivas. Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences.

(1) Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act contains specified provisions regarding the timelines for posting an agenda and providing for the ability of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public. The act generally requires all regular and special meetings of the legislative body be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions. The act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing subject to certain requirements, particularly that the legislative body notice each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that members of the public be allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, that the legislative body post an agenda at each teleconference location, and that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined. The act authorizes the district attorney or any interested person, subject to certain provisions, to commence an action by mandamus or injunction for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that specified actions taken by a legislative body are null and void.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, authorizes the Governor, or the Director of Emergency Services when the governor is inaccessible, to proclaim a state of emergency under specified circumstances.

Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the legislative body at the meeting, and that a legislative body of a local agency has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 1, 2024, would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, during a proclaimed state of emergency held

for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided.

This bill would require legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body. The bill would require the legislative body to take no further action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, until public access is restored. The bill would specify that actions taken during the disruption are subject to challenge proceedings, as specified.

This bill would prohibit the legislative body from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and would specify that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. The bill would prohibit the legislative body from closing the public comment period and the opportunity to register to provide public comment, until the public comment period has elapsed or until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, as specified. When there is a continuing state of emergency, or when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the bill would require a legislative body to make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting pursuant to these provisions, and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

Existing law prohibits a legislative body from requiring, as a condition to attend a meeting, a person to register the person's name, or to provide other information, or to fulfill any condition precedent to the person's attendance.

This bill would exclude from that prohibition, a registration requirement imposed by a third-party internet website or other online platform not under the control of the legislative body.

(2) Existing law, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body. The act requires at least one member of the state body to be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

The Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the state body at the meeting, and that a state body has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 31, 2022, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a state body to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body. With respect to a state body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the state body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge state bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

(3) Existing law establishes the various campuses of the California State University under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and authorizes the establishment of student body organizations in connection with the operations of California State University campuses.

The Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act of 2000 generally requires a legislative body, as defined, of a student body organization to conduct its business in a meeting that is open and public. The act authorizes the legislative body to use teleconferencing, as defined, for the benefit of the public and the legislative body in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law.

This bill, until January 31, 2022, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a legislative body, as defined for purposes of the act, to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the legislative body. With respect to a legislative body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the legislative body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the legislative body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge legislative bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

(4) This bill would declare the Legislature's intent, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options.

(5) This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 54953 of the Government Code proposed by AB 339 to be operative only if this bill and AB 339 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.

(6) The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(7) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(8) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 89305.6 is added to the Education Code, to read:

**89305.6.** (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), a legislative body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the legislative body.

(b) (1) For a legislative body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all requirements in this article requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the legislative body, or the public, as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting, are hereby suspended.

(2) For a legislative body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all of the following requirements in this article are suspended:

(A) Each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting or proceeding be identified in the notice and agenda of the public meeting or proceeding.

(B) Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

(C) Members of the public may address the legislative body at each teleconference conference location.

(D) Post agendas at all teleconference locations.

(E) At least one member of the legislative body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(c) A legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall have satisfied any requirement that the legislative body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. A legislative body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

(d) If a legislative body holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the legislative body shall also do both of the following:

(1) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

(2) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).

(e) Except to the extent this section provides otherwise, each legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:

(1) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by this article, and using the means otherwise prescribed by this article, as applicable.

(2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in the means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the effective date of this section in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of the means of public observation and comment, a legislative body may satisfy this requirement by advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the legislative body's internet website.

(f) All legislative bodies utilizing the teleconferencing procedures in this section are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the otherwise applicable provisions of this article, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to legislative body meetings.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 31, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.

**SEC. 2.** Section 11133 is added to the Government Code, to read:

**11133.** (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), a state body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body.

(b) (1) For a state body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all requirements in this article requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the state body, or the public, as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting, are hereby suspended.

(2) For a state body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all of the following requirements in this article are suspended:

(A) Each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting or proceeding be identified in the notice and agenda of the public meeting or proceeding.

(B) Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

(C) Members of the public may address the state body at each teleconference conference location.

(D) Post agendas at all teleconference locations.

(E) At least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(c) A state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall have satisfied any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. A state body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

(d) If a state body holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the state body shall also do both of the following:

(1) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

(2) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).

(e) Except to the extent this section provides otherwise, each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:

(1) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by this article, and using the means otherwise prescribed by this article, as applicable.

(2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in the means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the effective date of this section in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of the means of public observation and comment, a state body may satisfy this requirement by advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the state body's internet website.

(f) All state bodies utilizing the teleconferencing procedures in this section are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the otherwise applicable provisions of this article, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to state body meetings.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 31, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.

**SEC. 3.** Section 54953 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**54953.** (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each

teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:

(A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

(B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:

(A) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

(B) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3. In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the

meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(C) The legislative body shall conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.

(D) In the event of a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(F) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(G) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

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(iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

(3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

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(4) For the purposes of this subdivision, "state of emergency" means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.

**SEC. 3.1.** Section 54953 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, any applicable language access and other nondiscrimination obligations.

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(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

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(e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

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(e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

**SEC. 5.** Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill incorporate amendments to Section 54953 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and Assembly Bill 339. Those sections of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2022, but this bill becomes operative first, (2) each bill amends Section 54953 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 339, in which case Section 54953 of the Government Code, as amended by Sections 3 and 4 of this bill, shall remain operative only until the operative date of Assembly Bill 339, at which time Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill shall become operative.

**SEC. 6.** It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future applicable emergencies, by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, permitting expanded use of teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**SEC. 7.** The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

This act is necessary to ensure minimum standards for public participation and notice requirements allowing for greater public participation in teleconference meetings during applicable emergencies.

**SEC. 8.** (a) The Legislature finds and declares that during the COVID-19 public health emergency, certain requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) were suspended by Executive Order N-29-20. Audio and video teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in lieu of physical location meetings, and public meetings conducted by teleconference during the COVID-19 public health emergency have been productive, have increased public participation by all members of the public regardless of their location in the state and ability to travel to physical meeting locations, have protected the health and safety of civil servants and the public, and have reduced travel costs incurred by members of state bodies and reduced work hours spent traveling to and from meetings.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, Section 2 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 11133 of the Government Code, and Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, all increase and potentially limit the public's right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

(1) By removing the requirement that public meetings be conducted at a primary physical location with a quorum of members present, this act protects the health and safety of civil servants and the public and does not preference the experience of members of the public who might be able to attend a meeting in a physical location over members of the public who cannot travel or attend that meeting in a physical location.

(2) By removing the requirement for agendas to be placed at the location of each public official participating in a public meeting remotely, including from the member's private home or hotel room, this act protects the personal, private information of public officials and their families while preserving the public's right to access information

concerning the conduct of the people's business.

**SEC. 9.** This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that state and local agencies can continue holding public meetings while providing essential services like water, power, and fire protection to their constituents during public health, wildfire, or other states of emergencies, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

**DESERT/MOUNTAIN CHARTER SELPA STEERING and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*September 23, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. Virtual via Teleconference*

Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307

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**D/M CHARTER SELPA MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allegiance STEAM – Callie Moreno, Aveson Global/Aveson School of Leaders – Kelly Jung, Ballington Academy – Doreen Mulz, Desert Trails Preparatory Academy (DTPA)/LaVerne Elementary Prep (LEPA) – Sarah Ballard-Wiley, Debra Tarver, Elite Academic Academy – Susana Waisman, Adam Woodard, Encore Jr/Sr High – Esther Haskins, Julia Lee Performing Arts Academy – Mika Klepper, Odyssey Charter – Katrina Franklin, Chasityflame Price, Pasadena Rosebud – Shawn Brumfield, Taylion High Desert – Brenda Congo, and Virtual Prep Academy in Lucerne – Malia Lovelle, Michelle Romaine.

**CAHELP, SELPA, & DMCC STAFF PRESENT:**

Jamie Adkins, Guille Burgos, Heidi Chavez, Danielle Cote, Tara Deavitt, Lindsey Devor, Adrien Faamausili, Marina Gallegos, Renee Garcia, Colette Garland, Derek Hale, Jenae Holtz, Linda Llamas, Maurica Manibusan, Kami Murphy, Lisa Nash, Kathleen Peters, Karina Quezada, Veronica Rousseau, Adrienne Shepherd-Myles, Pamela Strigglers, Stephanie Sweem, Erica Vargas, and Athena Vernon.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP JPA) Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jenae Holtz, at 1:04 p.m., at the Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center, Apple Valley.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Mika Klepper, seconded by Callie Moreno, to approve the September 23, 2021, Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion was carried on the following vote 11:0: Ayes: Brumfield, Congo, Haskins, Jung, Klepper, Moreno, Mulz, Price, Romaine, Tarver, and Waisman. Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

**5.0 INFORMATION/ACTION**

5.1 Desert/Mountain Children’s Center Electronic Health Record Policy (**ACTION**)

Policies and procedures governing the operation of special education programs within the Desert/Mountain SELPA are developed, reviewed, and revised throughout the year upon the recommendation of the Program Team. Policies and Procedures are modified as necessary in order

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to ensure that special education programs are operated in an efficient, effective and legally compliant manner. Suggested revisions to SELPA Policy and Procedures are submitted to the D/M Charter SELPA Steering Committee consideration and approval.

Linda Llamas reported the document outlines the specific protections Desert/Mountain Children's Center (DMCC) has for their electronic health records to assure they are remaining compliant in all aspects of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). She went on to say the document identifies the DMCC HIPAA privacy and security plan to protect all confidential information within the electronic health record as well as what steps DMCC will take to prevent any security threats to their system.

5.1.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Mika Klepper, seconded by Susana Waisman, to approve the Desert/Mountain Children's Center Electronic Health Record Policy as presented. The motion was carried on the following vote 11:0: Ayes: Brumfield, Congo, Haskins, Jung, Klepper, Moreno, Mulz, Price, Romaine, Tarver, and Waisman. Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

**6.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

It is recommended that the Charter Steering Committee consider approving several Agenda items as a Consent list. Consent Items are routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. Consent items may be called up by any Committee Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

6.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Debbie Tarver, seconded by Mika Klepper, to approve the following Consent Items as presented. The motion was carried on the following vote 11:0: Ayes: Brumfield, Congo, Haskins, Jung, Klepper, Moreno, Mulz, Price, Romaine, Tarver, and Waisman. Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

6.1.1 Approve the August 26, 2021, Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

**7.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 State SELPA Legislative Update

Jenae Holtz presented the State SELPA Legislative Update. Jenae highlighted Assembly Bill (AB) 586 - Pupil Health: Mental Health Services Funding that is currently pending and expected to be acted on in January 2022. It is a pilot program that is being suggested to expand comprehensive health and mental health services that will secure funding from Medi-Cal for more LEAs across the state. D/M SELPA is one of the few LEAs in the state that has a contract with the

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Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) for Medi-Cal. AB 586 would make it a bill and a law that funding be distributed directly to LEAs to provide expanded services.

Jenae continued Senate Bill (SB) 692 - LCAP State Priorities: LRE has been placed in suspense which means it becomes a two-year bill. SB 692 will add Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) to Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Jenae shared AB 104 – COVID-19 Pupil Impacts, Alternative Options would require LEAs to write a supplemental policy regarding retention of students who during the 2020-21 academic year received deficient grades for at least half of their coursework excluding grade 12. AB 104 has been signed by the governor so LEAs will have to review their policies and how they relate to any retentions.

Jenae reported AB 167/SB 167 Trailer Bills related to AB 130 regarding Average Daily Attendance (ADA) apportionment for independent study and how to provide coding for attendance. Jenae shared that shortly before this meeting, she received an email from California Department of Education (CDE) regarding students with disabilities who are not on independent study that are exposed to COVID-19 and are required to quarantine for a period of time and how to recover ADA for those children. CDE stated the LEAs may submit Form J13A as a request for a material decrease due to loss of attendance occurring as a result of students with exceptional needs who's IEPs do not provide for participation in independent study that are quarantined and unable to attend in person instruction due to exposure or infection with COVID-19 pursuant to local or state public health guidance and/or for closure of school site or class that only serves students who are individuals with exceptional needs who's IEPs do not specifically provide for participation in independent study. Jenae said Form J13A can be used for students with disabilities who are not receiving independent study but are exposed.

### 7.2 COVID-19 Decision Tree

Jenae Holtz presented a COVID-19 decision tree distributed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). It is a flowchart for managing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 at school sites. Jenae said copies can be made and distributed to LEA staff.

### 7.3 Learning Recovery Support and Alternative Dispute/Prevention/Resolution Grants

Jenae Holtz presented information on Learning Recovery Support and Alternative Dispute/Prevention/Resolution Grants. She said a huge topic across the state is how to use the grant dollars without effecting Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Jenae called on Kathleen Peters to report out on the ADR Allocation Plan.

Kathleen Peters reported there were two opportunities for the LEAs to provide their input for the grant and she received excellent ideas for how the funds could be used. She said the grant

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directions are specific in that it is to be used in early intervention and ways to promote collaboration and positive relationships between parents and schools. Kathleen continued the grant is focused on training parents to become knowledgeable about the available options for problem solving that do not involve attorneys and rise to the level of an Office of Administrative Hearing filing. She stated the plan includes broad goals that addressed outreach activities with existing parent groups, proposed parent education models including Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings being implemented at the local LEA level with more parent advocacy and participation. Kathleen suggested LEAs connect with their family resource centers and family liaisons for integration and collaboration with special education topics. She said the plan also includes a goal to assist LEAs in making up for the missing assessments and support services that overlap with the Learning Recovery Plan. Kathleen stressed that staying current with assessments also closes the gaps that could lead to filings. She stated the grant awarded is \$1,817,000 and the amount being distributed was emailed to the LEAs. Kathleen said that on or before September 30, 2023, a report will be compiled reflecting how the grant money was used. She stated a document is being created to track the specific information including demographics of students served, issues generating dispute resolution, the number of cases remediated with ADR, number of cases resolved by agreement, and the number of cases that refused ADR and moved forward in the process. Kathleen continued that ADR will become an integrated part of problem solving in the districts.

Marina Gallegos clarified the ADR funding for D/M Charter SELPA is \$73,565.

Jenae said there will be discussion on how LEAs can use the funding without interfering with MOE, including using funds retroactively.

Jenae called on Heidi Chavez to report on the Learning Recovery Plan. Heidi said the Learning Recovery Plan was also written based on feedback from the brainstorming sessions with the LEAs. She said the full Learning Recovery Plan was emailed to the committee members with expandable fields for complete viewing. Heidi shared that some of the activities in the plan are transportation services, before and after school trainings, summer activities, social groups, and additional staff. Heidi asked the committee members to review the plan and provide feedback to Heidi so she can adjust the plan to get the LEAs reimbursed. The tracking of information that will be submitted in 2023 will be done along the way instead of waiting until the end of the plan to backtrack. Heidi shared the timeline of the plan is September 2021 through September 2023.

Marina reported there is not a match with funds but a match between the learning recovery funds and the services supplies provided by the funds. It is standard accounting procedure in which funds are coded to the appropriate expenses. She reiterated the expenses need to agree with the activities. CDE confirmed LEAs can use the funds for retroactive activities to offset the supplemental costs that were incurred in the prior year, starting March 2020. Marina said this can be done as long as the expenses are within the parameters of the funding requirements and the activities also need to tie into the ADR and Learning Recovery plans.

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### 7.4 Desert/Mountain Children’s Center Client Services Reports and Updates

Guille Burgos presented the Desert/Mountain Children’s Center (DMCC) Client Services monthly reports and updates. Guille reminded the committee that when a student transfers to their LEA with Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) on their IEP, a referral is to be submitted with the IEP attached and an indication that the child is a transfer. This will allow services to begin immediately for the child. She continued that when the 30-day IEP meeting is scheduled, the invite information is to be emailed to Ashley Guevara at [Ashley.Guevara@cahelp.org](mailto:Ashley.Guevara@cahelp.org) so she can communicate the information for the appropriate clinician to attend the meeting. Guille asked for her or Linda Llamas to be contacted for any mental health services needs.

Jenae Holtz reminded the committee members that if their LEA is out of the area, DMCC does provide virtual mental health services and accepts online referrals.

### 7.5 Professional Learning Summary

Heidi Chavez presented the D/M Charter SELPA’s Professional Learning Summary. She shared for July and August, there were 38 participants with 23 participants attending online and 15 participants attending regional trainings.

Heidi reminded the committee members that Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was scheduled for the later that evening with Dr. Ron Powell presenting on COVID-19 and the Effects on Children.

Heidi reported that a Directors’ Training is scheduled for October 22, 2021, immediately following D/M SELPA Steering and Finance Committee. The topic will be Reducing/Defending Litigation Arising out of COVID-19 presented by Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR).

### 7.6 Resolution Support Services Summary and Updates

Kathleen Peters presented the D/M Charter SELPA’s Resolution Support Services Summary and updates. She shared there has been a case with two children that have not had an active IEP for multiple years and have moved from charter school to charter school without signing or agreeing to an IEPs. The case was ready to go to hearing but the children withdrew from school and moved to another charter that would not enroll the children without a signed IEP. The goal was reached of having a signed IEP in place and the charter did not have to go to hearing.

Kathleen reported there is an advocate seeking business that called the D/M SELPA office stating she was connected to an attorney firm, supported by a Northern California assemblymember, and wanted to reach local parents. Kathleen said advocates present themselves as parent advocates and/or nonprofit foundations when they are looking for clients to file claims against LEAs.

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Kathleen shared that a decision on a federal case regarding long term and post COVID-19 conditions. She said students with these conditions could be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as Other Health Impaired which is a concept under Child Find. Kathleen said because long term and post COVID-19 conditions are temporary, they could be better suited on a 504 Plan that provides accommodations. She said teachers should be mindful of long term and post COVID-19 conditions that result in many absences. Kathleen continued that it is important to keep an open mind to the idea of long term and post COVID-19 conditions qualifying for supports.

### 7.7 Prevention and Intervention Updates

Kami Murphy presented Prevention and Intervention Updates. She reported that one of the grants that was received in 2018 requires information to be shared with stakeholders via a mid-grant report. Kami shared the specific aims of the grant including assessing implantation activities, processes and outcomes, identifying facilitators and barriers to implementation, and providing lessons learned and evidence-based recommendations for future program implementation. She continued the programs were reviewed for complexity, adaptability, and innovation as well as what factors affected implementation including COVID-19. Kami said the grant covers broad target areas as well as funding for personnel which allowed many school districts and communities to be served.

Kami shared the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Recognition Event has been scheduled for October 28, 2021, and it will be a drive through event. It will be held at the Spirit River Complex and is pep rally style to celebrate the 31 schools that are receiving recognition this year. The flyer for the event is being finalized and will be shared when it is ready.

### 7.8 Transition Partnership Program (TPP) Beginning of the Year Meeting

Adrienne Shepherd-Myles reported the Career Technical Education team will be hosting their annual Beginning of the Year Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 8:30 am-1:00 pm. It is a virtual training where teachers will be introduced to new tools including digitalized transition activities. Adrienne shared the training is targeted to TPP teachers everyone is welcome to attend. Adrienne asked to be contacted for the invite link.

### 7.9 Compliance Update

Colette Garland presented an update on compliance items from the California Department of Education (CDE). She said that there are no LEAs in significant disproportionality or in disproportionality. Colette reported that End of Year 3 and 4 are certified and complete in CALPADS. She said CALPADS will be doing special education file redesign which consists of some reprogramming. Colette has a meeting with the programmers and East Valley SELPA to

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review the design as far as how and what is reported. She will be able to report back after the meeting. Colette continued that Web IEP is currently in testing phases one and two for the Interim Placement Form so there is not an activation date yet. Colette said the Assessment Plan is the next to be added.

**8.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.1 Monthly Occupational & Physical Therapy Services Reports

9.2 Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

**10.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS / REPORTS**

Debbie Tarver thanked D/M Charter SELPA for continued support and services that are provided. She encouraged other committee members to hang in there during this time of wearing multiple hats. Debbie wished everyone the best to stay healthy.

Jenae Holtz asked the committee members to let her know how CAHELP JPA can best support them. She said CAHELP is a service provider for LEAs and wants to assist in being successful with the students.

**11.0 CEO COMMENTS**

Jenae Holtz shared the CAHELP JPA CEO interviews are scheduled for September 24, 2021, with a decision being made within a week or two. Jenae is hopeful the successful candidate will attend the October Steering meetings.

**12.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC**

None.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Sarah Ballard-Wiley, seconded by Mika Klepper, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried on the following vote 11:0: Ayes: Brumfield, Congo, Haskins, Jung, Klepper, Moreno, Mulz, Price, Romaine, Tarver, and Waisman. Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

The next regular meeting of the Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA Steering Committee will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Aster/Cactus Room, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

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*Individuals requiring special accommodations for disabilities are requested to contact Jamie Adkins at (760) 955-3555, at least seven days prior to the date of this meeting.*

**From:** [Caitlin Jung](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Governor Signs Major K-12 Education Bills  
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With Sunday's signature deadline looming, this afternoon the Governor signed a number of high-profile K-12 education bills. Below is a highlight of the major bills signed into law today:

**New Classified Layoff Notice Procedures.** With relatively little fanfare, the Governor signed [AB 438](#) (Reyes, D – Grand Terrace) a labor-sponsored bill that, with few exceptions, provides classified employees with the same rights to layoff notice and hearing, and on the same timeline, as certificated employees. The bill also guarantees that any future rights to notice or hearings as to layoffs provided to certificated employees are also granted to classified staff. The bill will become effective on January 1, 2022.

**Ethnic Studies Requirements.** The Governor has signed [AB 101](#) (Medina, D – Riverside). LEAs serving grades 9-12 will now be required to offer at least a one-semester course in ethnic studies, beginning in the 2025-26 school year. The bill also adds the completion of a semester-long course in ethnic studies to the state high school graduation requirements, beginning with the 2029-30 school year. In his signing [message](#), the Governor referenced studies that had shown access to ethnic studies courses boosted student achievement and ended the message by noting that, "Students deserve to see themselves in their studies and they must understand our nation's full history if we expect them to one day build a more just society."

**Changes to *Williams* Inspection Criteria.** The Governor also signed [AB 599](#) (Jones-Sawyer, D – Los Angeles), which updates the criteria used to identify schools for inspection by a county superintendent of schools for purposes of the *Williams* settlement. The original settlement identified schools for inspection if ranked in deciles 1-3 of the Academic Performant Index (API), but the API is outdated and was repealed in 2018. Under AB 599, schools will be identified if they meet any of the following criteria:

- All schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) or additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI) under federal law.
- All schools where 15% or more of the teachers hold permits or certificates that are lesser certifications than a preliminary or clear California teaching credential.

2019-20 data will be used to create an initial 2021-22 fiscal year list of schools

to be inspected, which will be updated in 2022-23 and then every three fiscal years after that. However, the old API-Based list will still be used for the 2021-22 school year, with the new list of schools to be used by COEs after July 1, 2022.

**Promoting Student Mental Health.** The governor also signed a suite of bills to advance student mental health care and access, including [SB 224](#) (Portantino, D – La Cañada Flintridge), which requires schools offering one or more courses in health education to pupils in middle school or high school to include mental health instruction in those courses, and [SB 14](#) (Portantino), which adds “for the benefit of the pupil’s mental or behavior health” to the definition of an excused absence due to a pupil’s illness.

**Bridging the digital divide.** The Governor signed both [AB 14](#) (Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, D-Woodland), and [SB 4](#) (Lena Gonzalez, D-Long Beach), two high-profile bills changing the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), one of the main sources of revenue for state-funded broadband projects. The surcharge that replenishes the CASF is set to expire at the end of 2022. The bills extend CASF through 2032 and allow a total yearly collection of up to \$150 million. Both bills are “urgency” measures, meaning they immediately became law upon signature by the Governor.

These two bills, in combination with the three-year, \$6 billion budget investment signed into law in [SB 156](#), are purported to be able to get California most of the way to fully closing the digital divide. However, outstanding issues related to affordability of broadband services, for instance, may be examined by the Legislature in 2022.

### **What’s next?**

We will be sending out our annual “Changes in Education Law” series, covering all the education-related legislation that was signed into law this year, in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please reach out to anyone of us here at Capitol Advisors if you have any questions.

Best,  
-Caitlin

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# APPENDIX B: Non-Exclusive List of Qualified Examiners

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## Sources of Independent Evaluation by the Area of Assessment (updated 10/2021)

The following is a non-exclusive list of public agencies and private individuals whom the Charter LEA has determined are qualified in their respective areas of assessment. The Charter LEA does not specifically endorse any listed agencies or individuals. Other agencies and individuals will be considered if they meet Charter LEA criteria. All private individuals who qualify under criteria established by the Charter LEA are encouraged to apply. The fee schedule will be used periodically to ensure parents the opportunity to choose from qualified assessors in the area.

Type of Assessor	Name and Contact Information
Assistive Technology	<b>Augmentative Communication Therapies</b> Cindy Cottier 3850 Startouch Dr. • Pasadena, CA 91106 (626) 351-5402 Email: <a href="mailto:cacottier@cacottier.com">cacottier@cacottier.com</a>
Assistive Technology	<b>Hillside Therapy Inc.</b> Larry Silcock, OTR/L, Assistive Technology Specialist Alta Loma, CA 91737 (909) 208-8784
Assistive Technology	<b>Kouba Tech Solutions</b> Barbara J. Kouba P.O. Box 1106 • Helendale, CA 92342 (760) 784-5059 Email: <a href="mailto:bjkouba@gmail.com">bjkouba@gmail.com</a>
Assistive Technology	<b>Orange County Goodwill – ATEC</b> Lauren Wetzler, Manager 1601 East St. Andrew Place • Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 361-6200, ext. 226 Email: <a href="mailto:atec@ocgoodwill.org">atec@ocgoodwill.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ocgoodwill.org/">http://www.ocgoodwill.org/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>Applied Behavior Consultants, Inc. (ABC)</b> 800 Ferrari Lane, Ste 100 • Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 484-2848, ext. 15 • (909) 484-3504 FAX Website: <a href="http://www.appliedbehaviorconsultants.com/">www.appliedbehaviorconsultants.com/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>Autism Behavioral Consultants</b> 1880 Town & Country Rd., Ste B-101 • Norco, CA 92860 (951) 737-6300 • (951) 737-8779 FAX Website: <a href="http://www.autismbehaviorconsultants.net/">www.autismbehaviorconsultants.net/</a>

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Autism/Behavior	<b>Autism Spectrum Therapies, Inc.</b> 337 N. Vineyard Ave. • Ontario, CA 91764 28581 Old Town Front St. • Temecula, CA 92590 4719 Viewridge Ave., Ste 100, San Diego, CA 92123 147 E. Olive Ave. • Monrovia, CA 91016 (866) 727-8274 • (800) 459-4245 FAX Website: <a href="http://www.autismtherapies.com/">http://www.autismtherapies.com/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>Behavioral and Education Support Team (BEST)</b> 411 S. Magnolia Ave. • El Cajon, CA 92020 (619) 442-1271 • (619) 444-8182 FAX Website: <a href="http://bestautismservices.com/">http://bestautismservices.com/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>Center for Autism &amp; Related Disorders (CARD)</b> 802 Magnolia Ave., Ste 202 • Corona, CA 92879 (951) 686-2020 • (951) 686-2120 FAX Website: <a href="http://www.centerforautism.com/">http://www.centerforautism.com/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>Desert/Mountain Children's Center (DMCC)</b> 17800 Highway 18 • Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) 552-6700 • (760) 242-5363 FAX Website: <a href="http://www.cahelp.org/">http://www.cahelp.org/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>El Paseo Children's Center</b> Palm Desert, California (760) 342-4900 Email: <a href="mailto:brent@epccsolutions.com">brent@epccsolutions.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.elpaseotesting.com/">http://www.elpaseotesting.com/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>LeafWing Center</b> 15972 Tuscola Rd., Ste 102 • Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) 242-3353 • (760) 242-3332 FAX 13440 Ventura Blvd., Ste 200 • Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 (818) 442-0921 • (800) 832-2321 FAX Email: <a href="mailto:info@leafwingcenter.org">info@leafwingcenter.org</a> Website: <a href="http://leafwingcenter.org/">http://leafwingcenter.org/</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>People's Care Autism Services</b> 13901 Amargosa Rd., Ste 202 • Victorville, CA 92392 (760) 512-1925 • (760) 301-0097 FAX Website: <a href="http://www.peoplescare.com/autism-services">http://www.peoplescare.com/autism-services</a>
Autism/Behavior	<b>Specialized Therapy Services</b> Steven Oas Satellite Clinic: 2820 Roosevelt Rd., Ste 104 • San Diego, CA 92106 Main Clinic: 4204-A Adams Ave. • San Diego, CA 92116 (619) 252-4557 • (619) 431-5049 Website: <a href="https://www.theoascenter.com/">https://www.theoascenter.com/</a>

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ERMHS/Functional Behavior <i>(Bilingual/Spanish/English)</i>	<b>Neuro-Educational Clinic</b> 6809 Indiana Avenue, Ste 131 • Riverside, CA 92506 (951) 266-6223 • Fax: (951) 267-2536 Website: <a href="http://www.neuroedclinic.com">www.neuroedclinic.com</a>
Occupational/Physical Therapy	<b>Casa Colina Children's Services Center</b> Michele Alaniz, Clinical Director 255 East Bonita Ave. • Pomona, CA 91769 P.O. Box 6001 • Pomona, CA 91769 (909) 596-7733, ext. 4200 • (909) 596-3548 FAX Email: <a href="mailto:malaniz@casacolina.org">malaniz@casacolina.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.casacolina.org">www.casacolina.org</a>
Occupational/Physical Therapy	<b>Desert/Mountain Children's Center (DMCC)</b> 17800 Highway 18 • Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) 552-65700 • (760) 242-5363 FAX Website: <a href="http://cahelp.org/">http://cahelp.org/</a>
Occupational/Physical Therapy	<b>Horizon Therapy Services</b> Kathleen Pinto, OT 8265 White Oak Ave. • Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 373-1641 • (909) 481-7657 or 0444 FAX Email: <a href="mailto:info@horizontherapyservices.com">info@horizontherapyservices.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.horizontherapyservices.com/">http://www.horizontherapyservices.com/</a>
Neuro-Psychologist	<b>Susan Ferencz, Psy.D., ABSNP, LEP</b> 5101 E. La Palma Avenue, Ste 100D • Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 337-9465 Email: <a href="mailto:sferenczpsyd@outlook.com">sferenczpsyd@outlook.com</a>
Neuro-Psychologist <i>(Bilingual/Spanish/English)</i>	<b>Veronica I. Olvera, Psy.D./Neuro-Educational Clinic</b> 6809 Indiana Avenue, Ste 131 • Riverside, CA 92506 (951) 266-6223 • Fax: (951) 267-2536 Email: <a href="mailto:dr.veronica@neuroedclinic.com">dr.veronica@neuroedclinic.com</a>
Psychologist	<b>Doran A. Dula, Psy.D.</b> 250 West First St., Ste 352 • Claremont, CA 91711 (909) 624-TEST • (909) 626-4507
Psychologist	<b>Veronica Escoffery-Runnels, Ed.D.</b> University of LaVerne 1950 Third St. • LaVerne, CA 91750 (909) 593-3511, ext. 4387
Psychologist	<b>Susan Ferencz, Psy.D., ABSNP, LEP</b> 5101 E. La Palma Avenue, Ste 100D • Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 337-9465 Email: <a href="mailto:sferenczpsyd@outlook.com">sferenczpsyd@outlook.com</a>
Psychologist	<b>Madison M. Kendrick, LMFT</b> Licensed Educational Psychologist, #3031 P.O. Box 2888 • Wrightwood, CA 92397 (760) 912-5780 Email: <a href="mailto:mmkendrick@msn.com">mmkendrick@msn.com</a>

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Psychologist	<b>Richard J. Kleindienst, Ph.D.</b> 2823 Nevada Way • Riverside, CA 92506 (951) 660-8394
Psychologist	<b>Wendy Ness</b> Victorville, CA 92392 (760) 900-6845 Email: <a href="mailto:wendyness@outlook.com">wendyness@outlook.com</a>
Psychologist <i>(Bilingual/Spanish/English)</i>	<b>Veronica I. Olvera, Psy.D./Neuro-Educational Clinic</b> 6809 Indiana Avenue, Ste 131 • Riverside, CA 92506 (951) 266-6223 • Fax: (951) 267-2536 Email: <a href="mailto:dr.veronica@neuroedclinic.com">dr.veronica@neuroedclinic.com</a>
Psychologist	<b>Federico Parres, Ph.D.</b> Etiwanda, CA (909) 241-8582
Psychologist	<b>Rebecca L. Parres</b> Etiwanda, CA (909) 938-2477
Psychologist	<b>Dr. Dudley Wiest</b> 1110 East Chapman, Ste 202 • Orange, CA 92866 (714) 744-9754 • (714) 744-1830 FAX Website: <a href="http://www.dudleywiestphd.com">www.dudleywiestphd.com</a>
Psychologist	<b>Desert/Mountain Children's Center (DMCC)</b> 17800 Highway 18 • Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) 552-6700 • (760) 242-5363 FAX Website: <a href="http://cahelp.org/">http://cahelp.org/</a>
Speech and Language	<b>Ardor Health Solutions, Inc.</b> 5830 Coral Ridge Dr., Ste 300 • Coral Springs, FL 33076 (866) 425-5768 • (888) 308-1147 Website: <a href="http://www.ardorhealth.com/">http://www.ardorhealth.com/</a>
Speech and Language	<b>Augmentative Communication Therapies</b> Cindy Cottier 3850 Startouch Dr. • Pasadena, CA 91106 (626) 351-5402 Email: <a href="mailto:cacottier@cacottier.com">cacottier@cacottier.com</a> <i>(NOTE: Evaluation does not include general special and language or articulation)</i>
Speech and Language	<b>Casa Colina Children's Services Center</b> Michele Alaniz, Clinical Director 255 East Bonita Ave. • Pomona, CA 91769 P.O. Box 6001 • Pomona, CA 91769 (909) 596-7733, ext. 4200 • (909) 596-3548 FAX Email: <a href="mailto:malaniz@casacolina.org">malaniz@casacolina.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.casacolina.org">www.casacolina.org</a>

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Vision Assessment	<b>Ami Patel, O.D.</b> 2771 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. • Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (909) 598-4393
Vision Assessment	<b>Southern California College of Optometry</b> Eye Care Center at Fullerton Catherine Heyman, O.D. 2575 Yorba Linda Blvd. • Fullerton, CA 92831 (714) 992-7845 Email: <a href="mailto:cheyman@ketchum.edu">cheyman@ketchum.edu</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ketchumhealth.org">www.ketchumhealth.org</a>

## ANEXO B: Lista no exclusiva de evaluadores calificados

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Tipo de asesor	Nombre e información de contacto
Tecnología de asistencia	<p><b><i>Augmentative Communication Therapies</i></b>            Cindy Cottier            3850 Startouch Dr. • Pasadena, CA 91106            (626) 351-5402            Correo electrónico: <a href="mailto:cacottier@cacottier.com">cacottier@cacottier.com</a></p>
Tecnología de asistencia	<p><b><i>Hillside Therapy Inc.</i></b>            Larry Silcock, OTR/L, Especialista en tecnología de asistencia            Alta Loma, CA 91737            (909) 208-8784</p>
Tecnología de asistencia	<p><b><i>Kouba Tech Solutions</i></b>            Barbara J. Kouba            P.O. Box 1106 • Helendale, CA 92342            (760) 784-5059            Correo electrónico: <a href="mailto:bjkouba@gmail.com">bjkouba@gmail.com</a></p>
Tecnología de asistencia	<p><b><i>Orange County Goodwill – ATEC</i></b>            Lauren Wetzler, Gerente            1601 East St. Andrew Place • Santa Ana, CA 92705            (714) 361-6200, ext. 226            Correo electrónico: <a href="mailto:atec@ocgoodwill.org">atec@ocgoodwill.org</a>            Sitio web: <a href="http://www.ocgoodwill.org/">http://www.ocgoodwill.org/</a></p>
Autismo/Conducta	<p><b><i>Applied Behavior Consultants, Inc. (ABC)</i></b>            800 Ferrari Lane, Ste 100 • Ontario, CA 91764            (909) 484-2848, ext. 15 • (909) 484-3504 FAX            Sitio web: <a href="http://www.appliedbehaviorconsultants.com/">www.appliedbehaviorconsultants.com/</a></p>
Autismo/Conducta	<p><b><i>Autism Behavioral Consultants</i></b>            1880 Town &amp; Country Rd., Ste B-101 • Norco, CA 92860            (951) 737-6300 • (951) 737-8779 FAX            Sitio web: <a href="http://www.autismbehaviorconsultants.net/">www.autismbehaviorconsultants.net/</a></p>
Autismo/Conducta	<p><b><i>Autism Spectrum Therapies, Inc.</i></b>            337 N. Vineyard Ave. • Ontario, CA 91764            28581 Old Town Front St. • Temecula, CA 92590            4719 Viewridge Ave., Ste 100, San Diego, CA 92123            147 E. Olive Ave. • Monrovia, CA 91016            (866) 727-8274 • (800) 459-4245 FAX            Sitio web: <a href="http://www.autismtherapies.com/">http://www.autismtherapies.com/</a></p>

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Autismo/Conducta	<b><i>Behavioral and Education Support Team (BEST)</i></b> 411 S. Magnolia Ave. • El Cajon, CA 92020 (619) 442-1271 • (619) 444-8182 FAX Sitio web: <a href="http://bestautismservices.com/">http://bestautismservices.com/</a>
Autismo/Conducta	<b><i>Center for Autism &amp; Related Disorders (CARD)</i></b> 802 Magnolia Ave., Ste 202 • Corona, CA 92879 (951) 686-2020 • (951) 686-2120 FAX Sitio web: <a href="http://www.centerforautism.com/">http://www.centerforautism.com/</a>
Autismo/Conducta	<b><i>Desert/Mountain Children's Center (DMCC)</i></b> 17800 Highway 18 • Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) 552-6700 • (760) 242-5363 FAX Sitio web: <a href="http://www.cahelp.org/">http://www.cahelp.org/</a>
Autismo/Conducta	<b><i>El Paseo Children's Center</i></b> Palm Desert, California (760) 342-4900 Correo electrónico: <a href="mailto:brent@epccsolutions.com">brent@epccsolutions.com</a> Sitio web: <a href="http://www.elpaseotesting.com/">http://www.elpaseotesting.com/</a>
Autismo/Conducta	<b><i>LeafWing Center</i></b> 15972 Tuscola Rd., Ste 102 • Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) 242-3353 • (760) 242-3332 FAX 13440 Ventura Blvd., Ste 200 • Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 (818) 442-0921 • (800) 832-2321 FAX Correo electrónico: <a href="mailto:info@leafwingcenter.org">info@leafwingcenter.org</a> Sitio web: <a href="http://leafwingcenter.org/">http://leafwingcenter.org/</a>
Autismo/Conducta	<b><i>People's Care Autism Services</i></b> 13901 Amargosa Rd., Ste 202 • Victorville, CA 92392 (760) 512-1925 • (760) 301-0097 FAX Sitio web: <a href="http://www.peoplescare.com/autism-services">http://www.peoplescare.com/autism-services</a>
Autismo/Conducta	<b><i>Specialized Therapy Services</i></b> Steven Oas Clínica satélite: 2820 Roosevelt Rd., Ste 104 • San Diego, CA 92106 Clínica principal: 4204-A Adams Ave. • San Diego, CA 92116 (619) 252-4557 • (619) 431-5049 Sitio web: <a href="https://www.theoascenter.com/">https://www.theoascenter.com/</a>
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Sicólogo	<b>Rebecca L. Parres</b> Etiwanda, CA (909) 938-2477
Sicólogo	<b>Dr. Dudley Wiest</b> 1110 East Chapman, Ste 202 • Orange, CA 92866 (714) 744-9754 • (714) 744-1830 FAX Sitio web: <a href="http://www.dudleywiestphd.com">www.dudleywiestphd.com</a>
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Habla y lenguaje	<b>Ardor Health Solutions, Inc.</b> 5830 Coral Ridge Dr., Ste 300 • Coral Springs, FL 33076 (866) 425-5768 • (888) 308-1147 Sitio web: <a href="http://www.ardorhealth.com/">http://www.ardorhealth.com/</a>
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***CHARTER STEERING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF  
MEETINGS 2021-22***

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- August 26, 2021
- September 23, 2021
- October 21, 2021
- November 18, 2021
- December 16, 2021
- January 20, 2022
- February 24, 2022
- March ~~17~~ 24, 2022
- April 21, 2022
- May 26, 2022
- June 23, 2022

Meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m., at the Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, Apple Valley, CA.



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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 20, 2021

TO: Special Education Directors

FROM: Linda Llamas, Director

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SUBJECT: Desert/Mountain Children's Center Client Reports

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Attached are the opened and closed cases for the following services:

- Screening, Assessment, Referral and Treatment (SART)
- Early Identification Intervention Services (EIIS)
- School-Age Treatment Services (SATS)
- Student Assistance Program (SAP)
- Speech and occupational therapy

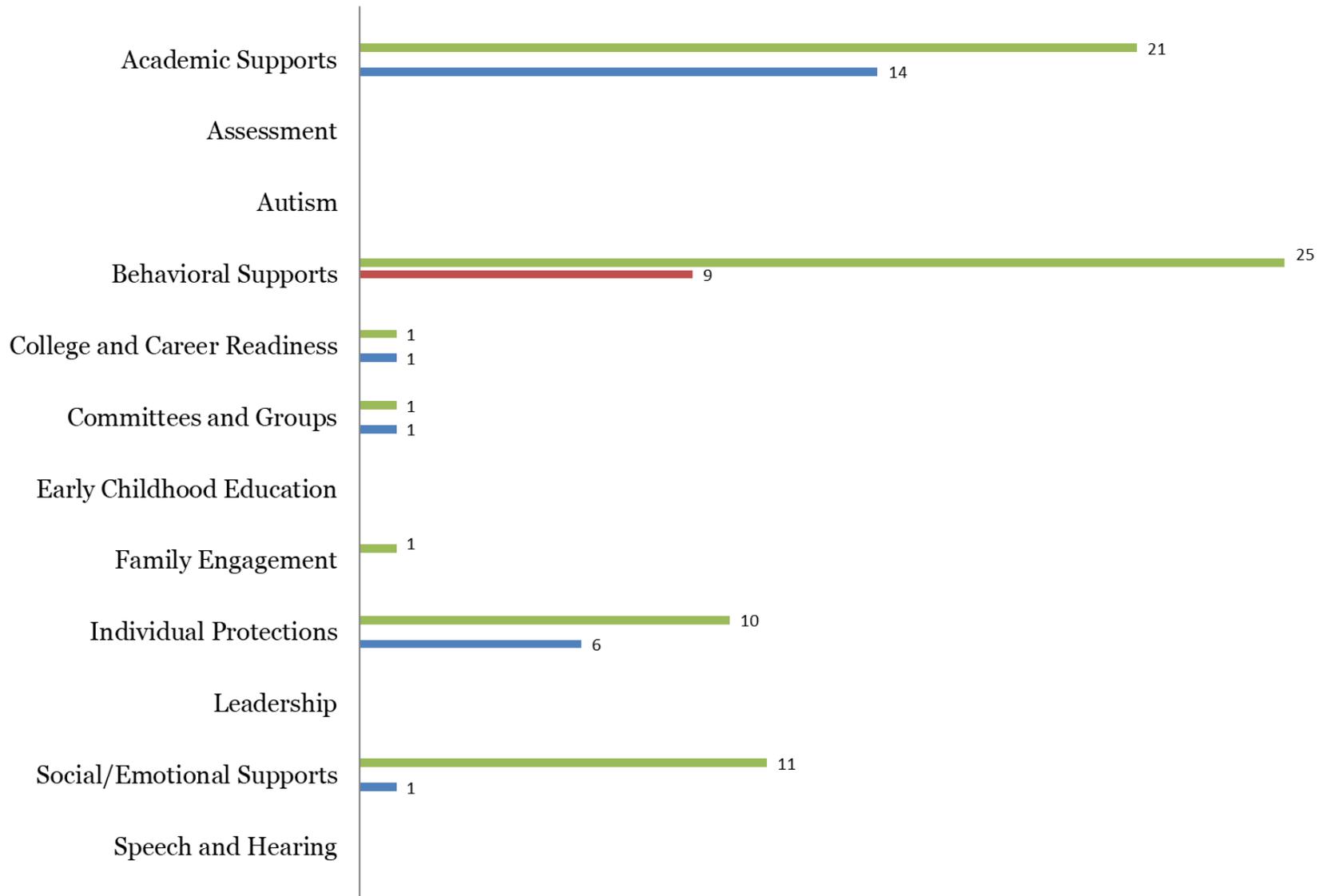
If you should have any questions, please contact me at (760) 955-3606 or by email at [linda.llamas@cahelp.org](mailto:linda.llamas@cahelp.org)

# D/M CHARTER SELPA PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 2021 - 32 PARTICIPANTS

70 YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPANTS

■ Total Participants YTD by Content Area ■ On-Site Trainings ■ Regional Trainings



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# Best Practices for Supporting Learners with Autism in All Environments

Supporting learners with autism can often be overwhelming or different from what we were expecting. Characteristics specific to autism can make completing day-to-day activities and interactions challenging for all.

This training intends to provide anyone supporting learners with autism with a robust toolbox which includes evidence-based practices (EBPs) for autism. Information and resources will be shared specific to EBPs, what they are, where to find out more, and how to incorporate them into everyday activities easily whether in the classroom, at home, or in the community.

## Presenters: SELPA Autism Implementation Team Members

Jennifer Rountree, Program Specialist  
Shannon Sweda, Transition Case Technician  
Derek Hale, School Psychologist

## Registration

<https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-203122>

## Special Accommodations

Please submit any special accommodation requests at least fifteen working days prior to the training by notating your request when registering.

## When

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
CAC Reps Business Meeting: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Presentation 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Location

Virtual training, a link will be forwarded to each participant prior to the training. This training may be recorded.



Get in Touch

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**Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA  
Due Process Summary  
July 1, 2021 - October 21, 2021**

D = Complaint Dismissed    W = Complaint Withdrawn

DISTRICT										CASE ACTIVITY FOR CURRENT YEAR				
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Total	D /W	Resolution	Mediation	Settled	Hearing
Allegiance STEAM Acad - Thrive	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aveson Global Leadership Acad	N/A	2	1	5	1.5	0	0	2	11.5	0	2	0	0	0
Aveson School of Leaders	N/A	0	3	1	1.5	0	0	2	7.5	0	2	0	0	0
Ballington Acad for Arts & Sci	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Desert Trails Prep Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elite Academic Acad - Lucerne	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Encore Junior/Senior High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Julia Lee Performing Arts Acad	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaVerne Elem Preparatory	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
Leonardo da Vinci Health Sci	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odyssey Charter School (Altadena)	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Odyssey Charter School -South (Pasadena)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasadena Rosebud Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pathways to College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylion High Desert Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virtual Prep Academy at Lucerne	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SELPA-WIDE TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA  
 Due Process Activity Summary  
 July 1, 2021–October 21, 2021

LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Pre-Hearing Conference	Due Process Hearing	Status
1. Odyssey Charter Case No. 2021070313	Child Find and Denial of FAPE: 1. Failed to appropriately assess in all areas of suspected need (AT, OT) 2. Failure to qualify for SPED 3. Lack of parental participation 4. Substantively deny FAPE	7/19/21	7/28/21		9/3/2021	9/14 - 9/16/2021	Effective upon full execution of the settlement agreement on 8/23/2021: Reimburse Parents for educational and counseling expenses - \$5,069.00. <b>Settlement Agreement - CASE CLOSED</b>
2. Aveson Case No. 2021080796	Denial of FAPE: 1. Failure to provide appropriate program and adequate support. 2. Denial of parental participation. 3. Lack of educational benefit	8/25/2021	9/9/2021		10/11/2021	10/19 - 10/21/2021	Parent unrepresented at Resolution. No settlement.
3. Aveson Case No. 2021090088	Denial of FAPE: 1. Failure to assess in all areas of suspected need / TRI 2. Failure to provide appropriate program and adequate support. 3. Inappropriate placement and services. 4. Failure to offer a BIP	9/2/2021	9/14/2021 9/20/2021		10/18/2021	10/26-27/2021	Parent seeking private school placement and reimbursement for unilateral placement. No settlement

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LEA Case Number	Issue(s)	Date Filed	Resolution Scheduled	Mediation Scheduled	Pre-Hearing Conference	Due Process Hearing	Status
4. Aveson Case No. 2021090785	Child Find and Denial of FAPE: 1. Impeded participation 2. Assessment not thorough 3. Lack of Ed benefit 4. Discrimination	9/23/2021	10/5/2021				No settlement, will go to mediation.
5. Aveson Case No. 2021	Denial of FAPE: 1. Inadequate assessments, PLOPS/goals, services program and placement. 2. Failed to implement IEP during distance learning. 3. Failed to provide prior written notice. 4. Unclear offer of FAPE. 5. Predetermination. 4. Impede parent participation.	10/1/2021	<del>10/7/2021</del>				

Desert /Mountain Charter SELPA  
Legal Expense Summary  
As Reported at Steering October 21, 2021

2000-2001	0.00
2001-2002	0.00
2002-2003	0.00
2003-2004	0.00
2004-2005	0.00
2005-2006	0.00
2006-2007	0.00
2007-2008	0.00
2008-2009	0.00
2009-2010	0.00
2010-2011	0.00
2011-2012	0.00
2012-2013	0.00
2013-2014	0.00
2014-2015	0.00
2015-2016	7,378.00
2016-2017	33,886.61
2017-2018	70,994.67
2018-2019	113,834.81
2019-2020	58,033.90
2020-2021	43,640.20
2021-2022	53,256.09



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October 11, 2021

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Kathleen Peters  
 SELPA Program Manager  
 Desert Mountain SELPA

Re: Frequent Absences of Special Education Students

Dear Ms. Peters:

You have asked this office to issue guidance on handling frequent absences of special education students, including utilization of the School Attendance Review Board (“SARB”) process.

California Education Code section 48200 states that all students aged 6 through 18 are subject to compulsory full-time education, unless exempted under the law. Each person subject to compulsory education must attend the full-time day school for a full length of the school day in the school district where the person’s parent or legal guardian resides, unless exempted. (Ed. Code, § 48200.) The compulsory education requirements continue to apply for the 2021-2022 school year. Classification as a special education student does not exempt a student from compulsory education laws.

School districts should follow the same attendance and SARB protocols for all students, regardless of their status as a general education or special education student. A student may be referred to SARB if the student is a habitual truant, is a chronic absentee, or is habitually insubordinate or disorderly during attendance at school. (Ed. Code, § 48263(a).) Prior to referring a student to a SARB, school districts must take the following steps:

<b>Unexcused Absence/Tardy</b>	<b>Truancy</b>	<b>Communication to Parent</b>	<b>Communication/District Action</b>
1st		Optional	
2nd		Optional	
3rd	1st	Letter / Email / Phone Call: “1st Notification of Truancy”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent</li> <li>• Start School Attendance Review Team (“SART”)/Student Success Team (“SST”)/</li> </ul>

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			Pre-SARB Process
4th	2nd	Letter / Email / Phone Call: "2nd Notification of Truancy"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent</li><li>• Continue SART/SST/ Pre-SARB Process</li></ul>
5th	3rd	Letter / Email / Phone Call: "3rd Notification of Truancy"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report to attendance supervisor/superintendent</li><li>• Make "conscientious effort" to conference with parents/guardians and student</li></ul>
5th	3rd		May refer to SARB

When a special education student is frequently absent, the school district should convene an individualized education program ("IEP") meeting to discuss the student's attendance. Such discussion may include whether the student's poor attendance is related to school avoidance behaviors, in which case additional supports may need to be added to the student's IEP; whether the student's health is preventing him or her from attending school and the parent has a request from a doctor for home hospital instruction; or whether the parent does not want to send the student to school due to health and safety concerns and would like the student to participate in independent study, in which case the IEP team will need to discuss whether a free appropriate public education can be provided to the student through independent study.

If you need further information or further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

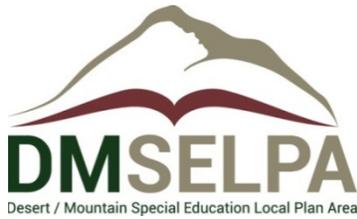
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7.7 Prevention and Intervention Updates  
Verbal report, no materials

7.8 Compliance Updates  
Verbal report, no materials



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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2021

TO: Special Education Directors and Management Information System Contacts

FROM: Colette Garland, MIS Support Analyst

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SUBJECT: October 2021 Pupil Count/CALPADS Certification

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All Pupil Count data effective between July 1, 2021 through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, must be entered into the SELPA WebDA system no later than **October 15, 2021** to meet the SELPA deadline for data collection.

**Pupil Count/CALPADS Certification must be completed, certified by the LEA and SELPA no later than December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

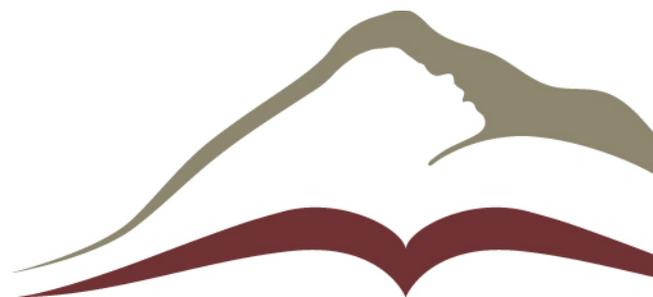
Should decertification be necessary, this process will take place during the Amendment window and final CALPADS certification will be due by **January 28, 2022**. Please review all data between WebDA and CALPADS for accuracy.

As always, thank you for your continued support in ensuring that both Desert/Mountain SELPA and Desert/Mountain Charter SELPA complete the data collection, reporting, and submission process as required by the California Department of Education.

**The following schedule will be used for the October 6, 2021 Pupil Count/CALPADS Submission:**

October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Data Snapshot for WebDA by SELPA
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Count/CALPADS Certification (round 1)
Amendment Window	Data Adjustment if necessary
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Count/CALPADS Certification (final)

Please review the above schedule. If you anticipate problems meeting these deadlines, please let me know immediately so that assistance can be provided to you. If you have any questions, please call me at (760) 955-3565 or email [colette.garland@cahelp.org](mailto:colette.garland@cahelp.org).





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## MEMORANDUM

Date October 10, 2021

To: Directors of Special Education

From: Peggy Dunn, Program Manager

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Subject: **Occupational and Physical Therapy Reports**

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Attached are the occupational and physical therapy Referral Status, and Current Students Direct Services reports by district.

If you have any questions concerning either report, please contact me at (760) 955-3568 at [peggy.dunn@cahelp.org](mailto:peggy.dunn@cahelp.org)

# California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions

## Upcoming Trainings

Date/Time	Event	Location
10/25/2021 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	UNDERSTANDING ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES WITHIN THE CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS (CAASPP)	VIRTUAL
10/26/2021 11:00 A - 12:00 PM	EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTORS' COLLABORATIVE	VIRTUAL
10/26/2021 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	REGAINING SCHOOL MUSCLE MEMORY: THE FUNDAMENTALS OF BEHAVIOR	VIRTUAL
10/27/2021 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	CO-TEACH CONCEPTS	VIRTUAL
10/27/2021 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	RESTORATIVE PRACTICES OVERVIEW	VIRTUAL
10/27/2021 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	STRUCTURED LITERACY WITH ORTON-GILLINGHAM: FOUNDATIONAL	VIRTUAL
10/27/2021 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION PRACTITIONER EMPOWERING PROJECT	VIRTUAL
10/29/2021 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	FAMILY FUN DAYS	VIRTUAL/DMESC
11/1/2021 -	FORMS AND FACTS 101 (SELF-PACED)	VIRTUAL
11/1/2021 -	LEGALLY COMPLIANT IEP PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE (PLOPS), GOALS, AND EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT	VIRTUAL

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11/1/2021 -	PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE (SELF-PACED)	VIRTUAL
11/1/2021 -	STRUCTURED LITERACY - WHAT, WHY, WHO, AND HOW?	VIRTUAL
11/2/2021 -	Hola Language Services	
11/2/2021 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	VIRTUAL
11/2/2021 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	THE WHAT, WHY, AND HOW OF IEP MEETING NOTES	VIRTUAL
11/3/2021 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	AUTISM INTRODUCTION AND CONNECTION TO OUR PRACTICES	VIRTUAL
11/3/2021 2:30 AM - 4:30 AM	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ACADEMY	Virtual
11/4/2021 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE (CPI) FLEX-BLENDED LEARNING	VIRTUAL
11/4/2021 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TRANSITION PLANNING FOR ALL STUDENTS	VIRTUAL
11/8/2021 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	CPI FLEX BLENDED LEARNING DAY #2	DMESC

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Date/Time	Event	Location
11/9/2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 A	FOLLOW UP TO THE TPP BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MEETING	VIRTUAL
11/9/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	STUDENT DISCIPLINE: MANIFESTATION DETERMINATION PROCESS	VIRTUAL
11/9/2021 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	THE ART OF FACILITATING IEP MEETINGS	VIRTUAL
11/9/2021 9:00 AM - 10:30 A	WEBIEP AM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
11/10/2021 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	LIFE AND WORK BALANCE: CARING, CONNECTING, AND CELEBRATING	VIRTUAL
11/10/2021 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	STRUCTURED LITERACY WITH ORTON-GILLINGHAM: ADVANCED	VIRTUAL
11/10/2021 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	WEBIEP PM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
11/10/2021 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID	VIRTUAL
11/17/2021 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	BUILDING TEACHER RESILIENCE IN A PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM-HOW TO KEEP YOUR CUP FULL	VIRTUAL
11/17/2021 10:00 A - 11:30 A	REAL TALK...PARENT-TO-PARENT GROUP CHATS	VIRTUAL/DMESC

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11/17/2021 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	UNDERSTANDING GRIEF AND LOSS WITH CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENCE	DMESC
11/18/2021 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	PBIS - TK-12 - FACILITATED COACHING: PBIS TIER 2 CALIBRATION	VIRTUAL
11/19/2021 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	FAMILY FUN DAYS	VIRTUAL/DMESC
11/30/2021 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	TISA: DETERMINING THE NEED AND WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH INTENSIVE SUPPORTS	ONLINE
12/1/2021 -	FORMS AND FACTS 101 (SELF-PACED)	VIRTUAL
12/1/2021 -	LEGALLY COMPLIANT IEP PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE (PLOPS), GOALS, AND EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT (SELF-PACED)	VIRTUAL
12/1/2021 -	PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE (SELF-PACED)	VIRTUAL
12/1/2021 -	STRUCTURED LITERACY - WHAT, WHY, WHO, AND HOW?	VIRTUAL
12/2/2021 9:00 AM - 10:30 A	WEBIEP AM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
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12/7/2021 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	UNIVERSAL SCREENER OVERVIEW	VIRTUAL
12/7/2021 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	WEBEIP PM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	VIRTUAL
12/8/2021 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	BASIC RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND USING CIRCLES EFFECTIVELY	VIRTUAL
12/8/2021 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	ORTON-GILLINGHAM APPLICATION CHECK-IN	VIRTUAL
12/8/2021 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID	VIRTUAL

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## Virtual PD Opportunity: *Structured Literacy: What, Why, Who, and How?*

### **Presented By**

Dr. Bonnie Garcia, Program Specialist

### **Date**

On-Demand

### **Time**

Two Hour Completion Time

### **Cost**

Desert/Mountain SELPA and Charter SELPA members \$0.00

Non-member participants \$25.00

### **Location**

Online



### **Description**

Do you have struggling readers and writers in your class? Then attend and learn about Structured Literacy - a systematic, cumulative, direct, explicit, multi-modal, evidence-based, and diagnostic approach to reading and writing instruction based on the Orton Gillingham methodology. This approach, aligned to the International Dyslexia Association's Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading, will give you the knowledge you need to get started on reading intervention.

Participants in this course will be guided through five self-paced, asynchronous modules: 1) Topic Introduction, 2) The "Reading Wars", 3) The "Science of Reading", 4) "Structured Literacy", and 5) Assessments.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to 1) Understand the relevancy of current reading statistics, 2) Identify the characteristics of a dyslexic brain, 3) Describe major components of structured literacy, and 4) List reading assessment types.

### **Registration**

Participants will receive access to the online training once registration is confirmed.

Please register online at:

<https://sbcss.k12oms.org/52-210850>

### **Audience**

General education teachers, special education teachers, speech-language pathologists, and administrators.

### **Special Accommodations**

Please submit any special accommodation requests at least fifteen working days prior to the training by notating your request when registering.

## Get in Touch

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