



# A Letter from ASBCS

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Issue #14

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

## Important Dates

- **May 14, 2018:**  
Next Regular [Board meeting](#). Deadline for FY19 expansions to be considered by the Board
- **May 25, 2018:**  
Final Deadline for 2019-2020 New Charter Application
- **June 18, 2017:**  
Regular [Board Meeting](#)

## School Closures and Instructional Hours Requirements

If a school changes the number of instructional days on its calendar, for example reducing the number of instructional days from 185 to 184, a new calendar must be submitted to the Arizona Department of Education. Calendar changes must be submitted by June 30, 2018. The ADE calendar change request form is available [here](#).

Changes to the number of instructional days for charter schools also requires the submission of an Instructional Days Amendment Request to the Charter Board. At its May 14 meeting, the Board will consider an expedited process for changes to instructional days due to recent school closures. Charter holders should wait for approval of the expedited process before submitting an Instructional Days Amendment Request due to unexpected loss of instructional days.

## Call for Technical Review Panel Members

The Board seeks individuals with experience in school leadership, finance and operations, charter management, and local context to evaluate charter applications for schools opening in the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. Technical Reviewers vet charter applicants with their Technical Review Panel ("TRP"), ultimately providing the Board a recommendation of approval or denial for new charter applications.

**Technical Reviewers are compensated for their work.** View the [TRP Scope of Work and Interview Questions](#).

To apply, submit a current resume and complete responses to the TRP interview questions by **May 18, 2018** to [Ericka.Ciganek@asbcs.az.gov](mailto:Ericka.Ciganek@asbcs.az.gov). For additional questions please contact Ericka Ciganek, Education Program Specialist at 602-364-3111.

## Open Meeting Law

HB 2065, which includes several changes to open meeting law, was signed by Governor Ducey on April 17, 2018. Detailed information is available in the [fact sheet](#).

Based on the changes included in HB2065, the Board encourages charter holders to be aware of the use of electronic communication, such as email, among and between members, to ensure that open meeting law violations do not occur.

Additionally, after the effective date, Board staff's review of minutes will include whether the vote of each member present is recorded.

## FY 2017 A-F Letter Grades

On April 23, 2018 the Arizona State Board of Education released letter grades for FY 2017 which can be viewed on the SBE [website](#). Academic Performance Dashboards will be updated for FY 2017 in the coming weeks. At its May 14th meeting, the Board will consider approval of a consent agreement template to be offered to all schools that received an F letter grade.