



A Letter from ASBCS

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Issue #7

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Important Dates

- **October 10, 2017:**
[Board Meeting Summary.](#)
- **November 13, 2017:**
Amendment submissions due for [January Board meeting.](#)
- **November 21, 2017:**
Next Regular [Board Meeting.](#)
- **March 16, 2018:**
Amendment submissions due for [May Board meeting.](#)
- **May 14, 2018:**
Deadline for FY19 expansions must be approved by Board.

A – F Preliminary Letter Grades

The State Board of Education (SBE) released guidance indicating the FY17 letter grades are preliminary. Additionally, the SBE indicated it will further review the methodology and will, at a later date, issue final letter grades for FY17. At this time, the Board will not be acting upon the preliminary letter grades and will wait until the final letter grades are issued.

2018 Board Meeting Calendar and Expansion Deadline

The Board approved its 2018 [calendar](#) which includes a deadline by when expansion requests must be approved by the Board. This deadline is intended to allow charters several months to plan, market, and implement changes before the first day of school. Expansion requests for FY19 must be approved by the Board no later than the Charter Board's meeting in May 2018.

Helpful Information

Public Records Requests:

As publically funded entities, charter schools are required to comply with Open Meeting Law And Public Records Law.

Want to learn more about public records law? Read this [pamphlet](#) authored by the Arizona Ombudsman's Office.

Compliance is the Name of the Game:

Will you be submitting an amendment request soon? If so, make sure to check [compliance](#) before submitting. Compliance is an important piece of any request and can alter the timeline of a request. In addition, an issue of noncompliance will be marked on the Charter Holder's operational dashboard.