



## Instructional Days Amendment Request

### Charterholder Info

#### Charter Holder

Name:  
StrengthBuilding Partners

CTDS:  
10-82-27-000

Mailing Address:  
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Tucson, AZ 85752  
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#### Representative

Name:  
Pamela Clark-Raines

Phone Number:

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### Contractual Days

204

To  
200

Fiscal Year Effective Date  
FY17

Type of Change  
Permanent Change

### Attachment

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Additional Information  
No documents were uploaded.

### Signature

Charter Representative Signature  
Pamela Clark-Raines 05/20/2016



**Minutes**  
Las Puertas Community School  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 28, 2016  
6:00 PM

**Board Members Present**

Pamela Clark-Raines, Allison Ewing-Cooper, Pete Guerrero, Leticia Lujan

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Ex officio Members Present**

Pamela Cornell

**Guests Present**

Lupita Garcia

**I. Opening Items**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Leticia Lujan called a meeting of the board of trustees of Las Puertas Community School to order on Thursday, April 28, 2016 @ 06:10 PM at Las Puertas Community School.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Minutes**

Allison Ewing-Cooper made a motion to approve minutes. Pete Guerrero seconded the motion.

**II. Information and Action Items**

**Outreach & Student Recruitment**

We currently have 71 students enrolled. Mariel Colorado continues to canvass on Saturdays. Students have taken home enrollment packets for the 2016-17 school year; completed packets are starting to come in and are being tracked.

**Facility Planning for 2016-17**

We visited a facility located at Tucson Business Park. As it stands, this facility does not need too much work, it looks very promising. Plumbing is in place, sprinkler system is in place, but bathrooms would have to be added along with a few walls.

**III. Financials**

**Budget**

Due date for revised budget is May 15, 2016. Budget for the 2016-17 school year was reviewed and approved. Leticia Lujan made a motion to approve the revised 2016-17 budget. Allison Ewing-Cooper seconded the motion. The board VOTED to approve the motion.

**Impact-Aid Grant**

No issues. Application is being reviewed by attorneys.

### **SPED Additional Funding**

Discussion on Charter School Expansion Act Grant and the possibility of applying for this grant.

### **Reduce Schedule Options**

Pamela Cornell is working on an early dismissal schedule of 3:30 PM or a Reduction in Force. Outcome will be presented at next month's meeting.

### **Salary Options Planning**

Salaries with a possibility of bonuses, are being revised.

## **IV. New Business/Old Business Updates**

### **Calendar FY 2017 Change from 204 to 200 days of instruction**

TUSD, Sunny Side and Catalina district school calendars were analyzed. Las Puertas Community School decided to change their calendar from 204 to 200 instructional days for the 2016-17 school year. Pete Lujan made a motion to approve the 200 day instructional calendar for Las Puertas Community School. Allison Ewing-Cooper seconded the motion. The board VOTED to approve the motion.

### **Corrective Action Plan update**

Information Item: Complete.

### **Bus Status**

Las Puertas Community School has received numerous complaints about the school bus driver from students. Due to issues with the driver, service with Beeline Transportation has temporarily been suspended. Las Puertas hopes to have the bus route re-established by May 3.

### **Business Services Options**

Michelle Diamond is preparing a quote for our school; information to follow next month.

### **Prop 123 / Proposed Private Charter Legislation**

Discussion regarding the financial impact of whether or not prop passes.

## **V. Closing Items**

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Pamela Clark-Raines made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Pete Guerrero seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 07:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Garcia

# LAS PUERTAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL: 2016-2017 CALENDAR

**1** First Day of School

**26** Early Release (12:30 PM)

AUGUST 2016						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2017						
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26	27	28				

**17** Early Release (12:30 PM)

**23-24** Rodeo Break

**5** Labor Day

**16** Prof. Dev., NO SCHOOL

**28** Early Release (12:30 PM)

SEPTEMBER 2016						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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MARCH 2017						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

**9-10** Prof. Dev., NO SCHOOL

**20-24** Spring Break

**31** Early Release (12:30 PM)

**10-14** Fall Break

OCTOBER 2016						
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30	31					

APRIL 2017						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

**13-14** Easter Break

**17** Prof. Dev., NO SCHOOL

**2** Early Release (12:30 PM)

**10** Prof. Dev., NO SCHOOL

**11** Veterans Day

**23-25** Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2016						
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MAY 2017						
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**5** Early Release (12:30 PM)

**25-26** Prof. Dev., NO SCHOOL

**29** Memorial Day

**7** Early Release (12:30 PM)

**26-30** Winter Break

DECEMBER 2016						
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JUNE 2017						
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**7** Early Release (12:30 PM)

**28** Last Day of School

**29-30** Prof. Dev., NO SCHOOL

**2-6** Winter Break

**16** MLK Day

**20** Early Release (12:30 PM)

JANUARY 2017						
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JULY 2017						
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**Please Note: School will be dismissed at 2:00 PM on all Wednesdays (except where indicated otherwise) for Professional Development.**

# Las Puertas Community School

## DAILY SCHEDULE

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade
<b>1st Period</b>	9:00 - 10:05 AM* Science	9:00 - 10:05 Social Studies	9:00 - 10:05 Algebra	9:00 - 10:05 English I	9:00 - 10:05 Chemistry
<b>2nd Period</b>	10:08 - 11:13 AM Social Studies	10:08 - 11:13 AM Science	10:08 - 11:13 AM English	10:08 - 11:13 AM Physics	10:08 - 11:13 AM World Cultures II
<b>3rd Period</b>	11:16 - 12:21 PM English	11:16 - 12:21 PM Math	11:16 - 12:21 PM Social Studies	11:16 - 12:21 PM Math I	11:16 - 12:21 PM English II
	12:24 - 12:54 PM Lunch	12:24 - 12:54 PM Lunch	12:24 - 12:39 PM ECAP	12:24 - 12:39 PM ECAP	12:24 - 12:54 PM Lunch
	12:57 - 1:12 PM Silent Sustained Reading	12:57 - 1:12 PM Silent Sustained Reading	12:42 - 1:12 PM Lunch	12:42 - 1:12 PM Lunch	12:57 - 1:12 PM ECAP
<b>4th Period</b>	1:15 - 2:20 PM Math	1:15 - 2:20 PM English	1:15 - 2:20 PM Science	1:15 - 2:20 PM World Cultures I	1:15 - 2:20 PM Math II
<b>5th Period</b>	2:23 - 3:10 PM Elective I	2:23 - 3:10 PM Elective I	2:23 - 3:10 PM Elective I	2:23 - 3:10 PM Elective I	2:23 - 3:10 PM Elective I
<b>6th Period</b>	3:13 - 4:00 PM Elective II	3:13 - 4:00 PM Elective II	3:13 - 4:00 PM Elective II	3:13 - 4:00 PM Elective II	3:13 - 4:00 PM Elective II
<b>Wednesday Schedule</b>					
1st Period 9:00 - 9:50**	Science	Social Studies	Algebra	English I	Chemistry
2nd Period 9:53 - 10:43	Social Studies	Science	English	Physics	World Cultures II
3rd Period 10:46 - 11:36	English	Math	Social Studies	Math I	English II
4th Period 11:39 - 12:29	Math	English	Science	World Cultures I	Math II
Lunch	12:31 - 1:01	12:31 - 1:01	12:31 - 1:01	12:31 - 1:01	12:31 - 1:01
Academic Projects	1:04 - 2:00 PM	1:04 - 2:00 PM	1:04 - 2:00 PM	1:04 - 2:00 PM	1:04 - 2:00 PM

\* Monday through Thursday classes run for 6.5 hours with an additional 1/2 hour for lunch at 12:30

\*\* Wednesdays are early release for Professional Development, classes run for 4.5 hours with an additional 1/2 hour for lunch

## Las Puertas Community School Early Release Schedule

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade
<b>1st Period</b>	9:00 - 9:45 AM* Science	9:00 - 9:45 AM Social Studies	9:00 - 9:45 AM Algebra	9:00 - 9:45 AM English I	9:00 - 9:45 AM Chemistry
<b>2nd Period</b>	9:48 - 10:33 AM Social Studies	9:48 - 10:33 AM Science	9:48 - 10:33 AM English	9:48 - 10:33 AM Physics	9:48 - 10:33 AM Social Studies
<b>3rd Period</b>	10:36 - 11:21 AM English	10:36 - 11:21 AM	10:36 - 11:21 AM Social Studies	10:36 - 11:21 AM Math I	10:36 - 11:21 AM English II
<b>4th Period</b>	11:24 - 12:09 PM Math	11:24 - 12:09 PM English	11:24 - 12:09 PM Science	11:24 - 12:09 PM World Cultures	11:24 - 12:09 PM Geometry
<b>Lunch</b>	12:12 - 12:42	12:12 - 12:42	12:12 - 12:42	12:12 - 12:42	12:12 - 12:42
<b>Dismissal</b>	12:42 PM	12:42 PM	12:42 PM	12:42 PM	12:42 PM

\*Early Release Day classes run for 3 hours with an additional ½ hour for lunch.

Narrative: Request for a change in Calendar for StrengthBuilding Partners/Las Puertas Community School from 204 days to 200 days.

1. Reason for change: Las Puertas Community School is situated adjacent to both the Sunnyside Unified School District and Tucson Unified School District. Since its inception in FY15, the administration of Las Puertas has worked to align our calendars of instructional days, holidays and vacation days with that of each district as closely as is possible. In doing so, we hope to accommodate our families who have children in neighboring districts in grades we do not serve. We believe that a revision in our calendar by a reduction to 200 days will keep our mission as a year round school alive while aligning our calendar more closely with the neighboring districts. This will help to reduce absences that occur due to family calendar conflicts.
2. With the attached 200 day calendar which includes: a 9 – 4 instructional day (with a ½ hour lunch), early release Wednesdays for Professional Development and nine early release days to allow faculty time to review assessments and revise student placements based upon these assessments, there is a total of 1,192.5 instructional hours. This number of hours is well over the 1,000 plus 10% (100) hours required for schools with a 200 day calendar for seventh and eighth graders, who require the highest number of instructional hours of the grades 6 – 10 which Las Puertas will serve in the FY17 academic year. Thus, all the remaining grade levels also will receive more than the required number of hours for their grade.
3. StrengthBuilding Partners operates Las Puertas only.
4. Las Puertas would like to implement this change at the start of the 2016-2017 academic school year. Currently, the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools is reviewing our letter regarding the addition of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade for the FY17 school year as per our charter contract which increases our enrollment cap to a total of 250 students.