

# A Letter from ASBCS

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#### Issue #12

### **Important Dates**

- April 19, 2018: Soft Deadline for 2019-2020 New Charter Application.
- May 14, 2018: May 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, 2018: Next Regular Board Meeting.

## **Enrollment Review**

Based on information presented to the Board regarding issues with enrollment practices, Board staff have been conducting an independent review of charter school enrollment documents to ensure that all charter schools are in compliance with state and federal requirements.

As part of the 5-year interval review and charter renewal processes schools received an Academic System Review site visit. During these visits Education Program Managers are reviewing school enrollment documentation and having discussions with school leaders regarding their enrollment process. For all charter schools, Board staff are also in the process of reviewing enrollment documents provided by charter holders and available on school websites to determine if enrollment policies are in compliance with state and federal requirements. When compliance issues are identified, the charter representative is notified of the issue in writing and given 30-days to demonstrate that the issue has been sufficiently corrected.

In February, a general enrollment guidance document was posted to the ASBCS website. Since that time, Board staff have collaborated with the Arizona Attorney General's office and staff from the Arizona Department of Education to create more detailed <u>enrollment</u> <u>guidance</u> focusing on Special Education, Fees and Volunteer Hours, and Preferential Enrollment.

Board staff will continue to create enrollment guidance on other topics as needed and as issues are identified through ongoing review of charter school enrollment documents and processes.

The Arizona Charter Schools Association also has informative resources regarding enrollment policies and practices available on its <u>website</u>.



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