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A Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Charter Community,

I'm excited to re-introduce the ASBCS newsletter after its recent hiatus and hope you'll find it to be a helpful resource.

I would also like to invite you to share any feedback or suggestions you may have as we look to improve our support and guidance as an agency. All of us are focused on serving your needs with the goal of helping you and your students succeed and our aim is to make your interactions with us both positive and productive.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with any of your colleagues who may not have received it, and best wishes as your preparations begin for the 2019-2020 school year!

Regards,

Charles Tack

Executive Director



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Delinquent ASRS to be Recorded on Dashboard

Beginning August 1, 2019, delinquent contributions to the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS), as identified on the delinquency reports provided to the Board by the ASRS, will be reflected on charter holders' operational performance dashboards. The ASRS regularly informs its Board of Trustees of all employers who are 10 or more days delinquent. Therefore, if, based on the ASRS delinquency reports provided to the Board, a charter holder is 10 or more days delinquent in remitting its contributions, then Board staff will mark the delinquency in Measure 2f of the charter holder's operational dashboard and rate Measure 2f as "Does Not Meet." Once the charter holder brings the delinquencies into compliance, an asterisk will be added to the operational dashboard.

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Seeking Public Comment

The Board is seeking public comment on proposed rules to implement the financial performance framework and additional transparency recommended by the Board. The Board is also seeking public comment on recommended changes to the financial eligibility criterion for expansion requests that considers the financial performance of a Charter Holder's Associated Charters. Visit our [website](#) to view the proposed rules and changes and learn how to submit feedback.



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Recess Requirements

Do you serve grades K-5? Have you verified your compliance with statutory recess requirements?

A.R.S. § 15-118 requires that students in grades K-5 are provided “at least two recess periods during the school day.” The statute defines recess as “a period of time during the regular school day...during which a pupil is able to engage in physical activity or social interaction with other pupils.”

During site visits, Board staff reviews classroom schedules to ensure compliance with this statute. The Arizona Department of Education provides a helpful “Recess Toolkit” on its website that includes guidance related to implementation, standards, and best practices in implementation of this statute. Charter holders are encouraged to review this guidance and all classroom schedules to ensure that they are in compliance with A.R.S. §15-118.

Review the [Recess Toolkit](#) for helpful information.

Now Streaming Board Meetings

We will now be live streaming our Board Meetings on YouTube— be sure to subscribe to the [AZCharterBoard YouTube channel](#) so you never miss a meeting!