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To the LAUSD Staff and Community:

After reviewing all of the Letters of Intent submitted for the schools designated under the Public School Choice process, I am pleased to share that we received responses from 219 applicants. You may find the Letters of Intent for each school posted at [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net)

### **Total Applicants: 219**

Focus School Applicants: 70

New School Applicants: 149

### **Applicants by Grade Level:**

Elementary: 136

Middle: 35

High: 48

### **Quality, Community Engagement, and Urgency**

As teams develop their plans, I want to remind them my final recommendations will be based on the track record of the team and the quality of the application. I want to be clear that I will not recommend any applications to the Board if they are not of the highest quality. I will personally intervene at a school site if we do not receive quality applications.

Community Engagement is critical. Nobody should be left out of this process. We need to work collaboratively together to provide the education our students deserve.

Finally, all schools need to share the same sense of urgency as the new and focus schools. I am concerned some individuals have expressed their relief that they are not going through the Public School Choice process. A school that made gains last year should celebrate their success, but should not be satisfied until all of their students are college prepared and career ready. If I feel a school is not meeting the needs of our students, I will intervene at that school site outside of the Public School Choice process.

### **Next Steps**

Throughout the end of November and beginning of December, we will convene regional Orientation Sessions. Every prospective applicant will be invited to attend one of these meetings. These meetings will cover the basic elements of the application process. Meetings dates and locations are posted on the Public School Choice website and open to the public and sent to all schools for them to post and share. Please find the attached schedule and locations for these Orientation Sessions.

Our first session was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and was very productive. 67 attendees had the opportunity to review the RFP process and documents, have their questions answered, and were able to network with other applicants.

Concurrently, LAUSD, in collaboration with Families in Schools and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, will facilitate meetings of parents and community members at 20 regional sites near or at each focus school and new school participating in the Public School Choice (PSC) Resolution process. These meetings are to provide information to families and other stakeholders in anticipation of the January community review and

advisory recommendation meetings. Applicants' proposals will be reviewed in detail during the January meetings. We will forward and post on the website meeting dates and locations as they are finalized and send a copy to schools.

### **School Driven Transformations**

I also want to acknowledge the school teams that submitted Letters of Intent for District campuses that were not designated as a Focus School under the Public School Choice process. I am very pleased school teams have taken the initiative to improve their schools in a collaborative manner. The Office of the Superintendent will provide support to each school so that they may proceed with their reform efforts through the appropriate and applicable processes.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramon C. Cortines', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ramon C. Cortines  
Superintendent of Schools

## ORIENTATION SESSIONS

<b>Region</b>	<b>Local Districts</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Proposed Location</b>
East LA	5	Carver MS, Garfield HS, Jefferson HS, Lincoln HS, CRES#16, CRES#17, CRES#18, Esteban Torres HS (5)	Wednesday, November 18 5-7pm	Local District 5 Office Phil Saldivar Conference Room (1st Floor) 2131 North Soto Street Los Angeles, CA 91601
South LA – Harbor Area	7,8	Gardena HS, San Pedro HS, Joyner ES, SRES#15, SRES#1, SRES#2, SRMS#6	Monday, November 23 5-7pm	Local District 8 Sellery Auditorium 15805 S. Budlong Avenue Gardena, CA 90247
Southeast LA	6	Maywood Academy HS, SRES#3, SRES#4, SRMS#2A,2B,2C	Tuesday, November 24 5-7pm	Corona Avenue Elementary School Auditorium 3825 Bell Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90201
West LA	3	Hillcrest ES, Hyde Park ES, CRES#13	Tuesday, December 1 5-7pm	Local District 3 Office Main Conference Room 3000 S. Robertson Blvd. Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90034
Valley	1,2	San Fernando MS, VRES#7, VRES#8, VRES#9, VRES#6, VRES#10	Wednesday, December 2 5-7pm	Monroe High School Magnet Court Room 9229 Haskell Avenue North Hills, CA 91343
Downtown	4	Burbank MS, Gratts Primary Center	Thursday, December 3 5-7pm	LAUSD Headquarters, Blue Room (next to Board Room) 333 South Beaudry Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90017

Appendix: Public School Choice Timeline

Date	Activities
Week of 8/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resolution Adopted by Board 8/25</li> <li>- Begin working on draft process</li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update: Superintendent Summary of Process</i></li> </ul>
Week of 8/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distribute draft process and templates</li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update: Draft process and rubric</i></li> </ul>
Week of 9/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post materials at <a href="http://www.lausd.net">www.lausd.net</a></li> <li>- Continue collecting feedback via email <a href="mailto:superintendent@lausd.net">superintendent@lausd.net</a></li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Update on the timeline</i></li> </ul>
Week of 9/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- API scores released 9/15</li> <li>- Identify schools that will participate in the process for the 2010-11 school year (<i>Update: list of schools will be released on 9/25</i>)</li> <li>- Continue collecting feedback via email <a href="mailto:superintendent@lausd.net">superintendent@lausd.net</a></li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Superintendent determines lists of schools that will participate in RFP process(Update: list of schools will be released on 9/25)</i></li> </ul>
Week of 9/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update at Board of Education Meeting (9/22)</li> <li>- Workforce Stability Taskforce Kickoff (9/24 from 2:30-4pm)</li> <li>- Local Districts host community meetings (to be scheduled at specific schools) (<i>Update: community meetings will not start until focus schools have been identified - after 9/25</i>)</li> <li>- Continue collecting feedback via email <a href="mailto:superintendent@lausd.net">superintendent@lausd.net</a></li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Updates to Frequently Asked Questions&amp; (Update: list of schools will be released on 9/25)</i></li> </ul>
Week of 9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revise process and rubric</li> <li>- Local Districts host community meetings (to be scheduled at specific schools)</li> <li>- Continue collecting feedback via email <a href="mailto:superintendent@lausd.net">superintendent@lausd.net</a></li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Updated document distributed</i></li> </ul>
Week of 10/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workforce Stability Taskforce (10/5 from 1pm-2:30pm)</li> <li>- Local Districts host community meetings (to be scheduled at specific schools)</li> <li>- Continue collecting feedback via email <a href="mailto:superintendent@lausd.net">superintendent@lausd.net</a></li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Updates to Frequently Asked Questions</i></li> </ul>
Week of 10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Districts host community meetings (to be scheduled at specific schools)</li> <li>- Continue collecting feedback via email <a href="mailto:superintendent@lausd.net">superintendent@lausd.net</a></li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Updates to Frequently Asked Questions</i></li> </ul>
Week of 10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final revisions</li> <li>- Workforce Stability Taskforce (10/20 from 1:00-3:00pm)</li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Process and rubric documents distributed</i></li> </ul>
Week of 10/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation to the Board (10/27)</li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Summarize results from the Board Meeting</i></li> </ul>
11/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Update Email: Public School Choice Options Brochure</i></li> </ul>
11/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workforce Stability Taskforce Meeting 11/9, 1-3pm</li> <li>- <i>Update Email: Reminder to submit Letters of Intent</i></li> </ul>
11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letters of Intent Due to <a href="mailto:psc@lausd.net">psc@lausd.net</a> by 5pm</li> <li>- <i>Weekly Update Email: Summary of Letters of Intent</i></li> </ul>
11/18 - 12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Orientation Sessions for planning teams – dates and locations to be posted <a href="http://www.lausd.net">www.lausd.net</a></li> </ul>
11/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workforce Stability Taskforce Meeting 11/9, 2-4pm room 202 (Beaudry)</li> </ul>
12/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workforce Stability Taskforce recommendations submitted to the Board</li> </ul>
11/17 - 1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning teams develop plans in partnership with parents, students, community members and employees.</li> </ul>
1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete applications due by 1/11/10 via <a href="mailto:psc@lausd.net">psc@lausd.net</a></li> </ul>
1/3– 1/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Internal Application Reviews (on a rolling basis)</li> </ul>
1/18-1/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Engagement Meetings</li> </ul>
2/1- 2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advisory Votes</li> </ul>
2/2 – 2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Superintendent’s Review Panel (on a rolling basis)</li> </ul>
2/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board Vote</li> </ul>

**FOCUS SCHOOLS**

<b>District Campus</b>	<b>Local District</b>	<b>Board District</b>	<b># of LOIs Received</b>	<b>Applicants</b>
Burbank MS	4	5	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Burbank Middle School</li> <li>3. Alliance College-Ready Public Schools</li> <li>4. UTLA</li> <li>5. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Carver MS	5	7	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Partnership for Los Angeles Schools</li> <li>3. Carver Middle School</li> <li>4. UTLA</li> <li>5. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Gardena HS	8	7	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Gardena High School</li> <li>3. UTLA</li> <li>4. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Garfield HS	5	5	10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Garfield High School</li> <li>3. Green Architectural Design Academy</li> <li>4. Social Justice Leadership Academy</li> <li>5. Montebello Unified School District</li> <li>6. UTLA</li> <li>7. The Eastside School of International Studies</li> <li>8. Art House</li> <li>9. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> <li>10. East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy</li> </ol>
Griffith Joyner ES	7	7	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Griffith Joyner ES</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. Partnership for Los Angeles Schools</li> <li>4. Forefront Educational Group</li> <li>5. UTLA</li> <li>6. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Hillcrest ES	3	1	8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Hillcrest Uplifted</li> <li>3. SANOKA Alliance</li> <li>4. ICEF Public Schools</li> <li>5. William Greene Academy of Mathematics and Entrepreneurial Studies</li> <li>6. UTLA</li> <li>7. Be the Change in Education Foundation</li> <li>8. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Hyde Park ES	3	1	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hyde Park Elementary School Community</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. UTLA</li> <li>4. Be the Change in Education Foundation</li> <li>5. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Jefferson HS	5	7	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jefferson HS</li> <li>2. Partnership for Los Angeles Schools</li> <li>3. Green Dot Public Schools</li> <li>4. UTLA</li> </ol>

				5. American Charter Schools Foundation
Lincoln HS	5	2	5	1. Synesi Foundation 2. UTLA 3. Law, Business & Government Academy Pilot 4. The Lincoln High School Focus Team 5. American Charter Schools Foundation
Maywood Academy HS	6	5	5	1. Synesi Foundation 2. Maywood Academy High School Faculty 3. Maywood Academy High School 4. UTLA 5. American Charter Schools Foundation
San Fernando MS	2	6	8	1. Synesi Foundation 2. San Fernando Middle School Collaborative 3. Youth Policy Institute 4. ABC Learn, Inc. 5. San Fernando Visual & Performing Arts Academy 6. UTLA 7. American Charter Schools Foundation 8. San Fernando Middle School Multimedia Academy
San Pedro HS	8	7	4	1. Synesi Foundation 2. San Pedro High School Community 3. UTLA 4. American Charter Schools Foundation

**NEW SCHOOLS**

<b>District Campus</b>	<b>Local District</b>	<b>Board District</b>	<b># of LOIs Received</b>	<b>Applicants</b>
Gratts PC	4	2	7	1. Synesi Foundation 2. UTLA 3. Para Los Ninos 4. Local District 4/Gratts ES 5. Youth Policy Institute 6. Camino Nuevo Charter Academy 7. American Charter Schools Foundation
Valley Region ES#6	1	6	8	1. Aprende Team 2. Synesi Foundation 3. UTLA 4. Local District 1 5. Youth Policy Institute 6. Magnolia Schools 7. Valley Charter Elementary School 8. American Charter Schools Foundation
Valley Region ES#7 (Julie Korenstein ES)	2	6	9	1. Aprende Team 2. Synesi Foundation 3. UTLA

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Local District 2</li> <li>5. Youth Policy Institute</li> <li>6. Magnolia Schools</li> <li>7. Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts</li> <li>8. Valley Charter Elementary School</li> <li>9. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Valley Region ES#8	2	6	8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aprende Team</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. UTLA</li> <li>4. Local District 2</li> <li>5. Youth Policy Institute</li> <li>6. ABC Learn, Inc</li> <li>7. Magnolia Schools</li> <li>8. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Valley Region ES#9	2	6	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aprende Team</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. UTLA</li> <li>4. Valley Charter Elementary School</li> <li>5. Ivy Academia #3</li> <li>6. Local District 2</li> <li>7. Youth Policy Institute</li> <li>8. Magnolia Schools</li> <li>9. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Valley Region ES#10	1	4	8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aprende Team</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. UTLA</li> <li>4. Magnolia Schools</li> <li>5. Ivy Academia ES #2</li> <li>6. Local District 1</li> <li>7. ABC Learn, Inc</li> <li>8. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Central Region ES#13	3	1	10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pio Pico Community – Local District 3</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. It Takes a Village Cohort</li> <li>4. Celerity Palamati Charter School</li> <li>5. UTLA</li> <li>6. Expectations of Educational Excellence Crescendo Charter Schools</li> <li>7. Value Schools</li> <li>8. Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts</li> <li>9. Be the Change in Education Foundation in partnership with 100 Black Men of Los Angeles</li> <li>10. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Central Region ES#15	7	2	7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UTLA</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. Local District 7</li> <li>4. Youth Policy Institute</li> <li>5. Camino Nuevo Charter Academy</li> <li>6. Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts</li> <li>7. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Central Region ES#16	5	7	7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. College Bound Academy</li> </ol>

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Central Region ES#17 with Synergy Charter School	5	2	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. Local District 5</li> <li>4. Celerity Orion Charter School</li> <li>5. UTLA</li> <li>6. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
Central Region ES#18	5	2	7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UTLA</li> <li>2. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>3. Partnership for Los Angeles Schools</li> <li>4. Para Los Ninos</li> <li>5. Local District 5</li> <li>6. Youth Policy Institute</li> <li>7. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
South Region ES#1	7	1	10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Local District 7</li> <li>3. Watts Learning Center Foundation, Inc</li> <li>4. Celerity EXA Charter School</li> <li>5. UTLA</li> <li>6. Expectations of Educational Excellence Crescendo Charter Schools</li> <li>7. Be the Change in Education Foundation</li> <li>8. Single Applicant: Celerity Educational Group, Expectations for Educational Excellence , New Designs Charter School</li> <li>9. Be the Change in Education Foundation in partnership with 100 Black Men of Los Angeles</li> <li>10. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
South Region ES#2	7	7	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Local District 7</li> <li>3. UTLA</li> <li>4. KIPP LA Schools</li> <li>5. Celerity Tenacia Charter School</li> <li>6. Expectations of Educational Excellence Crescendo Charter Schools</li> <li>7. Joint Applicants: Celerity Educational Group, Expectations for Educational Excellence , New Designs Charter School</li> <li>8. Forefront Educational Group</li> <li>9. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
South Region ES#3	6	5	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. UTLA</li> <li>3. Celerity Sirius Charter School</li> <li>4. Bell/Cudahy Partners in Education</li> <li>5. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
South Region ES#4	6	5	7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. South Gate Community for Change</li> </ol>

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<p>South Region MS#2A</p> <p>South Region MS#2B</p> <p>South Region MS#2C</p>	6	5	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. UTLA</li> <li>3. Alliance for College-Ready Schools</li> <li>4. Quest Team</li> <li>5. Magnolia Schools</li> <li>6. Local District 6</li> <li>7. South Area Teacher Collaborative</li> <li>8. Be the Change in Education Foundation in partnership with 100 Black Men of Los Angeles</li> <li>9. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
<p>Barack Obama Global Preparation Academy (South Region MS#6)</p>	7	1	8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>2. Local District 7 &amp; Barack Obama Global Preparation Academy</li> <li>3. UTLA</li> <li>4. Expectations of Educational Excellence Crescendo Charter Schools</li> <li>5. Celerity Octavia Charter School</li> <li>6. Joint Applicants: Celerity Educational Group, Expectations for Educational Excellence , New Designs Charter School</li> <li>7. ICEF Public Schools</li> <li>8. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>
<p>Esteban Torres HS#1</p> <p>Esteban Torres HS#2</p> <p>Esteban Torres HS#3</p> <p>Esteban Torres HS#4</p> <p>Esteban Torres HS#5</p>	5	5	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social Justice Leadership Academy</li> <li>2. School of Communications, New Media and Technology</li> <li>3. Art House</li> <li>4. The Humanitas Art and Technology Academy</li> <li>5. Local District 5</li> <li>6. East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy</li> <li>7. The Design High School</li> <li>8. Synesi Foundation</li> <li>9. Suzanna Guzman Academy of Performing Arts</li> <li>10. Green Dot Public Schools</li> <li>11. Alliance for College-Ready Schools</li> <li>12. Los Angeles Education Partnership</li> <li>13. C.H.O.S.E.N 1 Leadership Institute, Inc.</li> <li>14. UTLA</li> <li>15. American Charter Schools Foundation</li> </ol>