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New Services-Teacher Evaluations

Completing teacher evaluations under the new evaluation system is a daunting task for charter school administrators. Having to complete the prescribed observations and then upload the data into TeachScape is very, very time consuming. In addition, several charters may have new administrators that have not gone through the required training for evaluations. Recognizing that many charter administrators need assistance, ACES has two licensed and experienced charter school administrators that are fully trained in the new system and attend the training sessions put on by PED this summer. These two Cadre members can help with any aspect of the new process, including observations, evaluations and data input. Please call or email Bruce (575-740-0020, bruce.h@nmaces.org) or Max (505-269-2109, max.l@nmaces.org) for more information.

New Cadre Members

ACES is pleased to announce the addition of two new Cadre members to our staff. Steve Robbins recently joined us and is currently providing testing and curriculum assistance to several charter schools in the Taos area. Steve has a tremendous background in testing, curriculum, instruction, data analysis and technology.

Dr. Penne Wilson, a former charter school administrator with a number of years of experience has also recently joined our staff. Dr. Wilson, with her education and experience, is able to offer all types of assistance to charter schools from teacher evaluations, to coaching and mentoring new administrators, to budgeting and strategic planning, and with charter renewal applications. Dr. Wilson has completed all of the required training by the PED to assist with the new teacher evaluation process.

ACES Website

The ACES website is up and running at www.nmaces.org. Our website has a complete list of our Cadre services and staff, our cooperative purchasing contracts, and additional information about ACES and how to become a member. Please check it out.

Vendor of the Month-Canteen of New Mexico

One of our priorities at ACES is to help with the child hunger issue in New Mexico. We know that many charter schools do not offer student lunch programs for a variety of reasons. At ACES, we wanted to make sure that charter schools have a way to feed their students, and to do it a cost-effective and efficient manner. Through a competitively bid contract with ACES, Canteen of Central New Mexico offers all styles of food service programs that meet the requirements of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs, and the various Summer Food Service Programs. If you are interested in learning how Canteen and ACES can help you feed your students, please contact John at Canteen at 505.344.3481. He would be happy to visit with you about starting, or assisting with a food service program in your school. [If you have not published an RFP for your food services as required, you may be eligible to utilize the ACES contract and reduce your cost. Again, contact John McCarthy at Canteen.](#)

Staff Compliance Training

This year, please consider using the Global Compliance Network (GCN) for your mandatory staff compliance training. Offered online, GCN offers over 135 different tutorials that include sexual harassment, blood-borne pathogens, and recognizing child abuse training. Schools can have unlimited access to all of the tutorials available, complete with certificates of completion, for all of their staff members for as low as \$200 total. For more information on this effective and low-cost solution to the mandatory training, please call or email Bruce or Max.