ACES Update

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**Data Conference**

Please RSVP to Bruce.H@nmaces.org for the ACES Data Conference on February 26, 2015 at the Hotel Elegante in Albuquerque. The Conference is free to ACES members and includes lunch. Mr. Matt Pahl and/or Ms. Julie Lucero from the Charter School Division will present on the use of data and Annual Performance Objectives. Four other presenters (Dr. Patricio Rojas, Dr. Penne Wilson, Mr. Steve Robbins and Mr. Buddy Dillow) will speak on various aspects of collecting and using data.

Seating is limited so please RSVP immediately by emailing Bruce at Bruce.H@nmaces.org.

**New ACES Website-www.nmaces.org**

We have just launched our new and revised ACES website (www.nmaces.org). The new site is much more user-friendly and has a number of additional features. Some of the changes include a Calendar feature where we will post events of importance to charter schools. As a free service to our members, schools can send us announcements of their events and we will post them to our calendar.

Another new feature is our Search engine. If you are in need of a particular service or product, just type it in the Search feature and the resources available will be displayed.

Additionally, we have now added an Employment Section. Check out the Employment page if you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experience in one of the listed areas and becoming a member of the ACES Professional Cadre.

**Activity Buses**

The cost and availability of Activity Buses for are a major concern for many charter schools across the state. In response to the requests we have had from charter schools, ACES is preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) from vendors to provide Activity Buses to charter schools at a reasonable cost. We know that by charter schools working cooperatively, we can make the cost much less expensive to schools and the provision of services much more attractive to vendors. The RFP will solicit vendors to provide Activity buses for charter schools in the Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Las Cruces geographic areas.

We hope to have the RFP advertised early this spring and a vendor/s selected shortly thereafter. If you are interested in serving on the RFP Evaluation Committee, please contact Bruce or Max.

**Technology Conference**

We are interested in facilitating a Charter School Technology Conference sometime this spring. We would like to have several breakout sessions and would like to hear from you about technology topics that would be of most interest to charter schools. If there is a particular topic you would like more information on, please email either Max (Max.L@nmaces) or Bruce (Bruce. H@nmaces.org). Also, please send us your suggestions as to when and where you would like to see the Conference take place.