

# Agenda

Meeting No. 6: 2020-21



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**Executive Directors Council Virtual Meeting**  
**June 24, 2021**  
**8:00 a.m.**

## **Zoom Meeting Participant Information**

**[Join Zoom Meeting Link](#)**

**Meeting ID: 202 850 2366**

**Passcode: 1951**

**Submit Public Comments to: [Anderson\\_Jim@lacoedu](mailto:Anderson_Jim@lacoedu)**

### **I. PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Ordering of the Agenda
- C. Approval of the Minutes
  - 1. May 27, 2021 Executive Directors Council Meeting

### **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Public Comment

### **III. HEARINGS (none)**

### **IV. REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS**

- A. Membership Report – [2021-2022 SELPA Applications](#)
- B. SELPA Reports

### **V. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Approval of [Future is Now Preparatory](#) for SELPA membership commencing July 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- B. Approval of the Reallocation of Unclaimed IDEA Local Assistance Grant and Federal Mental Health Funds
- C. Approval of the 2021-22 Governance Committee Chair
- D. Approval of the 2021-22 Ad Hoc Committee Members
- E. Approval of the 2021-22 Ad Hoc Calendar of Meetings and the SELPA Professional Development Calendar

### **VI. CLOSING ITEMS**

- A. SELPA Calendars: Executive Directors Council; Ad Hoc Committee; Program Council; CAC and Professional Development

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**



UNAPPROVED DRAFT  
No. 5: 2020-2021

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHARTER SELPA**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held Virtually Through Zoom**

**May 27, 2021**

The Executive Directors Council Meeting of the LAC Charter SELPA was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021, virtually through Zoom.

**PRESENT:**

1. Ricardo Mireles (Academia Avance)
2. Xavier Reyes (Academia Moderna; Prepa Tec LA HS; Prepa Tec LA MS)
3. Loretta Burns (Blue Ridge Academy)
4. Mary Ring (DaVinci RISE)
5. Christina Navarro-Cabero (Granite Mountain)
6. James McGrath (Intellectual Virtues Academy)
7. Nadia Shaiq (Isana Achnar; Isana Himalia)
8. Donna Jacobson (LA's Promise High School #1; LA's Promise Middle School #1)
9. Jason Hasty (LACOE)
10. Amanda Johnson (Lake View Charter School)
11. Colleen Mullen (OFL, Duarte; OFL William S. Hart; OFY Acton)
12. Angela Miller (Palm Lane Elementary Charter School)
13. Beatriz Gutierrez (Soleil Academy)
14. Sarah Bach (Sycamore Creek Community Charter School)
15. Wendy Shmaeff (Village Charter Academy)
16. Anita Ravi (We The People)

**ABSENT:**

1. Lee DeLeon (Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy)
2. Courtney McCorkle (Heartland)
3. Ryan Gomez (ICEF Inglewood Charter Elementary Charter Academy)
4. Padmini Srinivasan (International School for Science and Culture)
5. Zuzy Chavez (Jardin de la Infancia)
6. Josh Stock (Lashon Charter Academy; Lashon Academy City Charter)

**SELPA STAFF and GUESTS:** Jim Anderson (LACOE); Lizabeth Thompson (LACOE); Abby Huang (LACOE); and Heather Whitaker (LACOE); *Irvine International Academy* representatives: Dr. Michael Scott, Executive Director; Steven Chuang, Principal; Bill Evans, Special Education Consultant; and Delano Jones (back office support with Athena Advanced Solutions).

**I. PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES**

**A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. as quorum was established with 19 LEA members present.

**B. Ordering of the Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as amended to include the approval of *Irvine International Academy* to immediately follow the information presented during the Membership Report.

**Moved Approval:** Donna Jacobson; **Second:** Loretta Burns; **Aye:** 28; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

**C. Approval of the Minutes**

1. April 29, 2021 Executive Directors Council Meeting

**Moved Approval:** Nadia Shaiq; **Second:** Christina Navarro-Cabero; **Aye:** 28; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Public Comment – there was no public comment.

**III. HEARINGS**

A. 2021-22 SELPA Local Plan Sections: B. *Governance and Administration*; D. *Annual Budget Plan*; and E. *Annual Service Plan*

The Public meeting was held and there was no input from the Public. The Public Hearing was closed.

**IV. REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS**

**A. Membership Report**

Jim shared information about the remaining 21-22 possible SELPA applicants including:

1. Future is Now Preparatory, 6-12 Countywide
2. SEED School of Los Angeles 9-12 Countywide
3. Graham Yalle Visual & Performing Arts Charter, Fresno
4. Thoreau Community Charter, Santa Barbara

The SELPA has received an application from Future is Now Preparatory and is working with the LEA on completing the application. Thoreau Community Charter is scheduled for authorization consideration in early June and will submit an application subsequent to authorization. It was shared these Charter Schools would come to the Governance Council for consideration in June. Damali shared highlights from the *Irvine International Academy* application review and capacity interview as provided to the Governance Council in the *Executive Summary for the Executive Directors Council*. Representatives from the Irvine International Charter Academy shared information about their school. After Governance Council members had opportunity for questions and clarifications, the

Council voted to approve Irvine International Academy for 21-22 membership with the stated four conditions including: 1. Proof of Liability Insurance no later than August 1, 2021; 2. List of credentials for all certificated staff no later than August 1, 2021; 3. Receipt of a signed and executed SELPA Participants Agreement no later than August 1, 2021; and 4. Will meet conditions of authorization.

**V. RECOMMENDATION A.** Approval of Irvine International Academy for SELPA membership commencing July 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Moved Approval:** Colleen Mullen; **Second:** Wendy Shmaeff; **Aye:** 30; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

**B. SELPA Reports**

SELPA staff shared information related to special education finance, data, accountability, compliance, CDE monitoring, legislation, policy and the Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

**V. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A.** Approval of [Irvine International Academy](#) for SELPA membership commencing July 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Moved Approval:** Colleen Mullen; **Second:** Wendy Shmaeff; **Aye:** 30; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

**B.** Approval of 2021-22 Local Plan Sections: D. *Annual Budget Plan* and E. *Annual Service Plan*

**Moved Approval:** Mary Ring; **Second:** Padmini Srinivasanhands; **Aye:** 30; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

**C.** Approval of 2021-22 SELPA Meeting Calendars: Governance Council; Program Council; and Community Advisory Committee

**Moved Approval:** Beatriz Gutierrez; **Second:** Nadia Shaiq; **Aye:** 30; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

**VI. CLOSING ITEMS**

Members reviewed the future meeting date of the Governance Council to be held June 24, 2021.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved Approval:** Donna Jacobson; **Second:** Mary Ring;  
**Meeting Adjournment:** 9:00 a.m.

Item IV. **REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS**

**A. Membership Report – Discussion and Information**

1. [2022-23 Possible SELPA Applicants](#)
  1. SEED School of Los Angeles 9-12 Countywide
2. 2021-22 SELPA Applicant
  1. **Future is Now Preparatory, 6-12 Countywide**
3. 2021-22 Approved SELPA Members
  1. T.I.M.E. Community School
  2. Bridges Preparatory Academy
  3. Irvine International Academy
4. 2020-2021 LAC Charter SELPA Members (**29 Members; 15 quorum**)
  1. Academia Avance
  2. Academia Moderna Charter School
  3. Blue Ridge Academy
  4. Da Vinci Rise Charter School
  5. Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy
  6. Granite Mountain
  7. Heartland Charter School
  8. ICEF Inglewood Charter Elementary
  9. Intellectual Virtues Academy
  10. International School for Science & Culture
  11. Isana Academies Achernar
  12. Isana Academies Himalia
    - As of 7/1/21 withdrawn membership to LAUSD SELPA
  13. Jardin de la Infancia
  14. Los Angeles County Office of Education
  15. LA’s Promise Charter High School #1
    - as of 7/1/21 name will be: *Russell Westbrook Why Not? High School*
  16. LA’s Promise Charter Middle School #1
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  17. Lake View Charter School
  18. Lashon Academy Charter
  19. Lashon Academy City Charter
  20. Opportunities for Learning, Duarte
  21. Opportunities for Learning, William S. Hart
  22. Options for Youth – Acton
  23. Palm Lane Elementary Charter School
  24. Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School
    - Notice of closing as of June 30, 2021 in response to SBOE non-renewal
  25. Prepa Tec Los Angeles Middle School
  26. Soleil Academy
  27. Sycamore Creek Community Charter School
  28. Village Charter Academy
  29. We the People High School
5. Charter Schools at the [LACOE Board of Education](#)

<u>LEA</u>	<u>Motion to:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Motion</u>
LA’s Promise Charter Middle School	Approve Material Revision	7/7/20	Passed
LA’s Promise Charter High School	Approve Material Revision	7/7/20	Passed
The SEED School of Los Angeles County	Approve Countywide	7/7/20	Passed

Soleil Academy	Approve Material Revision	7/14/20	Passed
Future Is Now Preparatory	1. Deny Countywide 2. Alternate motion to approve	7/21/20	1. Failed 2. Passed
Century Academy for Excellence	Deny Appeal: Lennox	10/6/20	Passed
LA's Promise Charter Middle School	Public Hearing	1/12/21	No Action
LA Promise Charter High School	Public Hearing	1/12/21	No Action
Soleil Academy, TK-5	Approve Renewal	1/12/21	Passed
Bridges Preparatory Academy (BPA)	1. Deny Appeal: Compton 2. Alternate motion to approve	1/19/21	1. Failed 2. Passed
The California Collegiate Charter	Public Hearing	2/2/21	Hearing
LA Promise Charter Middle School	Approve the Renewal Pet.	2/9/21	Passed
LA Promise Charter High School	Approve the Renewal Pet.	2/9/21	Passed
Crenshaw Entrepreneurial Academy	Remand to LAUSD	3/2/21	Passed
California Collegiate Charter School	Deny Appeal: LAUSD	3/16/21	Passed
Material Revision: Jardin de la Infancia	Approve Material Revision	4/6/21	Passed
Material Revision: Charter of Magnolia Science Academy-5, Grades 6-12	Approve/Deny	<b>6/15/21</b>	Passed
Public Hearing: Crenshaw Entrepreneurial Academy, Grades TK-2: Appeal of a Petition to Establish a Charter Denied by LAUSD BOE	No Action on 6/15/21	<b>6/15/21</b>	



**Applicant:** Future Is Now Preparatory

**Membership Year:** 2021-2022

#### **Executive Summary for the Executive Directors Council**

Future Is Now Preparatory (FIN Prep) submitted a comprehensive application to the Los County Charter (LAC) SELPA on June 4, 2021. The LAC Charter SELPA reviewed the membership application on behalf of FIN Prep for academic year 2021-2022. FIN Prep desires to become their own LEA for special education purposes and agrees to operate a compliant program for students with disabilities. As such, they are seeking membership with the Los Angeles County Charter SELPA as required.

FIN Prep is a new county-wide charter school authorized by the Los Angeles County Office of Education and will begin operation in the Fall of 2021. On July 21, 2021, the Board took action and voted 5 to 2 and approved the charter for a five-year term.

The Los Angeles County Charter SELPA conducted the application review process during the month of June and also held a capacity interview for membership consideration for the 2021-2022 school year. Below are the findings of the SELPA review.

On June 16, 2021 a capacity interview was held to gather additional information about how the charter school will serve students with disabilities. Los Angeles County Charter SELPA interview panel members were Jim Anderson, SELPA Director; Damali Thomas, Project Director; Liz Thompson, Coordinator; Heather Whitaker, Coordinator; Abby Huang, Financial Operations Consultant; Theresa Rowlette, LEA Member and Director of Special Education for Isana Academies; Wendy Shmaeff, LEA Member and Director of Student Services for Village Charter Academy; and Analy Mendoza, SELPA Senior Clerk Typist. Charter school representatives in attendance were Steve Barr, CEO; Diane Peete, Director of Operations; Scott Warner with CSMC; and Lori Pawinski, Educational Consultant. The purpose of the capacity interview was to help evaluate the LEA's understanding of the responsibilities as it relates to educating students with disabilities. The application materials can be accessed at the following link: [https://padlet.com/LACOE\\_SELPA/gr5yln53y9abjm0v](https://padlet.com/LACOE_SELPA/gr5yln53y9abjm0v)

Based on the review of the application and capacity interview, FIN Prep meets the minimum standards relating to all required elements. As such, Los Angeles County Charter SELPA recommends approval of FIN Prep and that the Governance Council consider this recommendation for approval at its next meeting scheduled for June 24, 2021.

#### **Application Rationale:**

The Los Angeles County Charter SELPA provides independent charter schools with autonomy and choice. FIN Prep has been approved by the Los Angeles County Office of Education Board to begin operation for the 2021-2022 school year. Becoming a member of the local SELPA will allow FIN Prep to network with other charters in the area, as well as, receive quality support from SELPA staff that is accessible. Being a member of the Los Angeles County Charter SELPA would allow FIN Prep to operate as a Local Education

Agency for special education purposes, which means true flexibility in how we can run our special education program. Furthermore, having LEA status for the purposes of special education will provide us with the opportunity to grow as a school that provides innovative supports for students with greater needs. We would be a committed partner in this network willing to work collaboratively with SELPA staff and other charter schools to share and implement best practices for students with disabilities.

**Overview:**

Future Is Now Preparatory is a unique new site-based charter school that will serve some of the most at-risk middle and high-school students in Los Angeles County. FIN Prep is focused on serving resilient youth, with a particular focus on homeless youth and high-risk youth. With guidance from Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, and dozens of government and community-based organizations and private funders, FIN Prep will be a school that includes a free weekday boarding school option to help create stability and continuity of care for disadvantaged youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Inspired by successful public boarding schools operated by the SEED Foundation schools located in Washington D.C., Maryland, and Florida, FIN Prep ultimately will offer a “24/5” learning and wrap around support environment for vulnerable students. The mission of FIN Prep is to increase the upward mobility of the most vulnerable youth populations; homeless, foster, and probationary youth.

**Application Overview and Summary:**

Category	Description	Points Awarded
Required Elements	Completed application, Charter petition, Audit report, API Scores SARC, Details of credentialed staff, Signed SELPA assurances, SPED pupil Count and Notice of Withdrawal	33 of 39
Special Education Components	Child find, Gen. Ed program modifications, Referral process, Assessment procedures, IEP development process and suspension and expulsion data	20 of 21
Special Education Services	DIS Services, SAI, NPS/NPA, Inclusion, Transportation	20 of 21



Compliance	504, Due process, State complaints, ADA compliance, Service of students, Administration, Professional Development, Process for settling disputes and SELPA LEA Assurances	23 of 27
Fiscal	Budget, Special education accounting, Audit, CMO Affiliation	52 of 60

**Total Points Possible: 168**

**Minimum Acceptable points: 137**

**Total Points Awarded: 148**

**Recommendation:** Approve SELPA Membership with the following conditions:

1. List of credentials for all certificated staff no later than August 1, 2021.
2. Receipt of a signed and executed SELPA Participants Agreement no later than August 1, 2021.
3. Signed SED-LP-5 no later than August 1, 2021.
4. Signed Local Plan LEA Certification 5 by the Chief Executive Officer following SELPA Membership Approval on June 24, 2021.

Item IV.        **REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS - Informational**

- B.     [SELPA Reports](#) – Member Information and Discussion
  - 1. Finance
    - a. Federal IDEA Local Assistance and Mental Health reports.
    - b. IDEA Reallocation of Unclaimed Funds
    - c. [May Revise: Special Education](#)
    - d. [State SELPA Finance Report](#)
  - 2. Data, Accountability, Compliance & CDE
    - a. Personnel Data Report
    - b. CALPADS – CDE Letter 4-21-21
      - 20-21 End-of-Year (EOY)
      - Primary Data Submitted: Special Education and Postsecondary Outcomes for Students with Disabilities (SWD) Prior Year Completers
      - Timelines
        - Submission Window: 5/10/21 to 7/30/21
        - Certification Deadline: 7/30/21
        - Amendment Window: 7/31/21 to 8/27/21
      - Frequent Uploads: Special Education Information
    - c. CDE Monitoring
      - Special Education Plans (SEP)
      - Disproportionality Notifications
    - d. [State SELPA C-3 Report](#)
  - 3. Legislation and Policy
    - a. [State SELPA Legislative Matrix](#)
    - b. [State SELPA Government Relations Representative Report](#)
  - 4. [Ad Hoc Committee Updates](#)
    - a. 5-27-2021 Meeting Overview

**IDEA - Local Assistance - Resource 3310  
2020-2021 Entitlements  
July 1, 2020- September 30, 2022**

SELPA/ DISTRICT	County	DEC. '19 UNDUPLICATED COUNT AGES 5-21	ORIGINAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT	RE ALLOCATED AMOUNT	AMENDED ALLOCATION	Charter School's Approved Indirect Rate	Total Allowable INDIRECT	LACOE's Reduced Indirect cost 2.25%	Charter's Reduced Allowable Indirect Cost
<b>LACOE Charter SELPA</b>	<b>County</b>								
1 Academia Avance	Los Angeles	45	58,303.00		58,303.00	5.00%	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,249	\$ 1,527
2 Academia Moderna	Los Angeles	36	46,642.00	5,510.00	52,152.00	3.75%	\$ 1,885	\$ 1,131	\$ 754
3 Blue Ridge Academy	Kern	630	816,238.00	96,419.00	912,657.00	5.00%	\$ 43,460	\$ 19,557	\$ 23,903
4 Da Vinci Rise Charter School	Los Angeles	30	38,868.00		38,868.00	1.25%	\$ 480	\$ 459	\$ 21
5 Edward B. Cole Academy	Orange	22	28,503.00	3,367.00	31,870.00	5.00%	\$ 1,518	\$ 683	\$ 835
6 Granite Mountain Charter	San Bernadino	307	397,753.00		397,753.00	5.00%	\$ 18,941	\$ 8,523	\$ 10,418
7 Heartland Charter School	Kern	318	412,005.00		412,005.00	5.00%	\$ 19,619	\$ 8,829	\$ 10,790
8 ICEF Inglewood Elementary Charter Academy	Los Angeles	40	51,825.00		51,825.00	4.80%	\$ 2,374	\$ 1,113	\$ 1,261
9 Intellectual Virtues Academy	Los Angeles	38	49,233.00		49,233.00	8.16%	\$ 3,714	\$ 1,024	\$ 2,690
10 International School for Science and Culture	Orange	2	2,591.00		2,591.00	5.00%	\$ 123	\$ 55	\$ 68
11 ISANA Achemar ( ISANA ) Charter	Los Angeles	48	62,189.00		62,189.00	5.00%	\$ 2,961	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,629
12 ISANA Himalia (ISANA) Charter	Los Angeles	56	72,554.00		72,554.00	5.00%	\$ 3,455	\$ 1,555	\$ 1,900
13 Jardin De La Infancia	Los Angeles	4	5,182.00		5,182.00	6.82%	\$ 331	\$ 109	\$ 222
14 Lake View Charter	Glen	32	41,460.00		41,460.00	5.00%	\$ 1,974	\$ 888	\$ 1,086
15 LA's Promise Charter High # 1	Los Angeles	42	54,416.00		54,416.00	4.02%	\$ 2,103	\$ 1,177	\$ 926
16 LA's Promise Middle School # 1	Los Angeles	54	69,963.00		69,963.00	5.58%	\$ 3,698	\$ 1,491	\$ 2,207
17 Lashon Academy	Los Angeles	49	63,485.00		63,485.00	1.59%	\$ 994	\$ 972	\$ 22
18 Lashon Academy City	Los Angeles	5	6,478.00		6,478.00	5.00%	\$ 308	\$ 139	\$ 169
19 Opportunities for Learning - Duarte	Los Angeles	27	34,982.00		34,982.00	5.00%	\$ 1,666	\$ 750	\$ 916
20 Opportunities for Learning - Santa Clarita - 94 ( Decline)	Los Angeles	94	121,788.00	-121,788.00	0.00	5.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21 Optimist Charter (14) Closed 6/30/20	Los Angeles	14	18,139.00	-18,139.00	0.00	7.25%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
22 Options for Youth - Acton - NEW to SELPA	Los Angeles	191	247,462.00	29,232.00	276,694.00	5.00%	\$ 13,176	\$ 5,929	\$ 7,247
23 Palm Lane Elementary	Orange	35	45,346.00		45,346.00	5.00%	\$ 2,159	\$ 972	\$ 1,187
24 Prepa Tec Los Angele High	Los Angeles	41	53,120.00	6,275.00	59,395.00	5.00%	\$ 2,828	\$ 1,273	\$ 1,555
25 Prepa Tec Los Angele Middle	Los Angeles	25	32,390.00	3,826.00	36,216.00	5.75%	\$ 1,969	\$ 770	\$ 1,199
26 Soleil Charter School	Los Angeles	8	10,365.00		10,365.00	4.80%	\$ 475	\$ 223	\$ 252
27 Sycamore Creek Community Charter	Orange	4	5,182.00		5,182.00	5.00%	\$ 247	\$ 111	\$ 136
28 Triumph Academy ( 8 ) - Closed 6/30/2020	San Bernadino	8	10,365.00	-10,365.00	0.00	5.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
29 Village Charter Academy	Los Angeles	34	44,051.00	5,204.00	49,255.00	5.00%	\$ 2,345	\$ 1,055	\$ 1,290
30 We the People High - NEW 20-21 Start ( 3 UDC-Dec 2020)	Los Angeles	0	0.00	459.00	459.00	5.00%	\$ 22	\$ 10	\$ 12
<b>33107.0- SELPA TOTAL</b>		<b>2,239</b>	<b>2,900,878.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,900,878</b>		<b>135,601</b>	<b>61,379</b>	<b>74,222</b>

Attachment No. 2  
Bulletin No. 45??  
ABD - 4-8-2019

**Special Education Mental Health Services  
LACOE Charter SELPA  
2020-21 Federal Mental Health Allocation**

Schools	2019-20 P2 ADA	2020-21 P1 ADA	11.6951 Original Allocation	Reallocate	2020-21 Final Apportionment
Academia Avance Charter School	308.36		3,606		3,606
Academia Moderna		447.74		917	917
Blue Ridge		6986.25		14,313	14,313
Da Vinci RISE HIGH	121.87		1,425		1,425
Edward B Cole Academy		376.21		771	771
Granite Mountain Charter School	3181.82		37,212		37,212
Heartland Charter School	4126.04		48,254		48,254
ICEF Inglewood Elementary	374.64		4,381		4,381
Intellectual Virtues Academy	106.97		1,251		1,251
International School of Science and Culture	65.92		771		771
Isana Achernar Academy	472.73		5,529		5,529
Isana Himalia Academy	681.79		7,974		7,974
Jardin de la Infancia	29.31		343		343
Lake View Charter School	434.25		5,079		5,079
LA's Promise Charter High #1	138.25		1,617		1,617
LA's Promise Charter Middle #1	203.24		2,377		2,377
Lashon Academy City	25.43		297		297
Lashon Charter Academy	517.36		6,051		6,051
Opportunities for Learning, Duarte	423.57		4,954		4,954
Opportunities for Learning, Santa Clarita	1762.62		20,614	(20,614)	0
Optimist Charter School	51.49		602	(602)	0
Option for Youth, Acton		2166.72		4,439	4,439
Palm Lane Elementary Charter School	291.42		3,408		3,408
Prepa Tec Los Angele High		317.3		650	650
Prepa Tec Los Angele Middle		325.58		667	667
Soleil Academy	141.58		1,656		1,656
Sycamore Creek Community Charter	65.93		771		771
Triumph Academy	97.74		1,143	(1,143)	0
Village Charter		273.1		560	560
We the People High		20.7		42	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,622</b>	<b>10,914</b>	<b>159,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159,315</b>

Green highlight are schools joined LAC Charter SELPA in 2020-21.

Item V.           **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Approval of *Future is Now Preparatory, 6-12 Countywide* for SELPA membership commencing July 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year

Based on a review and evaluation of the *Future is Now Preparatory, 6-12 Countywide* SELPA Application, the May 16, 2021 LEA Capacity Interview and as reviewed and discussed by the Executive Directors Council, it is recommended the Executive Directors Council vote to approve SELPA membership for the 2021-2022 school year to *Future is Now Preparatory, 6-12 Countywide* with the following conditions:

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4. Signed Local Plan LEA Certification 5 by the Chief Executive Officer following SELPA Membership Approval on June 24, 2021.



**Applicant:** Future Is Now Preparatory

**Membership Year:** 2021-2022

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The Los Angeles County Charter SELPA conducted the application review process during the month of June and also held a capacity interview for membership consideration for the 2021-2022 school year. Below are the findings of the SELPA review.

On June 16, 2021 a capacity interview was held to gather additional information about how the charter school will serve students with disabilities. Los Angeles County Charter SELPA interview panel members were Jim Anderson, SELPA Director; Damali Thomas, Project Director; Liz Thompson, Coordinator; Heather Whitaker, Coordinator; Abby Huang, Financial Operations Consultant; Theresa Rowlette, LEA Member and Director of Special Education for Isana Academies; Wendy Shmaeff, LEA Member and Director of Student Services for Village Charter Academy; and Analy Mendoza, SELPA Senior Clerk Typist. Charter school representatives in attendance were Steve Barr, CEO; Diane Peete, Director of Operations; Scott Warner with CSMC; and Lori Pawinski, Educational Consultant. The purpose of the capacity interview was to help evaluate the LEA's understanding of the responsibilities as it relates to educating students with disabilities. The application materials can be accessed at the following link: [https://padlet.com/LACOE\\_SELPA/gr5yln53y9abjm0v](https://padlet.com/LACOE_SELPA/gr5yln53y9abjm0v)

Based on the review of the application and capacity interview, FIN Prep meets the minimum standards relating to all required elements. As such, Los Angeles County Charter SELPA recommends approval of FIN Prep and that the Governance Council consider this recommendation for approval at its next meeting scheduled for June 24, 2021.

### **Application Rationale:**

The Los Angeles County Charter SELPA provides independent charter schools with autonomy and choice. FIN Prep has been approved by the Los Angeles County Office of Education Board to begin operation for the 2021-2022 school year. Becoming a member of the local SELPA will allow FIN Prep to network with other charters in the area, as well as, receive quality support from SELPA staff that is accessible. Being a member of the Los Angeles County Charter SELPA would allow FIN Prep to operate as a Local Education

Agency for special education purposes, which means true flexibility in how we can run our special education program. Furthermore, having LEA status for the purposes of special education will provide us with the opportunity to grow as a school that provides innovative supports for students with greater needs. We would be a committed partner in this network willing to work collaboratively with SELPA staff and other charter schools to share and implement best practices for students with disabilities.

**Overview:**

Future Is Now Preparatory is a unique new site-based charter school that will serve some of the most at-risk middle and high-school students in Los Angeles County. FIN Prep is focused on serving resilient youth, with a particular focus on homeless youth and high-risk youth. With guidance from Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, and dozens of government and community-based organizations and private funders, FIN Prep will be a school that includes a free weekday boarding school option to help create stability and continuity of care for disadvantaged youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Inspired by successful public boarding schools operated by the SEED Foundation schools located in Washington D.C., Maryland, and Florida, FIN Prep ultimately will offer a “24/5” learning and wrap around support environment for vulnerable students. The mission of FIN Prep is to increase the upward mobility of the most vulnerable youth populations; homeless, foster, and probationary youth.

**Application Overview and Summary:**

Category	Description	Points Awarded
Required Elements	Completed application, Charter petition, Audit report, API Scores SARC, Details of credentialed staff, Signed SELPA assurances, SPED pupil Count and Notice of Withdrawal	33 of 39
Special Education Components	Child find, Gen. Ed program modifications, Referral process, Assessment procedures, IEP development process and suspension and expulsion data	20 of 21
Special Education Services	DIS Services, SAI, NPS/NPA, Inclusion, Transportation	20 of 21

Compliance	504, Due process, State complaints, ADA compliance, Service of students, Administration, Professional Development, Process for settling disputes and SELPA LEA Assurances	23 of 27
Fiscal	Budget, Special education accounting, Audit, CMO Affiliation	52 of 60

**Total Points Possible: 168**

**Minimum Acceptable points: 137**

**Total Points Awarded: 148**

**Recommendation:** Approve SELPA Membership with the following conditions:

1. List of credentials for all certificated staff no later than August 1, 2021.
2. Receipt of a signed and executed SELPA Participants Agreement no later than August 1, 2021.
3. Signed SED-LP-5 no later than August 1, 2021.
4. Signed Local Plan LEA Certification 5 by the Chief Executive Officer following SELPA Membership Approval on June 24, 2021.



Item V.           **RECOMMENDATIONS**

B. Approval of the Reallocation of Unclaimed IDEA Local Assistance Grant and Federal Mental Health Funds

In 2020-21, the following schools declined to take the federal IDEA funds including the Local Assistance Grant and Mental Health or cannot claim the funds as their schools closed as of 6/30/2020. The declined allocation totals \$172,651 as described below:

<b><u>Declined</u></b>	<b><u>Local Asst.</u></b>	<b><u>Mental Health</u></b>
Opportunities for Learning: (Santa Clarita)	\$121,788	\$20,614
 <b><u>Closed</u></b>		
Optimist Charter:	\$18,139	\$602
Triumph Academy:	\$10,365	\$1,143

SELPA discussed with the Ad Hoc Committee and is recommending the reallocation of the unclaimed funds to members who joined LAC Charter SELPA for the 20-21 school year and who did not receive their share of the State Mental Health funding in 2020-21. Per SB 98 (Chapter 24, Statute of 2020) and SB 820 (Chapter 110, Statute of 2020), the state mental health Education Code Section 56836.07 changed so that in 2020-21, the program funding will be based on the SELPA ADA reported for the 2019-20 P2 instead of 2020-21 P2. This recommendation would include allocating the unclaimed funds to the following eight LEA's:

1. Academia Moderna
2. Blue Ridge Academy
3. Edward B. Cole
4. Options for Youth – Acton
5. Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School
6. Prepa Tec Los Angeles Middle School
7. Village Charter Academy
8. We the People

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Item V.           **RECOMMENDATIONS**

C. Approval of the 2021-22 Governance Committee Chair

**2021-22 Los Angeles County Charter SELPA Local Plan Section B:  
Governance and Administration:**

The Governance Council will annually select a Governance Council Chair from its members responsible for working with the SELPA Director in establishing meeting dates, times and meeting agendas. If the chair is unable to attend a meeting they will delegate another Governance Council member to chair the meeting.

Item V.           **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- D. Approval of the 2021-22 Ad Hoc Committee Members and Meeting Calendar

**2021-22 Los Angeles County Charter SELPA Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration:**

The Governance Council may appoint Ad Hoc committees as appropriate to address key issues and to report back to the Council. Annually the Governance Council shall approve any committees, appoint membership, and assign specific tasks as appropriate. Unless appointed by the Governance Council, each committee may select a chairperson from the committee membership to chair the meetings and to communicate with the Council. The SELPA Director shall be a non-voting member of each committee providing support, technical assistance, and communication with the Council. It is understood that the SELPA Director is responsible for developing any recommendations to assure compliance with state and federal laws.

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Item V.        **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- E. Approval of the 2021-22 Ad Hoc Calendar of Meetings and the SELPA Professional Development Calendar



## 2021-2022 Ad Hoc Committee Calendar of Meetings

Meeting: to follow Governance Council Meetings  
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>October</b>	28	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
<b>January</b>	27	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
<b>March</b>	24	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
<b>April</b>	28	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
<b>May</b>	26	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
<b>June</b>	23	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242

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**2021-2022 Professional Development Calendar**

Title	Presenter	Time	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
New Member Nuts and Bolts	SELPA	Live 9am - 12pm		16										
Woodcock Johnson IV Achievement Test Administration and Scoring	SELPA	Q&A 1pm - 3pm			14						9			
Administrative Designee: The Art of Chairing IEP Meetings	SELPA	Q&A 2pm - 4pm			22				21					
Exploring Implicit & Explicit Biases	HCR	Live 2pm - 4pm							12					
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention	SELPA	Live 8am - 3pm				1							18	
The Facilitated IEP: A Process to Resolve Disputes	HCR	Live 1pm - 3pm			7									
Foundations in Special Education and Instructional Strategies to Support All Learners	LACOE	Live 1pm - 3pm		30										
Best Practices in IEP Development	SELPA	Live 1pm - 3pm				13								
Instructional Strategies to Support Struggling Students	CCE	Live 1pm - 3pm			30									
Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports	LACOE	Live 1pm - 3pm					30							
Getting It Right: Developing Meaningful Present Levels of Performance and Standard-based SMART Goals	SELPA	Live 12pm - 3pm				27								
Make it Make Sense: Developing the Summary of Performance and Exit IEP	SELPA	Q&A 1pm - 3pm								16				
Grading Students with IEPs	CCE	Live 12pm - 3pm				20								
SEIS for Teachers	SJCOE	Live 9pm - 1pm		24										
SEIS for Administrators	SJCOE	Live: 9am - 2pm		19										

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Advanced IEP Facilitation Skills	HCR	Live 1pm - 3pm			21									
Strategies for High Emotions in SPED	HCR	Live 1pm - 3pm			28									
Strategies to Effectively Facilitate Resolution Sessions	HCR	Live 1pm - 3pm				4								
Capacity Building	SELPA	Live 4pm - 5pm		26		14		16		10		14		
Other Meetings & Trainings	Presenter	Time	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
School Psychologist Professional Development	SELPA	Live TBD			17		19		21		18		20	
Program Council	SELPA	Live 1pm - 4pm		26		14		16		10		14		2
Community Advisory Committee	SELPA	Live 3pm - 4pm			8			8		9			11	
Governance Council	SELPA	Hybrid 8am – 10am				28			27		24	28	26	23
Ad Hoc Committee	SELPA	Hybrid 10am – 12pm				28			27		24	28	26	23

[\\*Diagnostic Center Professional Development Calendar\\*](#)

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Item VI.       **CLOSING ITEMS**

- A. SELPA Calendars: Executive Directors Council; Ad Hoc Committee; Program Council; Community Advisory Commission; and Professional Development





**2021-2022 Governance Council  
 Calendar of Meetings**

Meeting: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>October</b>	28	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
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<b>June</b>	23	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242

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2021-2022 Program Council  
 Calendar of Meetings  
 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM - Regular Meeting  
 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM – New Member Support

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>August</b>	26	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>October</b>	14	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>December</b>	16	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>February</b>	10	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>April</b>	14	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>June</b>	2	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242

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2021-2022 Community Advisory Committee  
 Calendar of Meetings  
 3PM– 4PM

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>September</b>	7	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>December</b>	7	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>February</b>	8	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
<b>May</b>	10	<u>LAC SELPA Office &amp; Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242

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