

ALTA CALIFORNIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Los Angeles Unified School District
Expanded School Based Management Model School
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LA Unified Community of Schools Department

Re: LA Unified Community of Schools - Letter of Intent

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of our school community at Alta California, we respectfully hereby apply to be an LA Unified Community School. We plan to expand and establish stronger partnerships with our communities, business and other organization, to ensure that our students continue the upward trend that we have started, and soar beyond high school, into college and become productive members of our communities. We further aim to become a community school that is rooted in a common tradition which will share these core set of principles:

School Commitment - Our Alta California school community will commit to:

- a) Integrate our student services by connecting all our services that meet all student needs,
- b) Align our focus into providing a comprehensive support system to all our families,
- c) Expand learning and teaching opportunities that ensures student success,
- d) Engage our school community with an ongoing communication and collaboration,
- e) Create a positive school climate and culture by showcasing a collaborative practice.

Our school mission is to collaborate with families and community, to provide challenging, real-life learning opportunities, prepare students for success in a diverse society and evolving world. Therefore, we are overwhelmingly committed to continue to engage a collaborative leadership and practice by working with all our stakeholders and business partners. Here, we shall also integrate student support by working with the whole family of our students and providing every opportunity to help families receive overall support such as housing, transportation, counseling, medical, social and emotional services all the way to college and beyond. Additionally, we shall incorporate expanded learning time and opportunities by bridging a comprehensive support enclave that will target the entire family and therefore allow the parents to be free from other social burdens which shall give them more opportunities to nurture their children so that they can thrive and succeed in the classroom and beyond.

School Partnerships

Alta California's partnerships are the bedrock of our school community. We shall continue to

empower our families by providing a comprehensive support network to ensure that there are no hindrance to success, no barriers to learning and no challenges that will bar our students to be at their best. Alta California sees every stakeholder as a leader and that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of our school community, to build our school to be the best among others by collaborating and working with all members of our community. Our school shall work with a variety of continuing partners who advocate for our families and students: New Directions for Youth, Pennylane, San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Council, Board Member Kelly Gonez, Councilmember Nury Martinez, Los Angeles Zoo, Lowe's and Home Depot, CSUN School of Education, UCLA, California Lutheran University, Pierce College, Mission College, CSUN, UCLA, SHHS Medical, Dental and Vision Testing, Operation School Bell, and many others.

Family of Schools

As a member of the Monroe and Panorama City Family of Schools, we are thirsty to articulate with our middle, high school, college and university partners who will work with our students, as they grow towards the rest of their educational journey. We are eager to work with their future mentors and embrace a collective task of working together for their success. We commit to support and adapt a partnership with the community of schools and ensure that all our children shall be given an opportunity and a pathway, to reach his American dream. We will expand our ongoing partnership with Sepulveda and Vista Middle School and Monroe HS and Panorama City HS and all other feeder schools in our area. We shall work with them to provide data, articulate curriculum pacing plans, instructional, and behavior and support data, to ensure that our students will succeed wherever school receives them.


Collaborative Leadership

Alta California sees every stakeholder as a leader and that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of our school community by collaborating and working with all members of our community:


1. Parents are active leaders of SSC, ELAC and Parent Volunteer Organization.
2. Teachers advocate for our students and families at SSC, ESBMM, LSLC, Instructional Leadership - Grade Level Chairs and local Neighborhood Councils.
3. Students- Our students showcase their leadership skills at our Student Body Organization and are part of the instructional planning and curriculum implementation.
4. Community Partners and Support Organizations - We plan to empower our partners by building a network of school support with all business, professional and community organizations.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.


Sincerely,



Jose Benitez
Principal



Yamila Estrada
Chapter Chair



Local District Superintendent
or Designee

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DESIGN TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

A design team should represent all stakeholders of a school – Principal, Teachers, Counselors, Students, Parents, and Community Partners. **FILLABLE FORM**

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