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A Message from Executive Director Tom Hutton

We have very exciting news on Charter Authorizing 2.0: Advancing Equity and Access Through Quality Authorizing (CA2.0), CCAP's statewide initiative to develop a new approach to charter school authorizing designed consistent with sound regulatory principles.

The first two toolkits for authorizers are just about ready for prime time! These toolkits provide detailed information for authorizers on assessing charter petitions and producing annual reports.

CCAP would like to thank the many California authorizers and other stakeholders who have generously shared their resources and insights, and provided comments and suggestions, to help ensure that the toolkits are comprehensive and user-friendly. Check your email this month for the official release, or visit www.calauthorizers.org.

For more news about authorizing, in California and nationally, read on!

**CA2.0 Update: Coming This Month!
First Authorizer Toolkits!**

The first two CCAP authorizer Toolkits, aimed at promoting top quality charter authorization, will be released this month! These toolkits cover evaluating charter petitions, with a strong focus on how the charter school will address the unique needs of English learners, and using the annual report process, including school site visits, to assess charter school performance. Each segment of the Toolkits identifies the corresponding section of the California Education Code on which it is based.

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It's not news that Miguel Cardona is a charter school authorizer, and that's worth celebrating

On March 1, 2021, the U.S. Senate confirmed, Miguel Cardona, President Biden's nominee for U.S. Secretary of Education. He appears to be a prudent choice for Biden, earning support from teachers unions and education reform groups, including charter operators.

Prior to this, Cardona served as Connecticut's Commissioner of Education. He held many education positions before becoming commissioner in August of 2019, including elementary school teacher, principal, district administrator, deputy superintendent, and adjunct professor. He has also led various state-level groups, co-chairing both the Connecticut Legislative Achievement Gap Task Force and the Connecticut Birth to Grade Three Leaders Council.

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CCAP: LEGAL UPDATE

State's New Guidelines for Renewals Under Court Challenge

A lawsuit has been filed challenging an authorizer's decision not to renew a school's charter based on the renewal performance category into which CDE has placed the school. And the suit challenges CDE's assignment of the categories itself.

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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Richard Urias

CCAP Board member Richard Urias has worked with good and not so good charter schools, and he's found that the best of them share at least one essential element: knowledgeable authorizers that provide effective oversight.



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