

Dear BCS Families,

Continuing our commitment to keep you informed, this week we wanted to walk you through a law that comes up often in facilities conversations: Prop 39. We'll keep it simple, and as always, our goal is to make sure you have the full picture.

What Is Prop 39, and How Does It Affect BCS?

Prop 39 is a California law with a simple purpose: it ensures charter schools have access to real, usable space to serve their students that is reasonably equivalent to what other nearby public schools offer. It's the law that gives BCS the right to space on LASD campuses in the first place.

One detail worth understanding: Prop 39 calculates space based on students who live within LASD boundaries. That means BCS is entitled to reasonably equivalent facilities for its in-district students, based on what LASD provides to other public school students in the district. This includes not only classroom space, but also the non-classroom spaces that are part of the overall school experience, such as labs, play areas, fields, and other shared facilities. Since BCS proudly serves both in-district and out-of-district families, this is an important nuance as we think about what a good facilities solution needs to include.

Currently, instead of Prop 39, BCS's space comes from the facilities agreement we've worked out with LASD that we shared more detail about in last Sunday's email. If BCS were to use the Prop 39 process, it would begin with an annual facilities request based on our projected in-district enrollment. LASD would then develop a facilities offer, and BCS and LASD would work through the required steps to evaluate that offer and resolve any differences. Because it is a formal, multi-step process, our board and leadership team are making sure we understand and are prepared for each step should we need to pursue that option.

Our board and leadership team are closely engaged in these conversations, evaluating every option to make sure BCS students have the space they need, now and for years to come. Our first choice remains a collaborative, long-term agreement with LASD. Prop 39 is simply one more tool available to us, giving our students an added layer of protection no matter how these conversations unfold.

We'll keep sharing updates like this one to keep you informed, and you can find more information on our facilities page. If you'd like to learn more about the details of the Prop 39 process, we encourage you to read our [Prop 39 one-pager](#), available on the Facilities page of our website.

Have a great week ahead!

Warmly,

Jolee Crosson, Board Chair

Maureen Israel, Executive Director