

Grants Committee Recommendation – Canyon Charter Elementary School

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$10,000** from donations that PPCC has received to Canyon Charter Elementary School for provision of additional services by the school psychologist.

LAUSD currently provides funding to Canyon Charter Elementary School for minimal psychologist services (i.e., approximately one half-day per week). The booster organization of Canyon Charter Elementary School has decided they want to increase the level of these services. They have been engaged in fundraising activities to supplement the hours of the school psychologist.

The current student body is approximately 360 students. The school psychologist provides individual counseling, small group support, classroom lessons, plus all special education assessments and IEPs. She has been at Canyon for over 15 years.

Approximately 20 school families' homes were destroyed during the fire, and close to an additional 100 families were displaced. This represents approximately 30% of Canyon students living through housing instability. In addition, 32 children (two full classes) who lost their own schools (i.e., Pali and Marquez) have transferred to Canyon. These students were already in crisis. Combined with Canyon's displaced families, more than 1/3 of the entire student body is carrying direct fire trauma.

The grant recommended by the PPCC Grants Committee will enable Canyon Charter Elementary School to add additional days of psychological services. The school's booster club intends to further supplement this grant through their own fundraising activities and donations.

By the PPCC Grants Committee:

Quentin Fleming, Chair; Janet Anderson, Lorie Cudzil, Sue Kohl (ex-officio), Kevin Niles, Chris Spitz, Andrew Wolfberg, Maryam Zar.* (* not attending)*

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