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**NEW POLL FROM PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE: OVERWHELMING MAJORITIES BELIEVE
PARENTS IN LOW-INCOME AREAS DESERVE OPTION TO SEND CHILDREN TO
HIGH-PERFORMING CHARTER SCHOOLS**

75% of adults and 81% of public-school parents say it is somewhat or very important to provide choice in traditionally disadvantaged communities

April 24, 2019 - Los Angeles – Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, a network of 25 high-performing public charter schools serving 13,000 low-income scholars in and around Los Angeles, welcomed the latest data from the Public Policy Institute showing broad majority support among Californians for school choice in the communities served by Alliance schools. The latest data finds three-quarters of all adults believe it is important that parents in low-income communities be given the choice to send their child to a high-performing public charter school, and the number is even higher (81%) among parents with a child in public school.

“For thousands of scholars, a high-performing Alliance public charter school is the best option, providing scholars the chance to achieve and succeed at a school in their community,” said **Alliance CEO Dan Katzir**. “It means a great deal to me that Californians recognize that value, and that public school parents, in particular, know that providing a high-quality choice helps scholars, families, and communities.”

Since Alliance was founded in 2004, 95% of its scholars have graduated high school, and college acceptance rates far outpace local and national averages for low-income schools. Alliance is a leader in innovative [college completion programs](#), helping give scholars the tools they need to complete a “K-16” education.

In February, three Alliance schools appeared on the 2019 California Distinguished Schools list released by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. This program recognizes outstanding education programs and practices. This year, only 162 schools out of the roughly 10,000 that exist at all

levels across the entire state. In Los Angeles Unified School District, only 17 of nearly 200 middle and high schools were awarded this prestigious distinction.

“We want to see all LA students thrive, from kindergarten all the way through college and into their careers,” **Katzir** added. “This poll shows that the overwhelming majority of Californians want the same thing, and believe high-performing public schools like ours are a key component of how we get there.”

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About Alliance College-Ready Public Schools is one of the largest and most successful nonprofit charter school networks in the nation, operating 25 high-performing, public charter middle and high schools that educate nearly 13,000 students from Los Angeles’ most underserved communities. Alliance schools have been recognized as among the best in the nation by US News & World Report, Newsweek, the U.S. Department of Education and the California Department of Education. Since opening its first school in 2004, 95% of Alliance students have graduated from high school and been accepted to college.