

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL







# **AGENDA**

**ECHS - Who We Are**

**How we're different**

**Lottery**

**Location**

**Questions**





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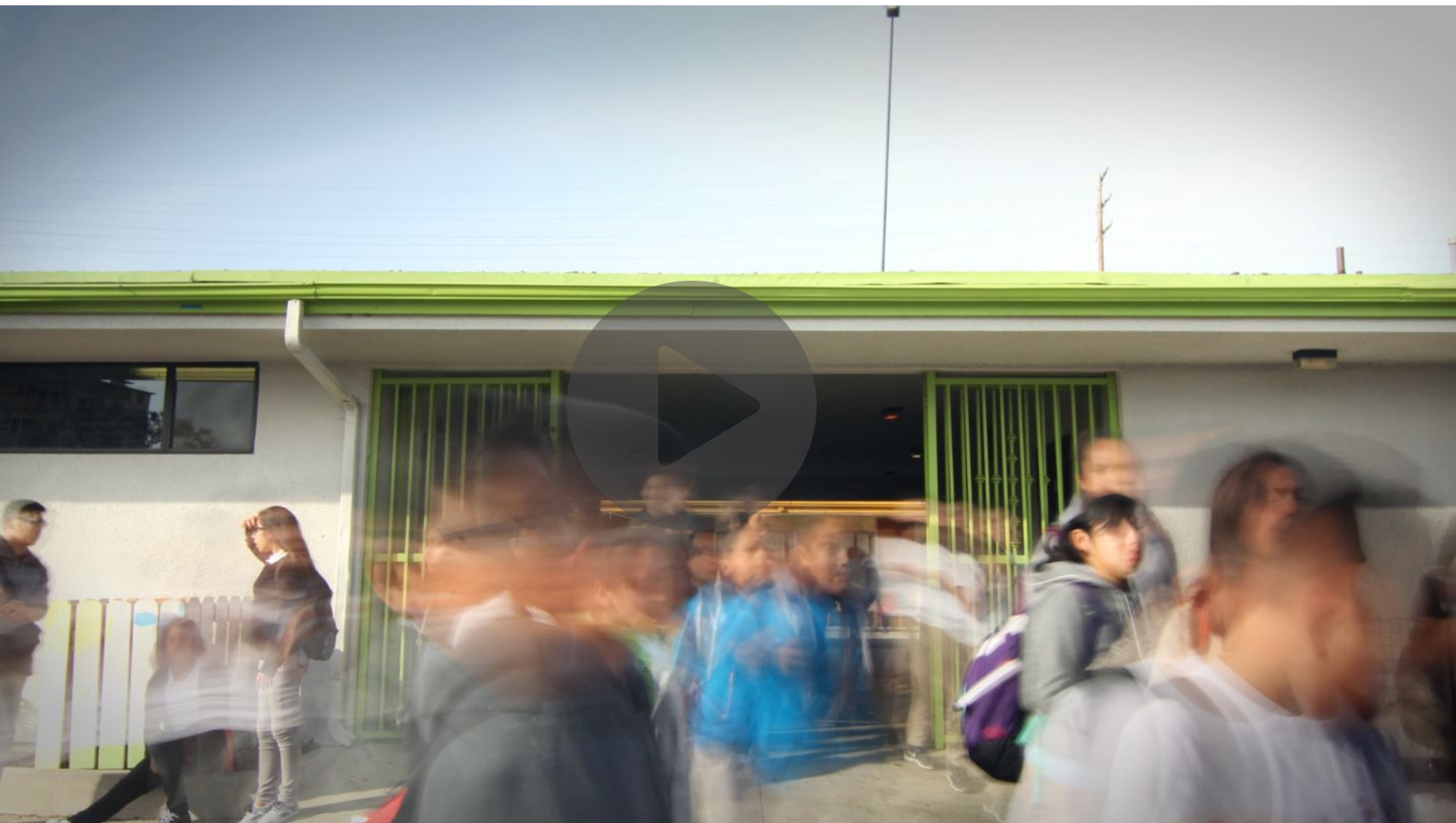
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# ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOL BEST PRACTICES

**SMALL LEARNING  
COMMUNITY**

**RELEVANT &  
ENGAGING  
INSTRUCTION**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY**

**ENVIRONMENTAL &  
EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING**

**PARTNERS**







- Social emotional learning & restorative practices
- Small size-- about 500 students
- Teacher to student ratio 1:25
- Counselors to student ratio 1:125
- Advisory program

## **SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY**



- Block scheduling
- Culturally relevant curriculum
- College Preparatory course sequence
- Enrollment in most challenging curriculum (No D's)

**RELEVANT & ENGAGING  
INSTRUCTION**





- Community College classes
- Advanced Placement classes
- After-school Programs
- CIF Sports

**GO BEYOND**



- 4-week Intersession & Community Forum
- Real-World Learning Opportunities
- Senior Thesis & Social Action Project

**INTERDISCIPLINARY &  
PROJECT BASED**





- Senior project on environmental or social injustice in Los Angeles
- Job shadow & implementable service learning, civic action
- 30-minute presentation to community
- 10 page argumentative research paper

**RIGOROUS SENIOR  
THESIS PROJECT**

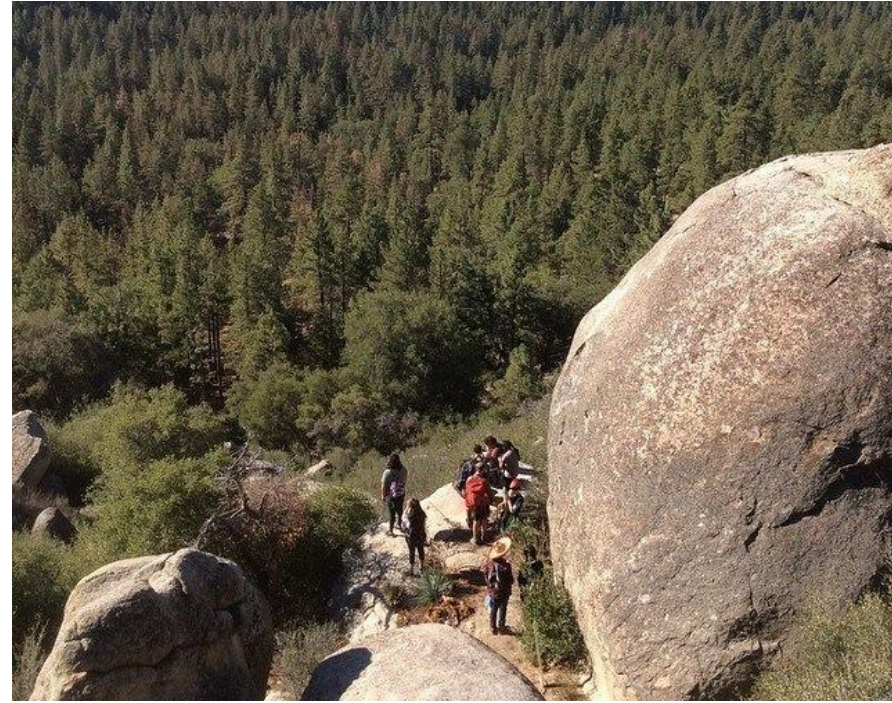


- Green Ambassadors Elective & Club
- Service learning
- Learning beyond the classrooms walls
- Outdoor education

## **ENVIRONMENTAL & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**



# OUTDOOR EDUCATION







- Families: weekly progress reports, online standards-based grades, School Site Council
- Teachers: Coaching, Induction with Antioch, Alder Credential Pathway
- Business & Non-profit Partners (Career Day, Community Service, Job Shadow, & Internships)
- Equity & Diversity Committee

## **COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS**





# How are we different from other schools?

- College-Prep High School → A-G requirements to qualify for a 4-year university
  - Award-Winning College Application and Financial Aid process and supports for students and families
- Senior Thesis Project: Prepare students for college-level writing and research
- Confronting anti-blackness and racism in our community and world
- Focus on the WHOLE child. Social - Emotional and academic supports
  - 3 Full-Time academic counselors on staff
  - Full Time Marriage and Family Therapist
  - Outside Partners to offer therapeutic services for students
- Outdoor and experiential learning to help students make connections
- Small Learning Community



# ECHS Design Principles

## Rigorous College Prep Curriculum

- UC requirements for graduation (A-Gs)
- No Ds (70% or higher)
- Grading Policy
  - Grades are based on 1-4 scale
- Enrollment in most challenging curriculum
  - Full schedules each year
  - 4 years of math!



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# Curriculum Support

- Summer Bridge: mandatory transition program
- Tutoring (lunch and after school)
- Math Lab, Literacy Lab, Computer Lab, Library
- ECHS standards-based grading policy  
you WILL meet proficiency
- Enrichment opportunities throughout the year

*Take advantage of opportunities!*

*Which might help you?*



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# Appendix





Set a goal  
change the world  
WHICH WILL



# ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL Number 2







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**ECHS #2**

**Why a New High School?**

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**The First Class**

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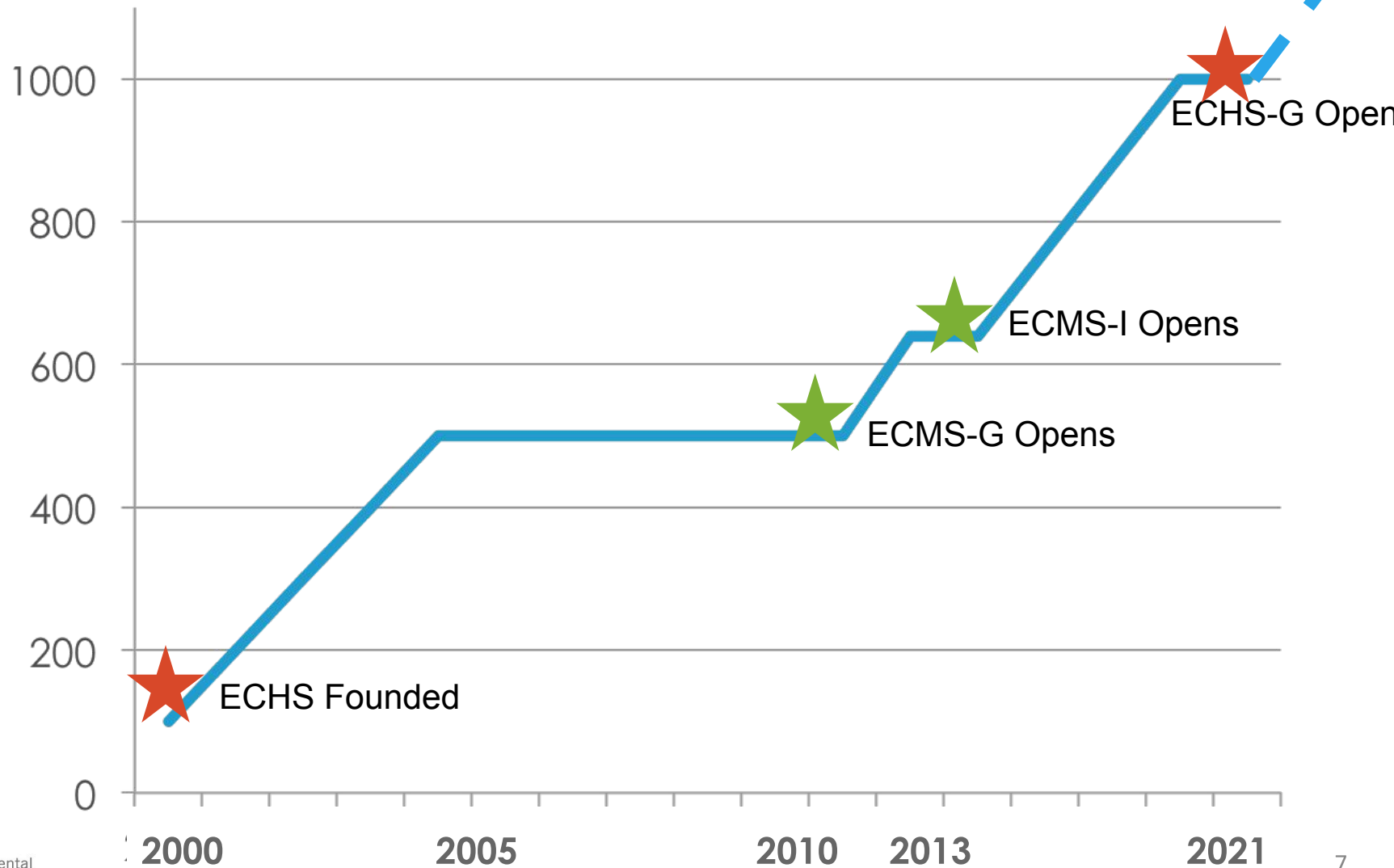
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# ***ECS Growth***





# ECHS #2

- Approved March 2020 for a 5 year term.
- Opening August 2021
- Opening with 120 freshman
- Will grow 120/year until we reach full enrollment of @500 students.



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High School #2





# 2001-2020 Nearly 20 Years So Why a New School?





A group of approximately 15 people, mostly women and a few children, are posed in a classroom. Many of them are holding white certificates or diplomas. The background shows a typical classroom setting with blue walls, a whiteboard, and an 'EXIT' sign above a door. The text is overlaid on this image.

# 98%

of parents agree that ECMS-I is a caring and supportive environment for students

# 97%

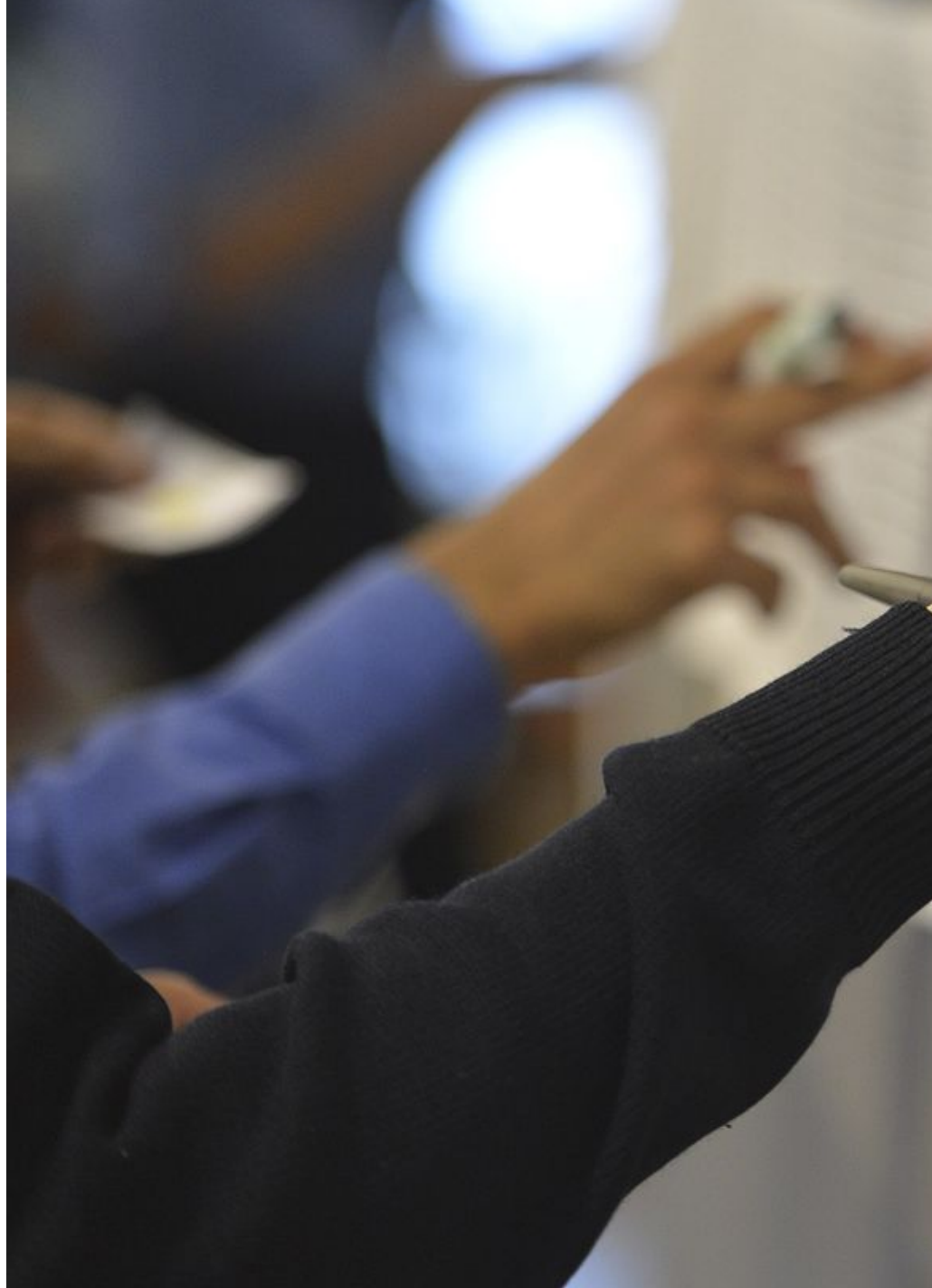
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of parents would be interested in Environmental Charter Schools opening another school in the area

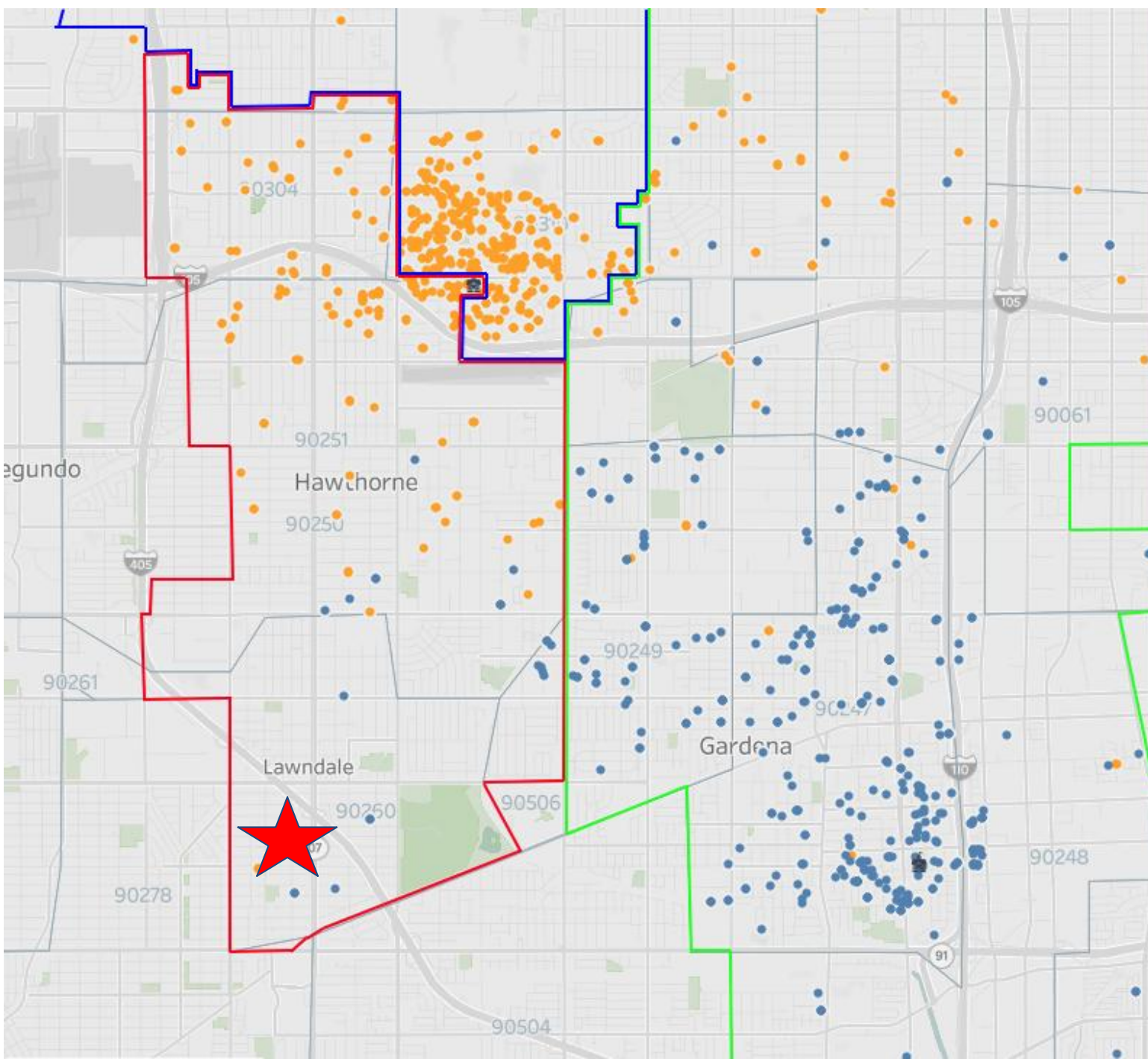
# 1 out of 2

The number of students turned away from ECHS because we don't have enough seats









Select School

- ☒ ECHS
- ☒ ECMSG
- ☒ ECMSI

Select Year

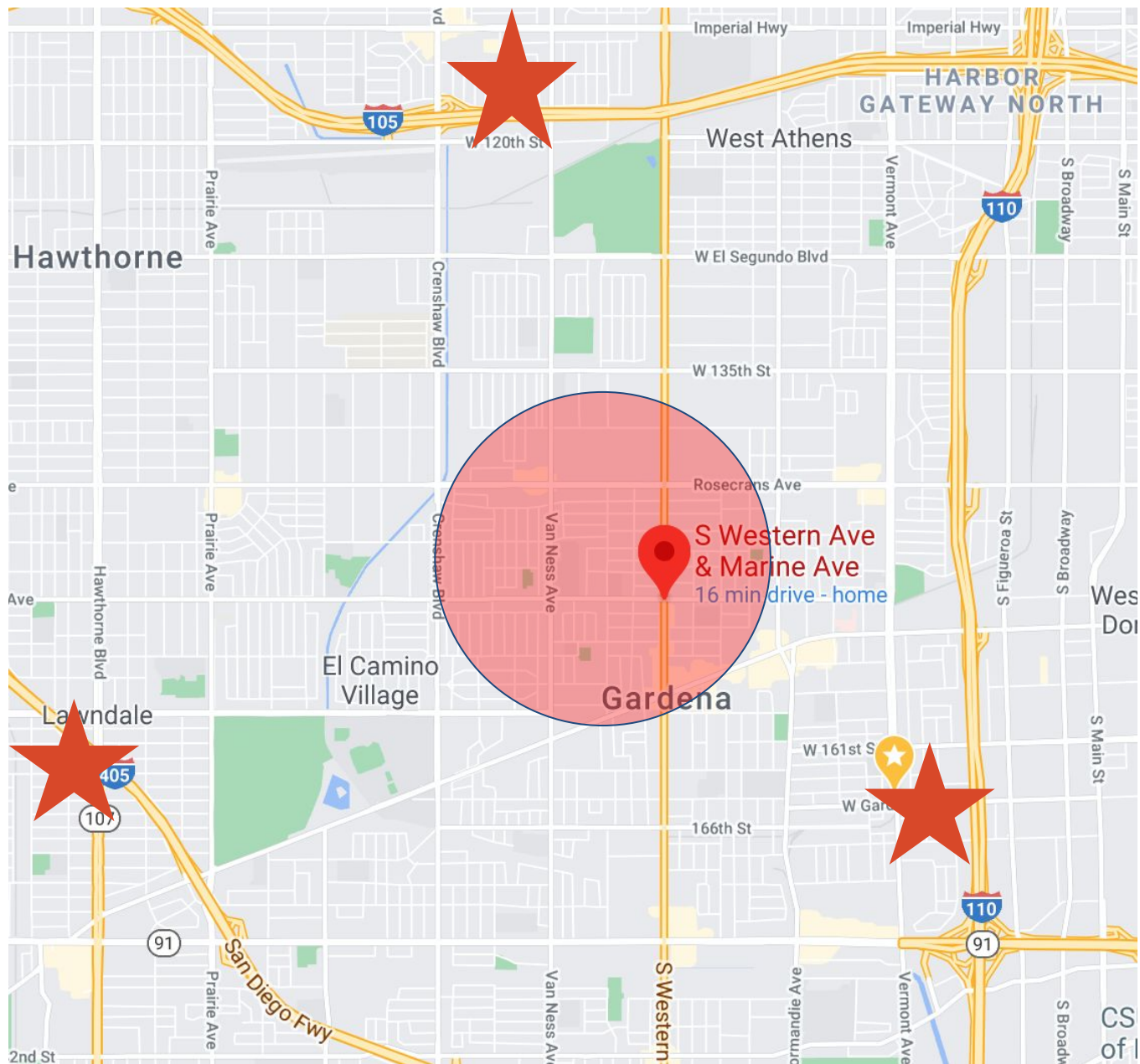
All

- School
- Student

- ECHS
- ECMSG
- ECMSI









# Lottery

## ECHS Lawndale

**Lottery Date: February 23**

### **Lottery Preferences:**

- Lawndale District Residents
- Graduate of ECMS Inglewood or Gardena equally

## ECHS #2

**Lottery Date: March 9**

### **Lottery Preferences**

- Residents of the District
- Students who culminate from ECMS-Gardena and ECMS-Inglewood,
- All Other students

Both school provide a preference for Siblings & Children of current employees





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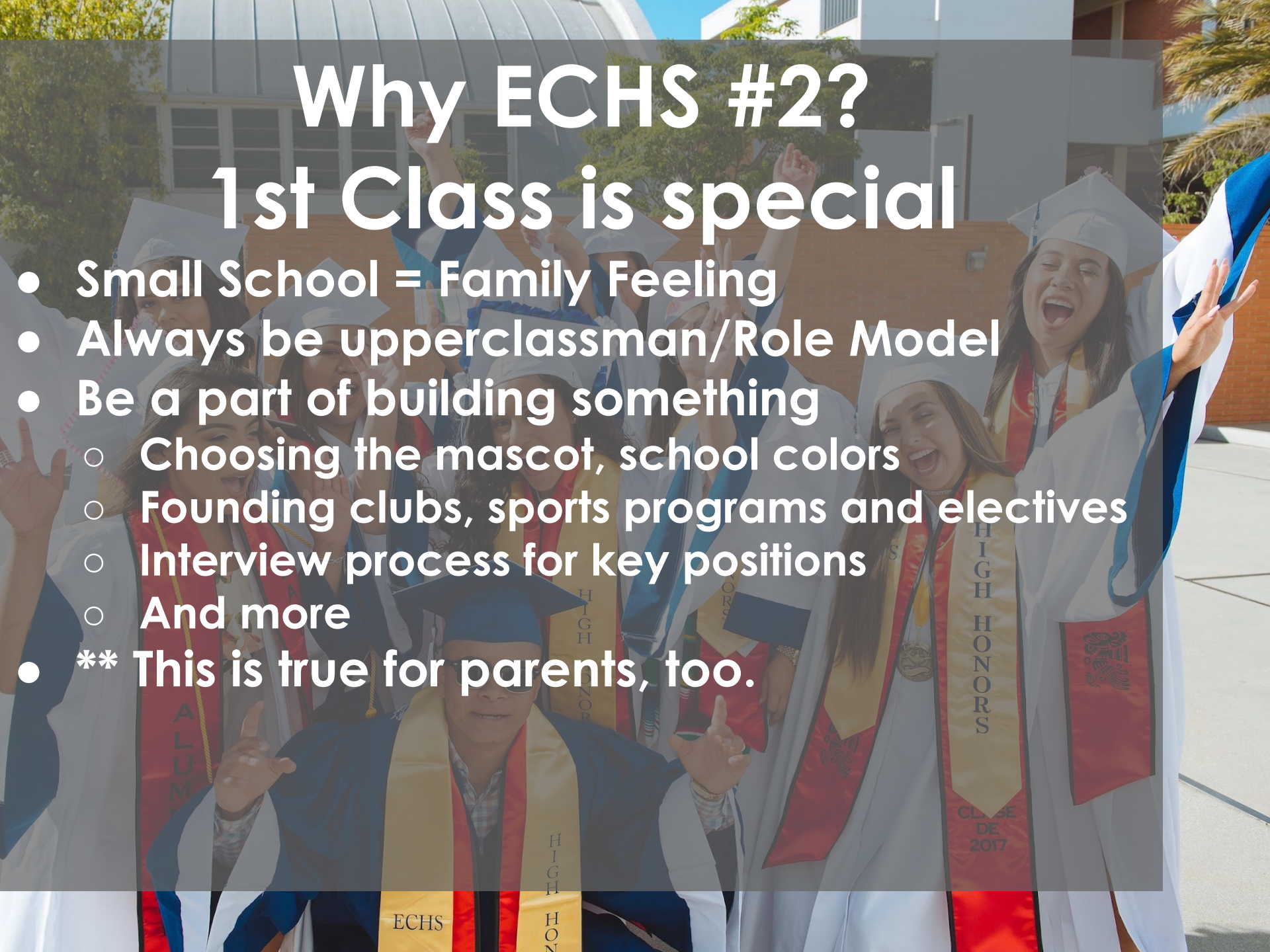
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# Why ECHS #2?

## 1st Class is special

- Small School = Family Feeling
- Always be upperclassman/Role Model
- Be a part of building something
  - Choosing the mascot, school colors
  - Founding clubs, sports programs and electives
  - Interview process for key positions
  - And more
- \*\* This is true for parents, too.





# More Unknowns Too



1. Location of campus
2. Principal
3. Sports programming
4. Inevitable challenges







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# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: May I submit an application to both ECS high schools?

A: Yes, please. This will increase your chances of getting into one of the schools.

Q: What if I am admitted into both ECS high schools?

A: If you are admitted to both schools via the lottery, you will need to decide by each school's deadline whether to accept the spot that is offered. If you do not accept the spot by the deadline, your spot will be given away to the next student on the waitlist.

Q: what is a preference in the lottery? How does it work?