

May 2021

**Top Three from PFT**

*Please contact your site rep for details*

**1. Poway Virtual Course (PVC) Expansion & K-8 Connect Academy**

- Kathleen Porter, Executive Director Career Technical, Adult and Alternative Education, Dave LeMaster, Executive Director LSS, Jennifer Burks, Associate Superintendent of Technology and Innovation, Mike Gizzo, Technology and Innovation Coach presented information and answered questions about the expansion of the PVC program and the new K-8 Connect Academy.
- Information is also available on the PUSD website.
  - K-8 Academy: <https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Schools/TK-8/Connect-Academy/Connect-Academy>
  - PVC: <https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Schools/Poway-Virtual-Courses/Poway-Virtual-Courses>
- **For K-8 Connect Academy Only:** An informational meeting for teachers will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 3:00 via Zoom.
  - Link to flyer with Zoom link:  
[https://www.canva.com/design/DAEeNf5Zegs/X6WpXzIYKbvsCeooIjGBIlg/view?utm\\_content=DAEeNf5Zegs&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=viewer](https://www.canva.com/design/DAEeNf5Zegs/X6WpXzIYKbvsCeooIjGBIlg/view?utm_content=DAEeNf5Zegs&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=viewer)

**2. EmpiRx Prescription Insurance Issues**

- PFT has met with the CEO of EmpiRx, an EmpiRx representative, and Julie Revoir from Keenan (our insurance brokers). Julie is helping resolve issues.
- Most of the issues are arising from Clinical Reviews, a common component of prescription benefit plans. Clinical reviews are conducted to ensure the medication being prescribed has not been found to have adverse long term effects, is unsafe to take with other medications, or have lower cost, equally effective alternatives.
- EmpiRx has created a concierge service to reach out to members who have called their customer service line at least twice in an effort to be proactive in addressing issues.
- If you have an issue, you can contact Julie Revoir or EmpiRX directly:
  - EmpiRx Member Services: 1-877-241-7123 TDD: 1-888-907-0020
  - Julie Revoir, Keenan Representative: [jrevoir@keenan.com](mailto:jrevoir@keenan.com)

**3. Transfer Process**

- PFT is monitoring enrollment and staffing through Joint Staffing and Labor Committees.
- Some High School positions have been posted and are available for Voluntary Transfer.
- Elementary closed continuing enrollment on April 30.
- New student enrollment (including TK & K) is in process.
- Elementary is in Stage 1 of the Transfer Process due to waiting on enrollment numbers. This is to avoid prematurely designating sites “overstaffed” resulting in potentially unnecessary involuntary transfers.
- PFT will keep members informed as the process moves forward.