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### **EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION KAYNE ERAS SCHOOL RECEIVES FULL ACCREDITATION FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

(Culver City, CA) July 23, 2019 – The Exceptional Children's Foundation (ECF) Kayne Eras School has been fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges ([ACS WASC](#)). The ACS WASC is a world-renowned accrediting association and one of the six regional accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Accreditation through ACS WASC indicates that a school meets the highest standards of academic quality, organizational capacity and educational effectiveness.

ECF President and CEO Dr. Scott Bowling said, "The association's determination to grant the six-year status to ECF's Kayne Eras School reflects the excellence and dedication of our teachers, counselors and administrators, and our commitment to providing the highest quality education for students challenged with learning differences."

ACS WASC accreditation fosters excellence in education by encouraging school improvement through a process of continuing evaluation, conducting self-studies and hosting self-study visits. The self-study process culminates in the refinement of a schoolwide action plan. Throughout the accreditation cycle, schools are expected to address the schoolwide action plan and demonstrate evidence of student achievement and school improvement.

George Woods, director of school programs at ECF Kayne Eras School, said, "For our students and families, what this accreditation means is that they are assured of the school's high-quality education program and a trustworthy educational environment. Many non-public schools meet the basic requirements of the State but do not take the leap to earn WASC accreditation. We now meet the A-G requirements for our curriculum to disperse our own diplomas. And, when our students graduate and apply for college or look for a job, accreditation further validates the integrity of the school's program and the successes our students achieve here at ECF Kayne Eras Center."

The ACS WASC website lists 720 accredited private schools in total, 128 in Los Angeles County, 31 in Los Angeles and five in Culver City—with one being the ECF Kayne Eras School.

#### **About [ECF Kayne Eras School](#)**

ECF's Kayne Eras School is a nonpublic special education school for students in grades K-12. The school accepts referrals from local school districts and charter school. Most Kayne Eras School students have eligibilities including emotional disturbance, autism, intellectual disability, other health impairment and specific learning disability. Kayne Eras School offers services to address these challenges, including: language, speech and occupational therapies; individual and group counseling; and a robust arts education and enrichment program.

#### **About [Exceptional Children's Foundation](#)**

Exceptional Children's Foundation (ECF) provides the highest quality services for children and adults who are challenged with developmental, learning and emotional disabilities – empowering them to reach their greatest potential. Each year, ECF serves more than 4,800 clients and their families at 15 service sites, in

residential and community settings throughout Los Angeles County. ECF is the only organization of its kind in California to provide a lifespan of services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Learn more at [ECF.net](http://ECF.net).

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