

ECA / CEC News

September 1, 2022

Letter from our Principal

ECA and CEC Students, Parents and Families:

Welcome back to the Early College Academy and the Career Enrichment Center for School Year 2022-2023!!! We are 17 days in and the year has started off fantastic! It is always exciting and rewarding to send out a message to our incredible families, and this message has some added meaning because you all are invited to our ECA/CEC Open House AND Grand Re-Opening of our newly remodeled building. This upcoming Thursday, September 8 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm please come join us to celebrate this much-anticipated event and also visit with your child's teachers. You can see where they go and ask all the questions you want! For over two years we have been anticipating the moment we could open our doors and get to work with teaching and learning that will prepare your student to become a part of an effective 21st century workforce.

Our new space is all we could hope for after two years of COVID and construction. We have almost all of our classes in the new building, our LPN Nursing program has classrooms and a lab worthy of this incredible program, ECA students have lockers (first time ever!), our teachers are primed and going strong, and the atmosphere is electric in our building! We are providing awesome instruction and relevant curriculum for all our students. Our teachers are delivering learning opportunities that engage our students in critical thinking, problem solving, social emotional awareness, and collaboration. I am so proud to be a part of this school community as we move into a post-pandemic and post-construction era.

STUDENT SAFETY UPDATE FOR ECA/CEC

Administration at ECA/CEC has stepped up the security on our campus to insure the safety of every student who enters our doors. We now have a vestibule entry model and only one door of entry into our school. The contractor is wrapping up the final installation but we have tested it and it is very effective. In addition, all students will be required to wear a student ID card visible for admin and security at all times. Students will be required to purchase a new one if they lose or forget the

one they received free. We will be conducting ALICE training and have already conducted five fire drills or shelters-in-place. We will put out safety updates in every newsletter so please read them.

Bus Transportation and Schedule

Please click here [CEC BUS SCHEDULE](#) to go to the latest copy of the 2022-2023 ECA-CEC Bus Schedule. We continue to encourage ECA and CEC students to ride the bus to school and back home. Please remember that bussing is available from every home school and back for all CEC classes. All buses are fitted with GPS devices to ensure they leave school sites on time. Buses do not leave sites before the indicated time on the bus schedule. Students who encounter issues with buses are encouraged to immediately contact Principal Arguelles on his cell phone (505-252-0225) to ensure a rapid response to the situation.

School Map and Bell Schedule

Please click on the links here to access a map of our campus: [ECA CAMPUS MAP](#).

You can access a bell schedule by clicking here: [CEC BELL SCHEDULE](#)

Parking Permits

All eligible students in grades 10th - 12th may purchase a parking permit for the school year. However, parking is limited and we want to emphasize that transportation is available from every high school and back. Parking permits are \$45 for the full year. We are no longer selling semester only permits. Students must fill out the [CEC PARKING PERMIT FORM](#) and meet all requirements before purchasing a parking permit. Requirements for students to purchase a parking permit:

- Parking Form must be filled out before arriving to purchase your parking permit (click [here](#) to print your form)
- Students must have a Driver's License (NO DRIVER'S PERMITS will be accepted)
- Students must show proof of insurance and the vehicle that is being registered must be listed on the insurance
- Students must know the registered vehicle's license plate #, year, make, and model

- Students must bring \$45 CASH or CHECK (checks payable to ECA). NO credit/debit cards are able to be accepted and please have exact amount for cash
- Students cannot have any outstanding fines (Library, Cafeteria, Textbooks, Laptops, etc.)

***Purchasing a parking permit does not ensure that a space will be available. Please ride the bus if possible.

Construction Update

We now occupy the newly reconstructed building and it is beautiful. We do still have contractors on site as they finish up the small details that will complete our construction but the hallways are filled with excited students hungry for learning, and our teaching and learning continues to be the standard for excellence. It is truly wonderful!

EXCITING NEWS!

The Early College Academy and the Career Enrichment Center has been awarded the distinction as a certified Magnet Schools of America Demonstration School. Only 18 high schools in the United States received this honor, and we are one of them. This honor is shared among all stakeholders because the partnership we have developed between student, parents and instructors is unmatched and something to behold!

FINAL THOUGHTS

We are very excited to get back to the business of educating our students and resuming a sense of normalcy on our campus. We are equally excited to begin planning for the future of CEC moving forward, as we fashion new programs to meet the demands of the New Mexico workforce. Two examples of this are the new Film Production program and our Educator Rising Teacher Preparation program, both for dual credit and both ready to expand for next year. We are partnering a strong and capable student body, amazing parents and the best teachers ever assembled on this campus to create college and career readiness programs for all our APS High School students! This is truly going to be a great year!!!

We look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday, September 8 at our Open House and Grand Re-Opening.

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Calendar of Events

Sept 5	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sept 8	Open House & Grand Re-Opening
Sept 15	ECA Senior Night
Sept 16	1 st 6 week grading period ends
Sept 21	ECA Financial Aid Night (virtual)
Sept 30	ECA Homecoming Dance (7p-10p)
Oct 6-7	Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
Oct 10	Indigenous Peoples Day
Oct 20	ECA Senior Parent Meeting (5:30p-7p)
Oct 25	APS School of Choice Fair
Nov 1	2 nd 6 week grading period ends
Nov 2	Whirlwind College Tour (NM Tech, NMSU)
Nov 4	ECA Fun Night (5:00p-7:30p)
Nov 8	Election Day - NO SCHOOL
Nov 11	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
Nov 17	ECA Recruitment Open House
Nov 21 & 22	SLC Conferences - NO CLASSES
Nov 23-25	Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
Dec 3	City of Alb Twinkle Light Parade
Dec 7-8-9	CEC Finals
Dec 15-16	ECA Finals
Dec 20	End of Semester; Winter Break begins

Schedules, ParentVue and StudentVue

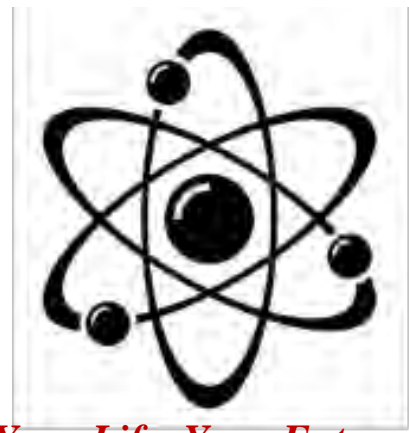
All students and parents can review schedules, attendance, grades and more in StudentVue and ParentVue. If you are experiencing any problems accessing information, please contact registrar Amanda Cortez (amanda.cortez@aps.edu) or tech support Sue Estell (estell@aps.edu). The date to make changes to your schedule is passed, but if you have any concerns with your schedule, please contact Principal Arguelles (arguelles@aps.edu) or Assistant Principal Thomas (thomas_d@aps.edu).

ACADEMIC CAREER EXPERIENCE (ACE) THROUGH CEC: As your students get settled and are engaged in learning, please keep in mind that CEC offers the ability for students to earn ACE credit if they are working or interning in a professional/career focused setting this school year (paid internships can be considered as well). These credits are FREE and students can earn up to 1.5 elective credits per semester. Students must already have a job or an internship placement to apply, and space is limited. Please reach out to Gabino Noriega for additional information (noriega_g@aps.edu).

eca cec open house

thursday,
september 8

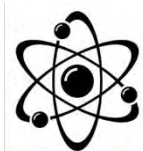
FALL 2022



*Your Life. Your Future.
Your Career. DREAM BIG.*

5:30pm – 5:45pm	ECA STUCO Tours of School; Light Snacks in Outdoor Class	
5:45pm – 6:10pm	Blessing; Thank You's & Introduction of Guests, Speakers	
6:12pm – 6:20pm	ECA 1 st Period	CEC Session IA (M-T-Th)
6:22pm – 6:30pm	ECA 2 nd Period	CEC Session IC (W/F)
6:32pm – 6:40pm	ECA 3 rd Period	
6:42pm – 6:50pm	ECA 4 th Period	
6:52pm – 7:05pm	ECA 5 th /6 th Periods	CEC Session II
7:07pm – 7:15pm		CEC Session III
7:15pm – 7:30pm	Q&A and Additional Info in Lecture Hall (113)	
ECA Student Council students will be available for tours and questions from parents		
All ECA & CEC teachers will be available throughout the evening for conversations		

PARENTS: If you have questions and did not get them answered, please write them down and leave contact information (an e-mail address or phone number) and we will promptly respond with answers. Principal Arguelles is always available by phone also (505) 252-0225



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COVID UPDATE

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated recommendations for COVID-19 guidance. As a result, and in accordance with updated guidelines communicated by the New Mexico Public Education Department Friday afternoon (8/12), there have been some updates to the school district's COVID-19 guidance.

Effective Monday, August 15, APS will no longer require:

- Social distancing
- Quarantining for close contacts
- Close contact tracing, including notification of exposure to a positive COVID-19 case
- Participating in the APS Test to Stay Program

The following COVID-19 safe practices and protocols remain in place:

- **Schools and departments will provide at-home rapid antigen test kits for students and employees who exhibit symptoms**
- **School administrators and department supervisors must report all positive cases to Nursing Services**
- Employees are responsible for self-screening prior to coming to work
- Parents are responsible for screening their child at home prior to coming to school (parents should be reminded regularly to not bring symptomatic/sick children to school)
- Students and employees should stay home if they are sick
- Symptomatic students and employees are to isolate for 5 days - individuals who test negative on 2 at-home rapid antigen tests, taken 24-48 hours apart, or test negative on 1 PCR test may return before 5 full days of isolation
- Students and employees who test positive must stay home for at least 5 days and may return after 5 days if fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and symptoms are improving
- Students and employees who test positive must notify their school/supervisor
- Students and employees who test positive and are returning to school/work after 5 days must wear a mask for an additional 5 days

The NMPED Toolkit will be updated in upcoming days. Once published, school administrators and department supervisors will be informed of additional updates. Based on recent updates, the district's plan for current and enhanced COVID safe practices is under

review. Changes will be made accordingly once the updated Toolkit is released and reviewed.

Positive COVID-19 cases reported by schools and departments will continue to be monitored. Additional guidance and mitigation strategies will continue to be considered if deemed appropriate when monitoring cases reported within the school district.

PARENT BOOSTER CLUB info

Calling all awesome ECA/CEC families! We hope you'll join us on Tuesday, Sept. 13th in our beautiful new building (or on [Google Meet!](#)) for our first Booster Club meeting of the school year. This alliance of families, teachers and community members serves an important role in our school's success, and we hope that you will join us! We have several projects on deck this year, and lots of opportunities for families to get involved; from fundraisers and classroom projects, to dances, field trips and advisory boards, there's something for everyone. Our monthly meetings happen on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Please join us on the 13th and help make this a year to remember for our students!

You can find out more about our Booster Club by [visiting our webpage](#), or contacting either Assistant Principal Thomas at thomas_d@aps.edu or our PTO President, Ms. Jenny Galasso, at galassoj@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!

Ms. Thomas and Ms. Galasso

HONORING an ECA/CEC FAMILY MEMBER & HERO

On Friday, September 2nd, New Mexico United Soccer Club will honor Patrick Grange at their 7:00 p.m. game. Patrick is the brother of ECA/CEC instructor Casey Grange and was loved by many of us in the community. This tragic loss impacted many people and we are humbled to honor him and to have his amazing brother on our campus impacting the lives of our students. Casey would like to invite his new ECA and CEC family of staff, students and parents to attend.

Purchase your tickets here:

<https://www.newmexicoutd.com/tickets/>

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following ECA students for being honored for their academic excellence!

These students earned this recognition because of their academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams. They've accomplished these milestones during an immensely demanding period of their high school career. We couldn't be more delighted to share this great news.

The following student(s) have been awarded recognition (award key below):

Aileen Ukwuoma: NAARA

Arturo Archuleta: NHRA, NIA

Emilia Saiz: NHRA

Emma Tyrrell: NHRA

Emmanuella Chionye: NAARA

Lena La Jeunesse: NHRA

Victoria Scott: NHRA

Award Key:

National African American Recognition Award = NAARA

National Hispanic Recognition Award = NHRA

National Indigenous Award = NIA

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists

According to the College Board, last year more than 1.3 million high school juniors took the PSAT/NMSQT, but the National Merit Scholarship selected only 15,000 finalists. Of those, only 7,500 will be Finalists.

That's less than a fifth (1/5) of one percent (1%).

The Early College Academy just received notification that two of our students are

2023 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists:

- **Francisco Vigil**
- **Victoria Scott**

Francisco and Victoria will be embarking on a highly competitive application process in hopes of becoming a National Merit Scholar. All winners of Merit Scholarship awards are **chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments – we are very proud of this accomplishment and want to extend congratulations to Francisco and Victoria and to the families that have supported them. WELL DONE!**



Hello ECA Students and Families! We are off to a great start this year. This is Alicia Faulds, ECA & CEC Counselor. I am getting lots of great student opportunities coming across my desk that I wanted to share with you. I will be sharing all grade level opportunities in the ECA newsletter. Opportunities that are specific to Juniors and Seniors will be posted in the Class of 2023 and Class of 2024 Google classrooms. The most important Junior and Senior events and dates will be outlined in the ECA newsletter as well.

- As you know, ECA puts emphasis on AP and dual credit classes, giving our students a jump start with college credits before leaving high school. Students take classes at CEC that are often dual credit classes and students are encouraged to take classes that CEC does not offer directly with CNM or UNM. If your student is interested in taking dual credit classes at CNM, please check out CNM's dual credit information night. Students can take UNM dual credit classes starting in their Junior Year.

CNM dual credit information night, Thursday, November 10, 2022. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m, CNM Main Campus

<https://www.cnm.edu/depts/outreach/dual-credit/dual-credit-events>

- **8th Annual Girls in Aviation Day**, Saturday, September 24th. Flyer is attached.
- **Entrepreneurial programs for teens at the Young Founder's Institute.** Their programs help teens start real business, with real revenues, and a real bank account. The program info is here: <https://youngfoundersinstitute.org/skillbuildersseries/> They have a series of free workshops created for those students who think they may have an interest in business, called our Skill Builders' Series, found here: <https://youngfoundersinstitute.org/fellowship/>

- **El Faro Youth Chorus**, the first-ever trauma informed chorus. EFYC began in the fall of 2021. They offer a fun, safe, and welcoming space for singers aged 7-18. This is for young people who are looking to build confidence and make new friends as they also grow as singers and performers. They rehearse just up the street at St. Paul Lutheran Church (1100 Indian School, the "ski jump" church) on Thursdays, 4:30-6pm. Open rehearsals just began this Thursday. If you have any questions, please reach out to the founder and conductor who also happens to be the executive director of NAMI New Mexico, Gabrielle Dietrich, 505-395-6191. Flyer is attached.
- **U.S. Service Academies, ROTC and Congressional Virtual Information Event of NM** (Sept 8, 7p-8p)
If your student is interested in attending a prestigious U.S. Service Academy after high school graduation, this event is a must! U.S. Service Academies, ROTC and Congressional Virtual Information Event for New Mexico, September 8th. Flyer is attached.
- All grade levels can start exploring colleges at any time. The sooner the better! Learning about various colleges early is fun and much less stressful than waiting until your senior year! Did you know there is a great series streaming on Amazon Prime called "College Tour?" Hosted by Alex Boylan, each episode of The College Tour tells the story of what life is truly like on college campuses across the country and around the world. For more details check out <https://www.thecolletour.com/> or just watch an episode.
- If you are a 10th-12th grade student interested in getting more involved your community and specifically with non-profit organizations, check out [Albuquerque Involved](#). This organization has lots of opportunities and programs specifically for teens. Their main teen program is accepting applications now! Flyers are attached

**FOR SENIORS AND FAMILIES
UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1. **SENIOR NIGHT!** This year's Senior Night for seniors and their families will be IN PERSON at the ECA campus, **Thursday, SEPTEMBER 15th from 5:30-6:45pm in the Main Building Lecture Hall.** I'll be giving a presentation on the senior year timeline, college admissions and

financial aid. We'll have some good Q&A time too.

2. **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, RMACAC COLLEGE FAIR IN ALBUQUERQUE! 12:00pm-3:00pm at the Convention Center.** This college fair us HUGE- 100 Colleges from North Carolina to California will be there! DON'T MISS THIS if you are considering going out of state. See participating colleges and register for the college fair at this link: <https://www.rmacac.org/albuquerque>. Registration is not required.
3. **FINANCIAL AID NIGHT! Wednesday, September 21st, 5:30-6:30, VIRTUAL.** This will be a follow up to Senior Night, with an in depth exploration of Financial Aid and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The 2023-24 College year FAFSA application opens on October 1st and I want you to be prepared to fill it out quickly and easily. This event will be hosted by our good friends at New Mexico Education Assistance Foundation, NMEAF. These folks are experts in all things FAFSA and will be helping you as needed when filling out the FAFSA. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87698022517>
4. I am working on solidifying a whirl wind college tour for the beginning of November. We plan to take ECA students, seniors having priority, to both NMTech in Socorro, NM and to NMSU in Las Cruces, NM in the same day! I've done this trip in the past with students and it is a fantastic way for students to get the highlights of two very different types of colleges outside of Albuquerque to see what fits them best- programs, locations, and campuses. Date and details will follow.

Thanks!
Alicia Faulds, M.A., LMHC
ECA/CEC School Counselor
Work cell (505)967-9525



NOMINATE A SELFLESS SENIOR!

Nominate an ECA/CEC Student for the 2023 Selfless Seniors Award! This school year marks the 15th year that Frank Frost Photography has presented Selfless Seniors. The APS Education Foundation is asking for nominations for 2023 Selfless Seniors. Later this fall, a volunteer selection committee will review the nominations and select one Selfless Senior to represent each APS traditional high school and one to represent APS magnet schools. That means that only 14 high school seniors will represent our entire APS student body for their philanthropic efforts, and we want the honor to be well deserved. Selfless Seniors, as the title indicates, are often hard to identify because they don't seek the spotlight. These high school seniors give of themselves so that others feel valued. They volunteer in community programs; they help out at their schools; they assist neighbors and family members. They aren't resume-building; they simply and sincerely want to help. For questions concerning the Selfless Seniors recognition, contact Val Burch at valerie.burch@aps.edu.

[APS 2023 Selfless Senior Nomination Form](#)

ECA LATE WORK POLICY

9th Grade:	1 st day late 20% off 2 nd day 40% 3 rd day 50% 4 th day late work not accepted
10th Grade:	1st day late 20% off 2 nd day 40% (teachers may work with individual circumstances) 3 rd day late work not accepted
11th Grade:	No late work; however, teachers may work with individual circumstances.
12th Grade:	No late work; however, teachers may work with individual circumstances.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

APS School of Choice Magnet the Early College Academy has added a new award to the recent National Blue Ribbon Award won in 2019 – ECA is now a 2023 Certified National Magnet High School.

Only 18 magnet high schools in the entire United States earned the distinction of becoming a Magnet Schools of America HS Demonstration School. They earned the distinction from [Magnet Schools of America](#), the national association of magnet and theme-based schools.

The certification process is designed to recognize the most exemplary magnet schools in the nation and help them as they continue to grow and provide high-quality, innovative curricula and instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.

As a Nationally Certified-Demonstration Magnet School, ECA demonstrated through evidence, reflection, and strategic action that they have established the Standards of Excellence in their schools and fulfilled a commitment to community stakeholders.

"We commend your school's staff, students, families, and partners for their active roles in supporting your cognizant efforts to thrive for excellence," wrote Kelly Bucherie, Leadership Development & Planning Director for the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership, in letters to the school.

[Magnet Schools of America](#)

MSA is a national nonprofit professional education association that represents and is a resource to magnet schools, parents, teachers, school boards, administrators, business leaders, community organizations and institutions of higher education for its members.



Join ABQInvolved Mentees Program!

Albuquerque Involved Mentees (AIMers) is a teen empowerment program that engages teens with Albuquerque's service and nonprofit community.



About the Program

Students will:

- Create a grant
- Determine the winners based on their knowledge of non profits.
- Understand the needs of the community.
- Participate in service projects.

**Applications Due by
Wednesday,
September 14, 2022.**

A good applicant would be a high school student who:

- will be in 10th or 11th grade in the 2022 - 2023 school year, but students in 9-12 grades are welcome to apply
- able to meet once a month for 1-2 hours
- is community minded, but may not know how to turn that care and concern into action
- has not yet had the opportunity to engage in project building in a team context
- has not had the opportunity to take on a leadership role



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MENTEES





U.S. Service Academies, ROTC and Congressional Virtual Information Event for New Mexico



**Thursday, 8 September, 2022
7:00pm to 9:00pm (Mountain Time)**

Interested in becoming a Military Officer in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Merchant Marines or Coast Guard?

Please join representatives from the Service Academies, ROTC programs, and Congressional offices to learn about the application and nomination processes. Have your questions answered!

<https://usafa-admissions.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscOmpozwvE9fohtvVgkfw0Gq5MDTuyzmz>

Passcode: 123

Registration at the link above is required. After registering, you will be sent an email on how to join the meeting.

For those who cannot make this event, the content will be recorded and posted to congressional staff pages for later viewing.

Engage with representatives from:

U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich & Ben Ray Lujan
U.S. Representatives Melanie Stansbury, Yvette Herrell, and Teresa Leger Fernandez

U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army)
U.S. Naval Academy (Navy and Marine Corps)
U.S. Air Force Academy (Air and Space Force)
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)



Post...click this photo for an informational video about our mission, our singers, and what makes EFYC unique!

El Faro **Youth Chorus**

2022-23 Season

Gabrielle Dietrich, conductor

**Do you know a young person who likes to sing?
Come check out an El Faro Youth Chorus open rehearsal!
Thursdays 4:30-6 at St. Paul Lutheran Church**

El Faro Youth Chorus is accepting new choristers ages 7-18. No formal audition is necessary, but please RSVP to Gabby via email: gdietch227@gmail.com or text: **505-395-6191**. Rehearsals begin **Sept. 1**, and we will accept new choristers through Sept. 15.

Due to the high risk of spreading respiratory illness through singing, singers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to participate. Ongoing mask policy will be determined by parent/guardian survey, but open rehearsals will be masked.

El Faro Youth Chorus is an outreach program of Coro Lux.

abqcorolux.org/elfaro

Free event for all!

App available year-round!

Save the Date

Saturday
September 24, 2022

8th Annual Girls in Aviation Day

FREE event! Girls ages 8-17 are invited to join us at the Land of Enchantment Fly-In located at the Albuquerque Double Eagle II airport for Girls In Aviation Day!

Girls in Aviation Day includes:

- Free goody bags
- Aviation scavenger hunt
- Positive female role models
- Meet pilots, maintainers, flight nurses, and more
- Builders corner with riveting and 3D printing
- Ramp full of planes, military vehicles, and cars
- Lots of fun!



Download the free Aviation for Girls App

Available year-round with hours of educational and inspiring content.

- The Land of Enchantment Fly-In hours are 7am-3pm
- The Girls in Aviation Day portion will run from 10am-noon
- Registration is required for participation: search Eventbrite for "Girls in Aviation Day - Albuquerque"
- Girls must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

For more information please visit www.wainewmexico.com

To be a Sponsor for this event please email info@wainewmexico.com

More details to be announced at WAI.org/giad

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