

Celebrating 20 Years

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Upcoming Events and Dates

June 8, 2018

NWEA™
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May-June 2018

Opening Thoughts

Well, here we go--the end of another school year is upon us! Before we put this year "in the books," I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our academy Staff and Boards for their outstanding work and service this year. Our Charter Schools Office (CSO) Vision Statement speaks to...



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Greetings from the Associate Director

Greetings!

As another school year draws to a close, I always like to have the discussion about connecting this spring to next fall. Even with the plethora of spring assessments, state, national, and local, there is still time to help your students and staff transition to next year. One of the key pieces of data is...



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Assessment News

Window Closes

June 30, 2018

District/Single
Building School
Improvement Plans
Due in
ASSIST/Epicenter

Program Evaluation
Tool Due in
ASSIST/Epicenter

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Board Professional Development Reminder

Please remember all Board of Directors are required to complete a minimum of three (3) professional development activity credits per school year. Also, at least two board members must participate in...



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Creative Technologies Academy Attends the Annual Charter Day at the Capitol Event

Creative Technologies Academy Choir sang the National Anthem on the Capitol steps at the Annual Charter Day at the Capitol Event in Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.



School Leadership Institute

This year's School Leadership Institute (SLI) recently concluded with the capstone event for all participants. All members of this year's cohort were required to deliver a "TED Talk" on a topic that they were deeply passionate about related to schools and leadership. There was some incredible insight among the presenters who covered a wide range of topics.

Congratulations to the 2017-18 SLI graduates:

Nicole Dudley
Sarah Puchala
Rachel Ignagni
Tammy Konarska
Kendra Zichterman

Chris Merrell
Bryan Coscia
Joshua Miller
Beata Chochla
Xeronna Smith



The SLI for 2018-19 will be held in Lansing, in partnership with the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA). Look for information to head your way soon!

Ferris State University Charter Schools Office Scholarship Fund!

We would like to remind our authorized academies with high schools that the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office offers a scholarship for students graduating from a Ferris State University-authorized school.

Students are automatically considered for the scholarship when they complete the Ferris State University application. In 2017-2018, students were awarded over \$2,000 each for the year with the scholarship. Click on the link below to view the brochure detailing the scholarship, or contact the Ferris State University Admissions Office for more information.



Scholarship Brochure and Information [click here](#)

Our Mission

FSU Mission

Ferris State University prepares students for successful careers, responsible citizenship, and lifelong learning. Through its many partnerships and its career-oriented, broad-based education, Ferris serves our rapidly changing global economy and society.

CSO Mission

The Ferris State University Charter Schools Office focuses on student success and continuous improvement through quality oversight, professional learning opportunities, and relevant resources for its authorized public school academies.

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Bulldogs, relax and enjoy!



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Assessment Newsletter



Upcoming Events

June 8

NWEA MAPgrowth Spring Window Closes

June 30

District/Single Building School Improvement Plans Due in ASSIST/Epicenter

Program Evaluation Tool due in ASSIST/Epicenter

Assessment Information:

NWEA MAPgrowth

The spring testing window will close at the end of the day on Friday, June 8. No extensions will be given. Please make sure that you have closed your testing window and marked your testing window complete before you leave for the day on June 8th. I hope to be able to run reports and give you preliminary summary information within the next week.

School leaders should have received a form to fill out to estimate usage for the 2018-2019 school year. If you haven't filled out that form yet, please do so ASAP. NWEA MAPgrowth for Reading and Math will still continue to be free of charge for you in grades K-10; however, this cost will now be split between our office and the Michigan Department of Education. **Note: THIS IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR MSTEP.** Schools will still have to administer the MSTEP just like this year. This new feature is just providing an additional benchmark assessment for schools for grades 3-8.

Professional Development

Our partnership with the Grand Valley State University Charter Schools Office will continue for next year, and it's better than ever! Now any teacher can attend any of their professional development offerings free of charge. We will continue to offer to pay for any session to be held at your school; however, this must be **preapproved**. Please contact Charissa Talsma (charissatalsma@ferris.edu) if you are interested in bringing one of the sessions to your building. While we would love to say yes to everyone, our funds are limited and we need to ensure that all academies have a fair shot at bringing presenters on-site. Their 2018-2019 offerings should be available soon on their website: <http://www.gvsu.edu/cso/professional-learning-96.htm>.