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Roslyn Love Reaches 20 Year Milestone of Board Service

We congratulate **Ms. Roslyn Love** for **20 years of service** on the **Hope of Detroit Academy Board of Directors**. Thank you, Ms. Love, for your service and dedication to Hope and your community!



Ron Schneider to Retire

Ron Schneider has served as Associate Director of the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (FSU-CSO) since 2016, and has announced his intention to retire from



Director's Opening Thoughts

Hello, and welcome to the end of 2020. For many of us, the year 2020 has been a challenging one due to the pandemic and the disruption to education, and I know many of us are anxious to see this year come to an end. The New Year always brings the hope for a fresh start, and all of us at the CSO certainly join in the hope and promise that 2021 will see us begin to return to normal.

Despite the challenges that COVID-19 has brought, I wish to take a moment and recognize all FSU-authorized academy staff and boards for their outstanding work during this pandemic. The extra layer of requirements placed on schools due to COVID-19 have been extremely

the CSO effective at the beginning of 2021. Ron came to the CSO from the Public School Academy Division of the Michigan Department of Education. Prior to that, he served in various school administrative roles such as Principal and Superintendent. In his time at the CSO, Mr. Schneider has been instrumental in assisting with the review and strengthening of many policies and procedures at the office. Additionally, he has provided professional development opportunities to staff at a number of the FSU-authorized academies.

I know you join all of us at the CSO in offering our congratulations and thanks to Ron for his work, and best wishes for this new life journey.

A search to fill Ron's position is currently underway.

challenging, yet each of you have met those challenges and continue to work hard every day to make a difference for your students. In talking with many of you these past few weeks, I am struck by your determination to deliver instruction in this challenging environment, and your genuine care for students and staff. Please know how much all of us respect and appreciate your efforts!

The Holidays will be upon us soon, and we wish each and every one a happy and healthy holiday season.

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Greetings from the Associate Director



Greetings and Farewell from the Associate Director!

I do not know if it has completely sunk in yet, but, due to my January 2021 retirement, this is my last newsletter article. Wow! It does not seem so long ago that I began my student teaching at Lakeview High School in January and my first teaching position at Pineview School in August, both in 1978. It is hard to believe that I have been in public education administration since 1981, after adding the building and district leadership duties to my ongoing teaching responsibilities. I was truly blessed to...

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Academic Assessment Specialist Updates

Assessment News

The latest Spotlight from the Department of Education's Assessment and Accountability office does a very nice job of describing the Benchmark Assessment found in the "Return to Learn" legislation.

The State clearly wants schools to use this assessment for more than a

summary of “how things are.” It is understandable that there is...

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Compliance Auditor/Board Liaison Updates

Board of Director Updates

- Amendment to the Michigan Open Meetings Act
- Virtual Meeting Requirements Effective **January 1, 2021**

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Upcoming Event

January 2021 RECON Safety Reviews

Several academies have taken advantage of the Charter Schools Office offer to have a professional safety and security review of their academy performed by RECON Management Group. Some had reviews scheduled for this past spring that were cancelled by the onset of COVID-19.

Reviews will still take place; however, we have asked RECON to postpone all visits until January 2021. We are hopeful that school operations will have largely have returned to normal by then so that the RECON team can accurately assess safety issues.

If your academy did not have a review last year and you still wish to schedule one, please contact Ron Rizzo.

Happy Holidays, Bulldogs!



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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.

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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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