

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE

### March-April news & updates



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### REMINDER! 19th Annual Spring Briefing



The Ferris State University Charter Schools Office **19th Annual Spring Briefing** will be held virtually on **Tuesday, March 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** We have a number of important topics to discuss with our stakeholders including some updates on legislative actions, visitations, school support, assessments, and of course, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Register to attend the Spring Briefing click [REGISTER NOW](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lewis at [SusanLewis@ferris.edu](mailto:SusanLewis@ferris.edu)

**We look forward to seeing you!**



### Director's Opening Thoughts

It has now been almost a year-to-the-date since schools transitioned to virtual learning due to the pandemic. As we look back, we realize how much we have learned about the challenges of delivering curriculum online, student learning, and alternate forms of student assessment. As of this writing, all FSU academies are now, or will shortly be, offering a hybrid model of instruction. Our hope is that in the time remaining in this school year, more families will opt for in-person instruction as we roll out more vaccinations and the comfort level increases. We all remain hopeful that schools will be able to open in the fall with some semblance of normality.

At the same time, we are all concerned with the instructional loss that many students are

## UPCOMING DATES

### Board Professional Development Webinar Series

Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## OPPORTUNITIES

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experiencing, as well as the social/emotional challenges the pandemic has wrought. As your authorizer, please know that the Charter Schools Office is dialoguing with colleagues across the state and country to determine the best strategies for addressing this challenge. We look forward to engaging with our stakeholders on this topic.



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### Ferris State University Charter Schools Office Oversight Pillar #2: Fiscal Solvency

Second, only to academic achievement in importance, authorizers in the State of Michigan have the responsibility to monitor and provide feedback on the fiscal health of each academy. It is the role of the authorizer to ensure all academies are...

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### Statewide Assessment Waiver Request Update

As of right now, state-level, spring testing is to proceed as planned. Please refer to this Michigan Department of Education (MDE) [press release](#) that details recent communication from the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for...

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### Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process

The Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) is the new school improvement process in the state of Michigan. It will replace the requirements that were previously in the Assist platform. The MICIP is a pathway for...

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## Ferris State University Charter Schools Office Hosted Discussion Groups



Bob Fidler, Laura Emshanov and Christopher White are continuing to facilitate school leader discussion groups. This networking opportunity originated as a way to give school leaders from Ferris State University authorized schools space to discuss current issues related to the pandemic. The groups continued in February with a discussion on **COVID-19 Learning Loss & Learning Acceleration**. School leaders discussed what they are seeing from mid-year academic data. They also discussed strategies and initiatives that they are using or plan to use in the future. The next

discussion groups will take place in **April** with the topic of **MTSS, PBIS, and Intervention to Support Learning Acceleration**.

## Academic Assessment Specialist Updates

### Moving Forward Post-Pandemic

The global pandemic has disrupted just about every facet of our lives. COVID-19 has tested our patience, tested our ability to filter information and misinformation about the virus, how it spreads, and what precautions we need to take. It has tested our health-care services, our economic strength, and our home life. But for those of us in the business of education, it has tested the...



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## Compliance Auditor/Board Liaison Updates

### Board Professional Development Webinar Series

This year seven authorizers, including Ferris State University, contracted with Angela Irwin from AirWin Educational Services to provide a board professional development webinar series. This included five sessions dedicated to *Governing in a Post-Pandemic Environment: Navigating Your Board Role Within a New Reality*.

The final webinar in this series will be on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** All board members will receive an email invitation from...



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## Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans (ECLP)



A reminder that all Boards are required to reaffirm their academies' plan for learning at each month's Board meeting. Please make sure your ECLP is updated to include plans to return to some in-person learning and that your school website has the updated plan posted.

## 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 Ferris State University-authorized academies. Students are automatically considered for the scholarship when they complete the Ferris State University application. Click on the link below to view the brochure detailing the scholarship, or contact the Ferris State University Admissions Office for more information.

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# Happy Spring, Bulldogs!



## 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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