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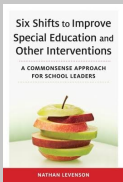
CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE

November/December news & updates



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UPCOMING EVENTS



NATE LEVENSON
Part-2 of a 5-Part
Professional Learning
Series

***Best Practices for Meeting
the Social & Emotional
Needs of Students***

The Second in the series is
VIRTUAL

Friday, November 19, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Engaging

Director's Opening Thoughts



"Happy Holidays!"

I trust this note finds everyone well as we prepare for the Holiday season. Before I get ahead of myself however, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the front-line workers at our academies for their work and caring during this challenging year (Administrators, Paraprofessionals, Instructional Coaches, Secretaries, Custodians, Security, and Cafeteria Workers). Without your dedication



Students: What, Why, and How?

**SAVE THE DATE: 2-
Part Virtual Session:**

- **Thursday, December 2, 2021**
from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**
from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Dr. Christopher White

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OPPORTUNITIES



Charter Schools Office Scholarship Fund

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who attend Ferris State University either in person or online. For students attending FSU on campus, this year's awards totaled \$3,000. Best of all, the scholarship is renewable for four years! Any student from a FSU-authorized academy who applies for admission to the University is automatically considered for the scholarship. Please click on the link to see more about this exciting opportunity for students.

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school would not be possible, and you are all very important to your organizations and us!

The same goes for members of our Boards of Directors-your work is essential to our academics.

Even though the Holidays can be hectic, I hope that each of you has an opportunity to get some rest and 'down time' as we end the calendar year. We are all hopeful that we will be able to move past the COVID pandemic in this new year and bring a sense of some normalcy back to our lives. Wishing you all the best at this time of year.



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Associate Director News

Fiscal Scorecards

2021-2022 School Year

At November or December board meetings, field representatives will be presenting each academy board with a fiscal scorecard based on audited financial information. The scorecard reports on six Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):



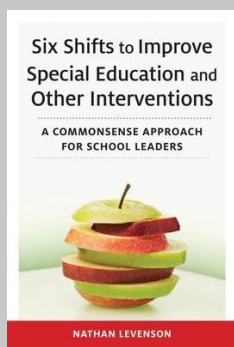
- *Current Ratio*. Answering the question: Can the school pay its short-term obligations?
- *Change in Fund Balance*. Answering the question: Is the school operating within its means?
- *Days Cash on Hand*. Answering the question: Does the school have the cash available to pay bills?
- *Enrollment Change*. (Over 3 Years). Answering the question: Is the school's main revenue source stable over time?
- *Debt to Asset Ratio*. Answering the question: Does the school own more in assets than it owes in liabilities?
- *Current Year Enrollment Change*. Answering the question: Is the school's current year enrollment stable?

A school will either meet each KPI or not based on a formula. Using scores on each KPI, schools are placed into one of three tiers depending on the outcome of the KPIs:

- Fiscally Stable.
- Identified for Review.
- Fiscal Concern.

The financial scorecard can be used by boards and school leaders for future fiscal planning. If you have any questions after your field representative discussion, feel free to contact me at ChristopherWhite@ferris.edu or call (231) 591-5803.

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Intended Audience: Teachers, School Leaders, Academic Coaches, Curriculum Specialists

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Contact: Dr. Christopher White, Associate Director
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An invitation to register will be forthcoming via e-mail through Constant Contact.

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Compliance Auditor/Board Liaison Updates

Board Member Recruitment

A charter school board of directors is only as knowledgeable and effective as its board members. It isn't easy to assemble a group of people who not only work well together, but also have the right blend of skill sets, expertise, diverse perspectives, experiences and most importantly a passion for providing a quality education to all children.

Board member recruitment consists of identifying, approaching and selecting a new member. It sounds simply enough, but when it's time to...

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Academic Assessment Specialist Updates

Data Stories

Data can be extremely useful, but it can also be overwhelming. Understanding how to begin using data to your advantage is critical for any school to move its academic improvement efforts forward.

Going through data can be frustrating, confusing, and in some cases depressing unless you approach data with a desire to use it to...

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Happy Holidays, 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

By implementing quality oversight, the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office focuses on student growth and achievement, offers professional learning opportunities, and provides relevant resources to its authorized public school academies.

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