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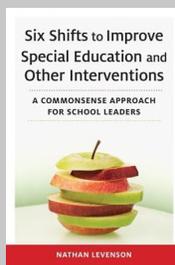
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## September/October news & updates



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### UPCOMING EVENTS



**NATE  
LEVENSON**  
will be back for a  
5-Part Professional  
Learning Series

*The January*

*Adjustment*

The first in the series is  
**In-Person**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**  
8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**The DoubleTree Hotel Detroit/Dearborn**  
5801 Southfield Service Drive  
Detroit, MI 48228  
(313) 336-3340

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### OPPORTUNITIES

2021-2022

### Director's Opening Thoughts



Hello, and welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! In anticipation of writing this article several months ago, I was planning to talk about how the worst of the pandemic was behind us, and discuss our return to 'normal.' Unfortunately, as you know, that is not the case this year as the pandemic is still with us and we are having to continue many of the safety protocols that were previously put in place. Even so, the beginning of a new school year always brings excitement as we welcome back staff and students along with greeting those staff and students new to the academy family.

I know that we all share the same concerns: keeping students and staff safe and getting students who may have lost



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academic ground last year back on track. This is in addition to...

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## Associate Director News

### Educational Goals: 2021-2022 School Year

Public Act 48 of 2021, Section 98b requires all schools to establish educational goals no later than September 15, 2021. This is similar to the requirements during 2020-2021 in relation to COVID-19 learning plans.

All schools, including cyber academies, must create educational goals expected to be achieved by...

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### Virtual Learning Options for 2021-2022

All rules and legislation created to address virtual learning for the 2020-2021 school year are no longer in place. If an academy chooses to offer a virtual learning option this school year, it must

follow rules outlined in 21f of the State School Aid Act and section 5-O-D of the pupil accounting manual.

Here is a list of important reminders if you decide to...

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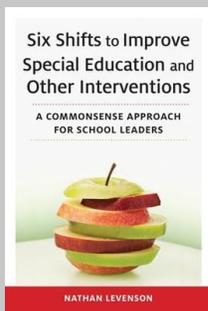
The Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (FSU CSO) is excited to announce that it



will provide the Panorama survey tool to ten FSU-authorized schools who voluntarily chose to use the instrument to measure varying school climate indicators. Beginning in October, over 5,000 students in schools authorized by Ferris State will take a survey on topics including school climate, learning expectations, school belonging, school engagement, and teacher-student relationships.

Given the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever that schools are not only able to address academic concerns, but also create strategies to assist with student social and emotional needs. Schools will be able to use data from the Panorama survey tool to assist in meeting the needs of the whole child. We at the FSU CSO believe that it is crucial that schools have valid and reliable data in order to plan for the future and provide support to all students.

For more information, visit the Panorama at [www.panoramaed.com](http://www.panoramaed.com)



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### ***The January Adjustment***

The first IN-PERSON, Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (FSU CSO) sponsored event in nearly two years. Reunite with your colleagues during this introduction to the idea of the *January Adjustment*, and help set the expectation that important improvements needn't just happen at the start of the school year. This session will include why kids can't wait a year and the benefits of multiple starts for new approaches.

**Intended Audience: School leaders, directors, instructional coaches**

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## School Leadership Institute

The School Leadership Institute (SLI) is back! In collaboration with Choice Schools Associates, we are pleased to announce the line-up for the academic year 2021-2022. For the first time,



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participants will have the option of attending the virtual sessions either as drop-ins or as part of the Institute Cohort. Cohort participants are expected to attend all sessions and are required to attend the in-person session in May to present their capstone project.

The SLI is designed for veteran, new and aspiring school leaders. No matter where you are in your experience, there is always something to learn about organizations and their leadership style. For an educator considering a

possible leadership role, the Institute offers an excellent opportunity to get a 'real world' view of the profession. We hope you will join us as we delve into the practical aspects of effective school leadership.

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## Compliance Auditor/Board Liaison Updates

### Congratulations to All Ferris State University Charter Schools Office Epicenter Users for On-Time Compliance!



Epicenter, a document management system, is used by the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (FSU CSO), educational service providers, and academies to submit and store numerous documents and other information. Annually there are over 100 submissions required by...

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## Academic Assessment Specialist Updates

### Planning the Use of Data at the Beginning of the School Year

Recently the U.S. Department of Education called upon schools to “use their assessment data to respond to students’ academic strengths and needs.” Changes in school accountability trends have provided much more data for schools to review. Unfortunately, due to the additional factor of the beginning of a school year today, COVID protocols, and...



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In today's world, a school can never be over-prepared for an emergency. We know that, like us, you take the safety and security of all personnel and students very seriously.

As a service to our FSU-authorized academies, the Charter Schools Office

is partnering with the **Recon Management Group, LLC** to do an assessment of your school's Emergency Plan, and a walk-through of the physical facility and grounds. Recon provides worldwide clients with custom solutions in the areas of security consulting, investigations, and protective services. Many of the Recon staff are former law enforcement personnel and security analysts.

The CSO will cover the cost of this assessment, and the academy will receive a detailed report from the analysis team assigned to your school. Schools are under no obligation to take action on any items in the report; however, we believe you will find this information very relevant and informative.

If you are interested in having Recon schedule a Safety and Security Assessment for your school, contact **Ron Rizzo**: [RonaldRizzo@ferris.edu](mailto:RonaldRizzo@ferris.edu)

## Educational Goals & Educational Service Provider Policy Changes

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to both the *Contractual Educational Goals and Related Measures* and the *Educational Service Provider Policies*, which are being sent under a separate mailing.

Click on the links below to view both policy documents:

[CONTRACTUAL EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND RELATED MEASURES](#)

[EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER](#)

The charter school contract provides that the CSO may change policies within the contract which become effective 30 days after issuance. We have made revisions

## Academy Expansions

**BLEND<sup>ED</sup>**  
Learning Academies



**LIGHTHOUSE  
ACADEMY**

This fall, three FSU-academies are opening in expanded facilities and locations.

- *Blended Learning Academies Credit Recovery High School* added a campus at 30218 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The new campus will provide blended learning for under-credited or dropout recovery high school students.
- *Bridge Academy* has opened a virtual school component for middle school students at 3105 Carpenter Road in Hamtramck.

- *Lighthouse House Academy* has assumed the educational programs for the Ottawa County Juvenile Court, including providing services at the Ottawa Juvenile Detention Center at 12120 Fillmore Street in West Olive and the Juvenile Justice Center at 12263 James Street in Holland.

Congratulations to these academies and their boards for expanding educational opportunities to their students and families.

# It's Back to School, 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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