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CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE



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When Ferris State University authorizes a public school academy, it is an endeavor to positively transform the life trajectory of the students who attend that academy. The Charter Schools Office holds as its most fundamental goal that all students be prepared for success in college, work, and life. Test scores and knowledge are important but are not enough to succeed in an ever-competitive and connected global community.

We believe that students must be able to apply knowledge to new situations, and to seek out new information through research skills and technological competence. To accomplish this, each academy must provide an environment to achieve academic excellence by delivering quality programming and instruction for the students it serves.

Director's Thoughts



Greetings and Happy Holidays to all!

It seems as though this school year is flying by as we already approach the Holiday season, Parent/Teacher Conferences, report cards, and the end of the fall sports season. This has also been a busy year for the CSO as we prepare for several Reauthorizations and continue to provide a number of professional development trainings for Boards and school personnel. We hope you have been able to take advantage of some of the CSO offerings such as the Board Development Series with Angie Irwin, the School Leader Convenings and NWEA workshops hosted by Chris White, or the School Leadership Institute, led by yours truly.



As we approach the end of this calendar year, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all of you for your work in advancing education and parent choice in Michigan. It seems the challenges continue to mount here in the post-COVID era; yet we are grateful for the extraordinary daily efforts of our school personnel, Boards of Directors, and management companies. We wish each and everyone a very happy and joyous Holidays season and look forward to our continued work in the New Year.

Peace,
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Competitive Grants

Consistent with the Mission of the CSO, we have offered a total of \$200,000 in grants to all FSU-authorized academies for this academic year. Grant applications are now in, and along with an independent reviewer, we have combed through the



applications. Grant award announcements recently went out via email. The interest and response to this offer has been extraordinarily strong, and we thank all those academies who submitted requests for some very worthwhile projects. Awards will be distributed in December though a supplemental payment to each academy bank account.

25th Anniversary Celebration/ Spring Briefing 2023

We noted in our September newsletter than the CSO is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2023. We have a special Spring Briefing planned for **March 3, 2023** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing. Our special guest will be **Ms. Jeanne Allen**, Founder and CEO of the Center for Educational Reform in Washington, D.C. Please look for more info shortly after the New Year and we hope you will be able to join us for this special celebration!



Jeanne Allen

Associate Director News



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Leadership Convening November 9, 2022

On November 9, 2022, Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (FSU-CSO) hosted its first face-to-face Leadership Convening scheduled for the 2022-2023 academic year. The convening was held at Crowne Plaza Lansing West in Lansing, MI. There were 26 participants from



15 different academies in attendance to listen to the keynote speaker, **Dr. David Alban**, Associate Professor of Education, with Ferris State University, School of Education. School leaders enjoyed Dr. Alban's energetic and practical presentation, "Legacy of Leadership: Building and Sustaining School-Community Relations". Dr. Alban worked in the K-12 US and international settings for nearly 20 years in the role of a teacher and school administrator. We hope to bring Dr. Alban back for future learning sessions. Our next Leadership Convening will be a virtual meeting on December 14, 2022,

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with a topic of Use of Academic Data. Please contact

AndreaRuggles@ferris.edu, if you have questions or need additional information on any of our Leadership Convenings. The remainder of the academic year's sessions are below:

Date	Time	Topic	Location
Wed., 12.14.2022	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Data analysis (proficiency)	Zoom
Wed., 01.11.2023	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Intellectual engagement	Zoom
Wed., 02.08.2023	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Data analysis (growth)	Zoom
Wed., 03.08.2023	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Motivating learners	Zoom
Wed., 04.12.2023	10:00-11:30 a.m.	School climate & SEL	Zoom
Wed., 05.10.2023	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	School climate & DEI	*In-Person (Lansing) Lunch Provided

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Mastermind Network and FSU CSO Hubs

The Mastermind Network is an online community hosted by the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA). It is digital community built to connect charter school educators from every corner of the Mitten, bridging physical distance to foster conversation, collaboration, problem solving and professional development. Within this site, you will find Ferris State University Charter Schools Office two private hubs, one for school leadership and the other for board members. The hubs look similar to a private Facebook group. To join, please click on **Mastermind Network**. From there you can join the FSU CSO hubs. On our hubs you'll find recorded professional development sessions, updates on legislation that affects public education and/or board governance, CSO Board Communications and other important information.

We encourage you to join the Mastermind Network and FSU CSO Hubs.

CSO Quarterly Board Development and Networking Meeting

Mark your calendar for the next Zoom convening on **January 18, 2023 6pm – 7pm**. An email will be sent to all board members in December, before the holidays, from Andrea Ruggles with a registration link. The topic will be “**Student Academic Data for Board Members**”. Time will be given for board members to collaborate on how to best use student academic data to drive the work of the board.

Each board member that attends a CSO quarterly board development and networking convening can earn one professional development credit for their respective board. To earn the credit the board member will share their 2-3 takeaways about it at a board meeting. Boards are required to complete three credits per academic year by two or more board members.



From All of Us in CSO

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Our Mission and Vision Statement

Ferris State University 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.

Charter Schools Office Vision Statement

FSU will authorize public school academies that promise to transform the lives of students by demonstrating high-quality performance.

Charter Schools Office 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.

Core Values

1. Student Learning
2. A Collaborative Working Environment
3. Diversity
4. Opportunities
5. Excellence

- 6. Accountability
- 7. Integrity and Trust

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