

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE

September News & Updates



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Competitive Grants Available to FSU Academies

The CSO is offering FSU-authorized academies an opportunity to apply for a grant of **up to \$25,000** for 2022-2023. The grants are meant to fund activities and/or projects that academies would not normally be able to fund within the general budget. Please click [HERE](#) for more information about the grant, and the Application Form.

We are also offering an informational webinar on the grant

September 20, 2022 at 10:00 am.

At that time, we will be available to discuss the grants and answer any questions you may have. Connect to the webinar: [HERE](#)

Learning/Networking Opportunities

We are pleased to offer several opportunities for networking and interacting with fellow school leaders and boards this year. Please see the information provided by **Associate Director Dr. Chris White** in this newsletter.

Director's Opening Thoughts



On behalf of all of us at the Charter Schools Office, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope your year is off to a great start.

This year is being called the "post-pandemic" school year, even though COVID is still among us. Like you, we are hopeful that we have moved beyond the mask wearing and closures due to outbreaks. As we have learned, however, the COVID virus is a formidable foe, and we must be constantly vigilant in our battle against it.

This year is a significant year for the



School

Leadership Institute (SLI)

The CSO is pleased to announce its continued partnership with Choice Schools to offer the **School Leadership Institute (SLI)** for this school year. For more information please read further into the newsletter.

Charter Schools Office; it marks our 25th year as a Michigan public school authorizer. We are proud of our partnerships with our academies and have enjoyed seeing them grow and prosper over the years. We have also learned much along the way about authorizing since 1997! Please mark your calendars now for...

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Welcome Andrea Ruggles



We are pleased to introduce a new member of the CSO office team - **Andrea Ruggles**. Andrea has been with the University for 22 years and is assuming the secretary position formerly held by Susan Lewis. If you call us, Andrea will often be the first person you will speak to. Andrea looks forward to meeting or speaking to each of you during this school year.



Introducing Pittsfield Acres Academy

We are pleased to announce the opening of our newest member of the FSU charter school portfolio, Pittsfield Acres Academy. Located in Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Acres offers grades K-5, with a focus on refugees from the Middle East. Pittsfield Acres is managed by Global Educational Excellence.

Associate Director News

NWEA: 2022-2023 Academic Year

Here are a few reminders about NWEA testing this academic year:

For this year, the FSU CSO is expecting each academy to pay for their own NWEA assessment, but then use the State reimbursement procedure for benchmark assessments. The CSO will send out information when the MDE opens the reimbursement window.

The testing windows are...

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FSU CSO Leadership Convenings 2022-23

All leaders are invited to attend monthly leadership convenings. Invitees include superintendents, those designated as the school leader, instructional coaches, or anyone that is a part of the school leadership and improvement team.

There are three main expected outcomes for these convenings. Most importantly, there will be an opportunity to network with fellow Ferris State University authorized charter school colleagues. There will be a short learning and informational section to each meeting. Each session will conclude with...

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FSU CSO Professional Learning Opportunities 2022-2023

The first event of the academic year is a two-part series which will examine the concept of Power Standards with Nate Levenson. The events are scheduled for September 20, 2022 and October 4, 2022. The expectation is that, if you register, you would attend both sessions. Registration for this two-part event has already been sent out, but you can also click the picture below, which will take you to the registration page. Please email Andrea Ruggles at AndreaRuggles@ferris.edu if you have any questions. Once registered, you will receive the virtual meeting link.

For a list of what is scheduled to be offered for the 2022-2023 academic year, click [HERE](#).

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When (Virtual Event)

Part 1

Tuesday, September 20, 2022
3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. EST

Part 2

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. EST

VIA ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82334578814?pwd=2CEGO0lH8ieIACYlDBPQPZtGpyE.lI>

Professional Learning Opportunity Best Practices in Implementing Power Standards - Two Part Series

(you must attend both sessions)

Part 1: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 3:45pm - 5:45pm

"How power standards can accelerate student learning and ease stress for teachers"

Part 2: Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 3:45pm - 5:45pm

"Practical strategies to implementing power standards"

Presented by Nate Levenson



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Best Practices in Implementing Power Standards

Intended Audience: School leaders, Curriculum leaders, Instructional coaches, Classroom teachers

We look forward to seeing with you! Please contact Andrea Ruggles if you have any questions at AndreaRuggles@ferris.edu.

School Leadership Institute



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Designed for NEW & ASPIRING SCHOOL LEADERS

The CSO is also pleased to announce its continued partnership with Choice Schools to offer the **School Leadership Institute (SLI)** for this school year. The Institute is designed for anyone in a leadership role at their school and is focused on providing real-world tools leaders can put to immediate use, not on lofty theory or philosophy. The Institute also welcomes those staff members who are interested in possibly becoming leaders.

The link with more information is below. The tuition fee of \$300 will be covered by the CSO for staff members of all FSU-authorized academies. If interested in enrolling, please hurry - the Institute begins October 12.

For more information, click SchoolLeadershipInstitute.com

Compliance Auditor/Board Liaison Updates

Annual Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

By law, public school board members are considered public officials and are expected to conduct business in a fair, open and transparent way. This means that board members must act in a way that is free of any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person or organization is involved in multiple aspects of a decision in a way that could possibly corrupt or compromise the individual's or organization's final decision.

As a public official, board members...

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It's Back to School, Bulldogs!



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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