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March is Reading Month!

During this month a number of you will have guest readers come into your schools to help foster and develop an interest and love for...

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Greetings from the Associate Director

Assessing Students in Skills That Matter

Public schools are inundated with so many statistics, interpretations, and solutions about assessing students in the complicated world of education that it is hard to know what to focus on. I am as guilty as anyone when it comes to...

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Deadline for Board of Director Applications

The deadline is fast approaching for the Charter Schools Office (CSO) to consider applications of potential new board members. Please submit in Epicenter board approved applications before **March 18, 2019**, to be considered for appointment at the **May 10, 2019**, Ferris State University Board of Trustees meeting. Otherwise, our next opportunity for board of director appointments will be at their next regular meeting on October 4, 2019.



If you have any question please contact Sharon Hopper, FSU-CSO Compliance Auditor/Board Liaison, at (231) 591-5804 or SharonHopper@ferris.edu.

Charter Day at the Capitol

May 7, 2019

Charter Day at the Capitol

2019-2020

School Leadership Institute Dates

October 17, 2019
November 21, 2019
December 5, 2019
January 16, 2020
February 20, 2020
March 19, 2020
April 23, 2020
May 21, 2020

**Ferris State University
Charter Schools Office
2018-2019 Assessment
Calendar**

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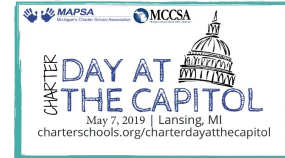
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Be one of the charter school supporters at the Capitol in Lansing on **May 7, 2019**, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Plan to join the CSO, charter school parents, board members, students, school leaders, and advocates from across Michigan on this special day. There will be student performances and awards as well as a lunch celebration. We look forward to seeing you there. For board members that attend, please share your insights and takeaways of your Charter Day at the Capitol at your next board meeting. By doing so, your board president should contact me to receive one professional development activity credit (limit one credit per board).



MAPSA Link:

<https://www.charterschools.org/charter-day-at-the-capitol-1>

School Leadership Institute (SLI)

We are pleased to announce the dates of the 2019-2020

October 17, 2019	February 20, 2020
November 21, 2019	March 19, 2020
December 5, 2019	April 23, 2020
January 16, 2020	May 21, 2020

The Institute is open to all leaders and aspiring leaders who wish to further develop their understanding and the application of leading people and organizations. For more info, please visit the SLI website:

SchoolLeadershipInstitute.com.

Contact Ron Rizzo with any questions
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Assessment News

Proficiency Versus Growth

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March 2019 Important Dates

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Board Professional Development Survey Results

We had a tremendous response to our survey about what topics board members want to talk about at future board professional development sessions. Thank you for participating in the survey! This spring look for an announcement and information about upcoming board training.



Below are the top five responses:

- Student Achievement and Growth
- Educational Goals, Measures and Assessments

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- Finance and Budgeting Procedures
- Michigan Revised School Code and Other Applicable Laws
- Understanding the 3rd Grade Reading Bill

Charter Schools Office Books/Reading Buddy Donation

Charter Schools Office Donates Reading Books and Reading Buddies to Hope Academy of West Michigan

The Charter Schools Office (CSO) recently made a donation of stuffed animals and books to the Kindergarten and 1st Grade students and Hope Academy of West Michigan. Each year members of the CSO make contributions to an academy in lieu of buying Christmas presents for the office staff.



Barth Roberts, Board President; Dr. Michele Sideman, CSO Field Representative; Teriena Shwartz, Principal; and Ron Schneider, CSO Associate Director



Seeking Board Members

Interested in gaining educational experience? Or are you looking to add to your resume? Do you know someone who may be interested in...



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Congratulations to the Semi-Finalists of the Michigan Charter School Awards



Ferris State University charter school academies are well represented with the announcement of the top ten teachers and administrators of all the charter schools in Michigan. A

and administrators of all the charter schools in Michigan. A special shout out to our semi-finalists--we are proud of you!

Semi-Finalist for Michigan Charter School Teacher of the Year:

- [Leslie Katz](#), Marshall Academy

Semi-Finalists for Michigan Charter School Administrator of the Year:

- [Mohammed Alsanai](#), Bridge Academy
- [Autumn Mattson](#), Creative Technologies Academy
- [Mark Talbot](#), Huron Academy
- [Ali DuBois](#), Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change

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On March 5, 2019, the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office held its 17th Annual Spring Briefing in Dearborn. We were...



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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.



For a brochure click [here](#)

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

relevant resources for its authorized public school
academies.

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"Happy Spring!"



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