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Opening Thoughts

"May you live in interesting times."

No one is exactly sure where this phrase originated, it has been attributed to the great Chinese philosopher Confucius; however, there is no evidence to...



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Greetings from the Associate Director

Greetings!

Speaking as a long time former principal, I always considered this time of the school year critical to academic performance. Do not get me wrong, every school day is very important for students to create deliverables that demonstrate mastery of skills. However, the times after...



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The Outstanding Compliance Award for Exemplary Performance

On behalf of the CSO we would like to recognize and sincerely thank our academies for their...



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Assessment News

The Charter Schools Office is once again partnering with the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Charter Schools Office to offer professional development opportunities to academy staff. GVSU is offering a wealth of



17th Annual Charter Schools Office Spring Briefing

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workshops on topics such as:

- Third Grade reading Law
- Google 101
- Flipped Classroom with EdPuzzle
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- M-STEP ELA Prep
- STEM
- Special Education
- Culture and Climate
- Improving Student Writing

The workshops fill up fast! Go to:

<https://www.gvsu.edu/cso/learn> to register today.

[Ferris State University Charter Schools Office
2018-2019 Assessment Calendar](#)

Welcome New Charter Schools Office Team Member

We are pleased to introduce a new member of the Charter Schools Office team, Mr. Bob Fidler, our new Academic Assessment Specialist. Bob brings an impressive wealth of experience and knowledge to the position having served as the Curriculum Director for Comstock Park Public Schools for several years, in addition to serving as an Elementary Principal for a number of years as well. Since his "retirement," Bob has been developing his own consulting company centered on data analysis and professional development for school staff. We are confident Bob's skills will be a strong asset to the CSO and to our academies.



Bob will be making contact with each FSU-authorized academy to introduce himself and discuss how he can be of assistance. Bob can be reached at RobertFidler@ferris.edu or phone: (231) 591-5805.

Introducing Our Newest Academy

NEW HOPE

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

We are excited to welcome a new academy to the FSU-Charter Schools Office portfolio:

New Hope Public School Academy. New Hope was authorized by the Ferris State University Board of Trustees at their October meeting for a period of five years. Located in Saginaw, the Academy is an outgrowth of the Samaritas Community Center which has served their Saginaw neighborhood for over 70 years. The Academy is slated to open in the Fall 2019 and will be managed by Choice Schools Associates.



NEW BEDFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **New Bedford Academy** on being Reauthorized for a period of five years by the FSU Board of Trustees. New Bedford Academy, located in Lambertville, was one of the schools in FSU's inaugural class of public school academies, and also recently celebrated their 20th year of operation. New Bedford is managed by Educational Partnerships, Inc.



LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY

Lighthouse Academy, with its main campus located in Grand Rapids, was granted authority to open their seventh campus under their FSU Charter, this campus is located in Charlevoix. The Academy, designated as a Strict Discipline Academy, will be serving adjudicated, probationary and incarcerated youths in the Charlevoix and East Jordan community. Lighthouse is managed by Integrity Educational Services in Grand Rapids.

SAVE the DATES!



MAPSA

Michigan Association of Public School Academies

MAPSA Conference

We are pleased to once again sponsor the MAPSA **2018 Michigan Charter School Symposium**. The Symposium will be held at the Marriott Troy Hotel on **December 5th and 6th**; the conference is Michigan's exclusive charter professional event. Due to our sponsorship, FSU-authorized academies can receive a **discount of \$200** on registration for school personnel. Please use the following code to register and get your discount:

FSU18

We hope to see many of you there in Troy!

The 17th Annual Charter Schools Office

Spring Briefing

The 17th Annual Charter Schools Office Spring Briefing will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at The DoubleTree Hotel Detroit-Dearborn. More information to is forthcoming!



MDE Grant



The Michigan Department of Education was recently notified by the US Department of Education, that Michigan has been awarded approximately \$49M in a grant for the development, expansion and replication of charter schools. This startup money is often crucial to organizations looking to start new schools and will greatly assist in the replication of successful schools in our State.

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 a Ferris State University-authorized school. Students are automatically considered for the scholarship when they complete the Ferris State University application. In 2017-2018, students were awarded over \$2,000 each for the year with the scholarship. 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

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Happy Holidays!



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