



September 2018 ISSUE

FROM THE TOP

Dear Academy Board Members and Leaders,

WELCOME to the 2018-19 academic year!

We hope you are well rested and ready to take on the challenges and victories a new year brings. Our team has been hard at work planning appropriate professional development, redesigning reports, and streamlining processes to better serve you.

Your 2017-18 reports will be disbursed according the following schedule:

Academic Performance Report: Sept./Oct.2018

Compliance/Governance Report: August 2018

Finance Report: Early Winter 2019

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to any of our staff if we can be of assistance. Please see the contact information on page 2 of the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Chris Oshelski

LSSU Charter Schools Director

In The News

Natalie Fenchel, our LSSU CSO student worker, attended the Michigan Department of Civil Rights Commission Hearing on July 23rd, 2018 held at the Grand



Fenchel, pictured second from left

Traverse Resort. The MDCR was listening to testimony on issues affecting rural students, students experiencing homelessness, students from migrant families, as well as issues in special education. Miss Fenchel testified regarding her experience as a student of rural education and the quality of education she received in a charter school.

She is a junior enrolled at LSSU in the nursing program and is a recipient of a Jr. Laker Scholarship . The Jr. Laker Scholarship is awarded to graduates of an LSSU authorized charter school that earned a minimum composite score of 990 on the SAT.

Natalie is an asset to the CSO Team. She is efficient, hard working, intelligent, and adds a fresh perspective to our team. We are grateful to have this young lady on board!

TAKE NOTE

CORRECTION

- ◆ In our July issue, under the “New Staff” section, students must earn a composite score of “990” on the SAT or “19” on the ACT to qualify for the Jr. Laker Scholarship rather than a SAT composite of 1150 as reported.

TESTING WINDOWS

- ◆ Fall– Sept. 10– Oct. 5
- ◆ Winter– Jan. 14–Feb. 8
- ◆ Spring– Apr. 1– June 4

REMEMBER

Academies are required to administer NWEA’s MAP assessment to 2nd-8th graders three times per year according to the authorizer prescribed testing windows. If your academy is in need of a testing window modification, please make your request to Julie Hopper at jhopper@lssu.edu at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the designated testing window start date.

IN THE KNOW

- ◆ Section 104 of Public Act 108 of 2017 (PA 108) authorizes the phased in implementation of the Michigan Kindergarten Entry Observation with the expectation that by 2020, all publically supported kindergarten, Young 5's, and developmental kindergarten classrooms in Michigan will be utilizing the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. Phase One academies are located in the West Michigan, East Central Michigan, and Southeast Michigan regions. For more information:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/KRA_FAQ_622261_7.pdf

- ◆ The Michigan Charter School Symposium will be held on December 5-6. Want a discount? Use the code **LSSU18** which allows you \$200.00 off the cost of attendance. You're welcome.

Staff Directory

Do you have a Question?

It is helpful to know who to reach out to when you have a question. Please see the LSSU CSO team listed below along with their area of expertise.

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COMPLIANCE CORNER

- ◆ To better serve our academies, the Charter Schools Office has made some changes to Field Officer assignments in the southeast Michigan location. Be sure to ask your academy administration as to whether this change applies to you.
- ◆ Epicenter Compliance Tasks are under review for FY 2018-19. We will be adding, deleting, and revising some tasks. Look for a memo outlining changes in the coming months.

FINANCE UPDATE

- ◆ The CSO has updated due dates, descriptions, and requirements for several finance related Epicenter tasks; a memo is forthcoming. Please log into Epicenter to view the tasks or email Becky Clawson for more information at rclawson@lssu.edu

ATTENTION

2018-19

Board Schedule for Professional Development

- ◆ **Dykema Gossett
Academy School Boards & Charter
School Law Training**
 1. Aug. 27- Charlton Heston
 2. Oct. TBD- Southeast Mich.
 3. Dec. TBD- As Needed
- ◆ **Irwin Education Series Webinars**
 1. Management Agreements
Nov. 7 from 6:30-8
 2. Evaluating ESP's
Jan. 22 from 6:30-8