



SPONSOR CONNECTION

September 2022

Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools

Reminder

9/13-15 | Save the date for the [Annual Assessment Conference](#)
 9/16 | Register for the [Ohio Family Engagement Leadership Summit](#)
 10/17 | Annual Budget due to sponsor
 10/31 | School Annual report due to parents & sponsor



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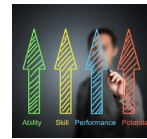
Need to change an E-Signer?

One resource ODE has to assist e-signers is the E-Signer User Manual, which is housed on the Department's [Licensure E-Signers webpage](#). Some common questions addressed in this manual include:

1. How do I remove a former e-signer from our district or ESC? (See page 9)
2. How do I enroll as a new e-signer with my school or district? (See page 8)
3. How can I receive confirmation that the credential I e-signed has been issued? (See page 11)

Need to make changes to your LPDC e-signers?

Please note that the OEDS administrator cannot make these changes. An active LPDC coordinator or LPDC coordinator designee must make all appropriate changes prior to leaving the district. See the [Local Professional Development Committee \(LPDC\) E-Signers webpage](#) for step-by-step instructions.



Management Company Evaluation Reminder

Governing Authorities are reminded to submit their Management Company Evaluations no later than October 28, 2022.

Per Section 3.2 of the sponsorship contract, all governing authorities must evaluate the performance of its management company on an annual basis and submit a report of the evaluation to the sponsor no later

than October 30th of each year. This evaluation tool should be developed by the governing authority and be specific to the school. If assistance is needed with this, please contact your board counsel. The evaluations for 2021-2022 are to be submitted no later than October 28th due to the 30th falling on Saturday. Submit **one** evaluation completed by all governing authority members of your Management Company. The evaluation should be emailed to Angie Mann at amann@charterschoolspec.com.



Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023

Ohio's [graduation requirements](#) are new for the Class of 2023. This year's seniors need to earn their required credits and demonstrate competency and readiness by earning two diploma seals.

Transportation Information for Students



School buses play a critical role in ensuring Ohio's students get to school each day. You can review important information on [responsibilities for transporting all eligible students](#) to the district, community or chartered nonpublic schools where they are enrolled.

If a community school is having issues with district transportation, ODE strongly recommends that, where possible, districts, families, and community and chartered nonpublic schools work together to resolve problems. However, If the district has failed to resolve an issue please file a complaint with ODE. complaints can be

submitted to the Department by email at TransportationCompliance@education.ohio.gov.

Complaints may be submitted using the [noncompliance investigation form](#). Please be sure to include all relevant information and the name and contact information of the individual submitting the complaint. The Department will notify districts of complaints received within two business days of receipt.



Hearing and Vision

The Ohio Department of Health, Children's Hearing and Vision program offers free hearing and vision screening trainings. Information can be found [HERE](#).

Schools should be aware that if hearing or vision is suspected to part of a students disability, the screening must done by a nurse



Governor DeWine Announces School Safety Grant Program Accepting Applications

Governor Mike DeWine announced today that the State is now accepting applications for \$53 million in grant funding for schools as part of his \$100 million Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Program.

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), in partnership with the [Ohio School Safety Center](#), is encouraging more than 4,000 eligible public schools, districts, and chartered non-public schools statewide to apply for the grant opportunity. Applicants can request up to \$100,000 per school building to cover expenses associated with physical security enhancements, such as security cameras, public address systems, automatic door locks, visitor badging systems, and exterior lighting.

The deadline to apply is Monday, October 3, 2022 at 11:59 P.M.

What can schools do with the money?

Schools can purchase and update items found on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) for the 2022 grant. It is made up of Tier 1 items found on the Partner Alliance for Safer Schools checklist.

Visit the [Ohio Facilities Construction Commission](#) webpage for more information on how to apply.



Federal Program Updates for September

Opportunities for Parent Participation

Did you know that schools are required to seek parent participation in the planning of Title I programs, and IDEA Part B planning? Schools are required to ensure parents have multiple opportunities to participate in the planning and implementation of these programs. Some schools post the opportunity to participate on their website. Federal law requires that schools utilize more than one means of notification. Schools can put an ad in the local paper, send notices home, put it on the board meeting announcements or perhaps utilize a calling tree. Be sure to keep copies of the methods you use to contact parents.

School Board Meetings

It is important to invite parents to school board meetings as parents are one of the school's most important stake holders. If your school board meets at the school, please make sure that the entrance to the school is unlocked or that someone is at the door to open it for parents. Board meetings are to be open to the public. Holding meetings behind closed school doors limits public access to the meeting.

Title III Notification

Schools must notify parents of students identified as English Learners of their students' level of English Acquisition and participation in the Title III program within 2 weeks of the first day of attendance. Remember that parents should receive notices in the language spoken at home.

Carryover Funds

Final Expenditure Reports (FERs) are due on or before September 30th. Carryover funds will be allocated once the state accepts the FERs. Do you already have a plan on how the school wants to spend these carryover funds? If so, enter a history log note stating the school's intention of spending the funds. This will allow the school to start encumbering the funds prior to the carryover funds being loaded into the CCIP system. A history log note should state the areas of where the carryover funds will be budgeted. Here is an example of a history log note for Title I funds: Please note that the school will budget Title I carryover funds for the purpose of funding an instructional coach under Professional Development purchased services. Remember to send the history log note to the schools Office of Federal Programs consultant.

Utilizing a Management Company

If your school uses a management company, you may want to ensure that the governing body is fully participating in the handling of federal funds. One way to capture the governing board's active participation in federal funding is for members of the board to ask specific questions during board meetings. For a list of suggested questions, please click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Nannette Sherman at nsherman@charterschoolspec.com or by phone: (740)607-9174.



Kindergarten Reading Diagnostic Date Change

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the reading diagnostic must be administered by the 20th day of instruction of the school year for students in kindergarten. The Sept. 30 deadline to administer the reading diagnostic to students in grades 1-3 has not changed. Send questions about the reading diagnostic date change to ThirdGradeGuarantee@education.ohio.gov.

ODE Academic Excellence Conference

The ODE Academic Excellence Conference will be held October 14, 2022 in Columbus, OH. There is no charge to attend the one day conference that will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn how to address gaps in academic achievement. Specifically, those exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. While the conference is geared towards educators, it may be useful to board members and other related school personnel. Information and registration can be found [HERE](#).

September is Attendance Awareness Month!

Celebrate with the Stay in the Game! Network by participating in planned events and activities every week to celebrate school attendance.



The start of the school year is the perfect time to update [contact information](#) and points of contact in the Ohio Educational Directory System (OEDS).

Reminder for superintendents or their designees to set up their districts in the [Educator Evaluation System \(OhioES\)](#).

New [financial literacy requirements](#) for students entering ninth grade available now.

The Department has several [assessments reminders](#) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students can visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](#) to find free games, videos and other tools to help them plan their future careers.