



SPONSOR CONNECTION

December 2022

Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools

Reminder

- 12/6 | Attend [2022 OLAC and PBIS Showcase](#)
- 12/15 | Apply for [Purple Star designation](#)
- 12/15 | Register for [Federal Programs Monthly Topic Session](#)
- 12/22 | Confirm [value-added roster verification](#)
- 12/26 | Annual budget resolution due to sponsor
- 12/30 | Apply for [American Rescue Plan Homeless Targeted Support Grant](#)
- 1/26 | Register for [Federal Programs Monthly Topic Session](#)
- 2/3 | Apply for the [Academic Institution Recycle Ohio Grant](#)

Ohio's Introduction to Dyslexia, Kindergarten-Grade 3

Ohio's Introduction to Dyslexia, Kindergarten-Grade 3 course is now available in the Department's Learning Management System. This free course is one option available to educators to meet the [professional development requirements](#) of Ohio's Dyslexia Support Laws.

The [Dyslexia Support Laws](#) require all kindergarten through third-grade teachers, as well as teachers providing special education instruction to children in kindergarten through grade 12, to complete professional development on identifying characteristics of dyslexia and understanding pedagogy for the instruction of students with dyslexia.

The Ohio Dyslexia Committee is requiring educators to complete 18 hours of professional development aligned with the Ohio Dyslexia Guidebook. This professional development will support educators in identifying characteristics of dyslexia and understanding the pedagogy for the instruction of students with or at risk of dyslexia.

More [information](#) on accessing the course through the Learning Management System is available on the Department's webpage. Questions about the professional development requirements can be sent to Dyslexia@education.ohio.gov.

Deadline extended: American Rescue Plan Homeless Targeted Support Grant

The Department is extending the deadline to apply for the [American Rescue Plan Homeless Targeted Support grant](#). The extended application deadline is Dec. 30.

Eligible community schools, traditional public school districts, Head Start programs and joint vocational school districts can use these funds to support the exceptional and unique needs of students experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Allowable uses of funds include excess transportation expenses, tutoring, clothing and supply closets. [Eligible applicants](#) can apply on the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan. The application is quick and consists of three questions and a budget proposal.

Cypress High School Adds a New Career Tech Wing

On October 19th, 2022, Cypress High School hosted its Career Tech Wing Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Mansfield, Ohio. The public was able to tour the new space that cultivates the school's healthcare, construction, manufacturing, nail tech, and business career tech pathways. School Director, Dr. Danielle Kelley and Jodi Perry, COO of the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, brought students, families, community members, area businesses, and officials together to celebrate the new space. Speakers included County Commissioners Darrell Banks and Tony Vero, Clint Knight the Director of Workforce Development Richland Area Chamber of Commerce; Crystal Weese, North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) Workforce & Career Development Coordinator, Cris Gulacy-Worrel, Vice President of Development & Advocacy Oakmont Education, and Dr. Jerry Farley, Vice President of Career Technical Education for Oakmont Education. The presentation also honored the memory of a student, Grant Clinton, who died in a car accident this past August. The Clinton family was in attendance as the Career Tech Construction class built and presented a beautiful memorial bench dedicated to Grant. The ceremony was concluded with Kelley and Perry cutting the ribbon draped across the career tech hallway while guests enjoyed an array of refreshments.

Confirm Roster Verification Participation by December 22

Superintendents at traditional districts, joint vocational and career-technical districts, educational service centers and community schools will receive an email Nov. 28 requesting they confirm their participation in value-added roster verification by Dec. 22. The email will come from support@ohio-k12.help.

Participating in roster verification this spring is the best way for districts and schools to ensure that value-added measures will accurately reflect the influence of each teacher's instruction on student progress. Teachers who should participate in roster verification are those who teach students taking the following state tests during the 2022-2023 school year:

- Elementary and Middle School Tests: Grades 4-8 – English Language Arts and Mathematics; Grades 5 and 8 – Science;
- End-of-Course Tests for High School Credit: Algebra I, Geometry, Integrated Mathematics I and II, English Language Arts II, American History, American Government and Biology.

St. Aloysius 2021-2022 Sponsor Annual Report is Now Available!

Community school sponsors are required to monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance; organization and operation; and legal compliance of each community school it sponsors and submit a written report annually of the evaluation results to the Ohio Department of Education by November 30. Click [HERE](#) to view the report.

Legislative Update

Election season is finally behind us, and Ohio's lawmakers are returning to Columbus for "lame duck" session to wrap up remaining business before the end of the year. This year's midterm results were very favorable to republicans in Ohio. Both the House and Senate expanded their supermajorities as well. The Senate gained one republican seat making the majority 26 members strong. The House gained three republicans seats making their majority 68 members strong. Based on some of our initial conversations with new members, we are optimistic that this incoming general assembly will offer numerous opportunities to accomplish our legislative priorities. The introduction of the upcoming operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 will be a primary focus for us to get our priorities included.

Dave Cash and the Batchelder Company have been busy meeting with legislators focused on education policy to explain our main objectives and solicit their support. Our list of priorities includes grant funding to solve the current transportation crisis, modification of the system used to evaluate high quality sponsors, funding for specific career tech programs, reforms for the regulation of Drop Out Recovery and Prevention programs, and miscellaneous other items to curb the unfair regulatory nature of the Department of Education. So far, Dave and the Batchelder team have been talking to members that include Rep. Adam Bird, Rep. Jamie Callender, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Andrew Brenner, and Senator Michael Rulli. We look forward to continuing our conversations with the new class of legislators taking office in January. In the meantime, we are working to identify potential vehicles for including our priorities and getting them passed into law before session ends at the end of the year. We are sincerely thankful for the legislators who have been working with us this year toward achieving our goals.

Innovation West Academy Expansion Project to Remedy Spacing Limitations

A big change is coming to the small but mighty charter school, Innovation Academy West, in Cleveland. After years of planning, fundraising, and advocating, the school will soon break ground on a new gymnasium, which principal Maria Hejnal-Dormer says is desperately needed.

"The students have grown and we have more students coming in every year so we need more space," said Hejnal-Dormer. "The only way we can continue to grow is with space."

Career-Technical Education Quality Program Review workshops

The Department is hosting [10 Quality Program Review workshops to improve the quality of career-technical education programs](#). Workshops will take place regionally throughout Ohio Dec. 13, 2022-Feb. 3, 2023.

Believe in Ohio STEM programming from the Ohio Academy of Science

[Believe in Ohio is a free STEM and entrepreneurship program](#) for grades 6-12 from the Ohio Academy of Science.

Stronger Connections Grant available early 2023

[Beginning early 2023, the Ohio Department of Education will open a competitive grant application for schools and districts to apply for a share of a \\$35 million federal allocation](#). These funds will provide students with safe and healthy learning environments that prepare them for success as part of the Stronger Connections Grant program.

Legal Team Updates

Important Legal and Policy Updates

Members of the Charter School Specialists Legal and Compliance team have prepared a presentation highlighting important Legal and Policy updates. The presentation covers a variety of areas including key legislative actions impacting community schools in the 2022-2023 school year, school finance, teacher licensing changes, understanding the new local report card, new Dyslexia requirements, public records training and a review of roles and responsibilities in Ohio's community school system, just to mention a few.

The presentation is designed to assist governing authority members in their important work but is also helpful for school leaders, operators and other community school stakeholders.

The presentation can be accessed by clicking on this link: [_Legal Presentation and Update Presentation-20221104_133442-Meeting_Recording.mp4](#)

Contact information for team members that would be glad to answer your questions about subjects covered are provided at the end of the presentation.

Charter School Specialists' Legal Team to Begin Conducting Continuing Legal Education Activities

The Legal Department at Charter School Specialists has been certified to begin conducting Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Activities beginning in 2023 through the Ohio Supreme Court. The first installment for CLE activities will begin with a webinar titled "Sponsorship Contracts – A Brief Look at the Requirements". It will be held on January 27, 2023 from 11:30am to 1:00pm via Microsoft TEAMS.

If you are interested in attending this CLE webinar, register for this session and any future sessions by going to the Charter School Specialists' website under Professional Development and selecting Continuing Legal Education Webinars (<https://charterschoolspec.com/continuing-legal-education-webinars/>). Once you have registered an email with the link to the Microsoft TEAMS webinar will be sent. Attorneys that attend the webinar are eligible to receive 1.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit.

Federal Programs Reminder for December

Dates to Remember

- Cohort 3 One Plan is due on March 31st.
- ED STEP Open Office Hours begin February 2, 2023, Every Thursday from 1:00PM-2:00PM
- Regional Trainings Tentatively set for April 17-21
- Webinar Cohort 3 January 11, 2023, 10:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-3:00PM
- Webinar Cohort 1 and 2: April 13, 2023 10:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-3:00PM
- Ohio Association of Administrators State and Federal Education Programs (OAASFEP) Conference, March 20-22 at Hyatt Regency Columbus

Expiring Funding Dates

- ESSER II Funds-Expend by September 30, 2023
- ARP Homeless & ARP IDEA-Expend by September 30, 2023
- ARP ESSER Funds-Expend by September 30, 2024

This year it is very important to spend down the Title I funds. Title I funds have a 15% carryover limit. This means a school can only carryover 15% of their allocation from one year to the next year. Any amount over the 15% will be forfeited and returned to the state. This year, ODE was granted a state Title I Waiver, which kept all schools from losing Title I funds who were over the 15% limitation.

Contracts for Construction or Repairs

Please be aware that federal funds used for new construction or to repair (roofs, doors, windows, HVAC) must include a statement regarding the Davis-Bacon Act requiring workers to be paid the prevailing wage. The Ohio Department of Education Office of Federal Programs has recently asked that the following statement be entered into the history log for schools using federal funds for construction and/or repairs: **LEA will follow applicable Uniform Guidance requirements, Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements and all of the U.S. Department of Education's applicable regulations regarding construction at 34 CFR §§ 76.600 and 75.600-75.618.** This adds another layer of assurance for the state.

New Attendance Resource Available

To address educator concerns about student attendance and engagement, the Department has developed a new resource. [The Keeping Ohio Students Present, Engaged and Supported webpage offers multitiered interventions](#) that schools and districts can implement to address and prevent chronic absenteeism.

New Learning Resources From OLAC

[The Ohio Leadership Advisory Council has new videos and learning modules](#) related to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, literacy instruction, Implementation Science and the Ohio Improvement Process.

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