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Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools

Reminder

- 6/1 | Hearing & Vision data due
- 6/7-12 | Register for [Classified Leaders Training](#)
- 6/8 | Register for [Ohio Literacy Academy](#)
- 6/1-8/1 | [Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid and Student Wellness and Success Funds data collection](#)
- 6/5-8/4 | [Restraint and seclusion data collection window](#)
- 6/7 | Apply for [Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant](#)
- 6/14 | Register for [Principal Chat](#)
- 6/15 | [OhioES closes](#); complete principal and school counselor evaluations
- 6/26 | Drop Out Recovery Report Card Designation Application due to sponsor
- 6/30 | Apply for [Agriculture Education Fifth Quarter Grant](#)
- 6/30 | No-cost [Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines \(CSTAG\) model training](#) expires

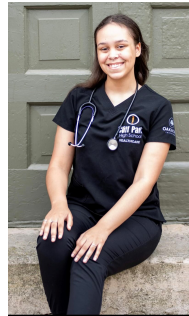


Yass Prize Seeking Education Changemakers Apply for Your School's Chance at \$1 Million by July 15th

What is The Yass Prize? [The Yass Prize](#) is a movement to transform education, and they are searching for education changemakers from all sectors of education - private, charter, public, non-profit, for-profit, ed-tech world, and more - who are delivering an education that is [Sustainable](#).

[Transformational, Outstanding, and Permissionless \(STOP\)](#). In addition to the \$1 million Yass Prize to transform education, the STOP Awards will not only support the 64 best innovators with over \$10 million, but also welcome every applicant to their bold and entrepreneurial community of members.

The application window is open now until July 15th. Learn more at [YassPrize.org](#) or attend their weekly drop-in office hours every Friday from 12:00-12:30pm ET on [zoom](#).



Local Media Features Cliff Park HS Student

Kayden Givens, a seventeen year-old class of 2023 early graduate was featured in Steel Ohio Media. Besides being the senior ambassador, Kayden leads study groups and teaches classes she has already taken to help others.

Kayden is already certified in Phlebotomy and is currently pursuing her Medical Assistant Certification before she even becomes a college student. She will attend Clark State Community College on a full scholarship in the nursing program. For the full article on this amazing student, click [HERE](#).



Klepinger Community School's eighth grade graduates found a way to "leave their mark" at the School.



U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Application Available

Ohio is participating in the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools program. The program recognizes schools and districts implementing environmentally friendly facilities, programs and education. U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools demonstrate progress in the award's three Pillars: reducing environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of students and staff; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education. To be considered as a state nominee, [apply here](#) by November 17.

LEGAL UPDATE

The theme in our legislative review for this month is excused student absences from school. Currently in Ohio's General Assembly, there are three different bills that are proposing additional excused absences from school that students are able to use. Senate Bill 49 proposes to require schools to adopt a policy that permits students and teachers to take up to three days as excused absences for religious expression days (RED). The policy will reasonably accommodate sincerely held religious beliefs. House Bill 38 proposes to authorize school districts to allow students to take up to three mental health days as excused absences from school. House Bill 135 proposes to grant students excused absences from school for participation in 4-H and FFA activities. These three bills taken together highlight that Ohio Legislators understand that students have unique schedules which may require additional time away from school, and that students should not have some of these unique situations held against them.

Contract Modifications

As summer approaches and schools begin to contemplate operations for the next school year, we wanted to take some time to review our Contract Modification procedures. Any modification to a contract, or its attachments will follow the procedures outlined below. Examples of

the more regularly seen contract modifications are:

- changing the name of the school;
- changing the by-laws of the school;
- adding an annex or satellite location to the school;
- changing the location of a school;
- changing the management agreement or management company of the school;
- changing the lease terms of the school;
- changing the education plan of the school; and
- changing the internal financial controls of the school.

If a school is interested in making a contract modification, the school should submit a request for a contract modification and provide any supporting documentation. The supporting documentation must include a signed resolution by the Governing Authority approving the change. Charter School Specialists will review the request and supporting documents and determine if any additional documentation is needed. If the request is approved, Charter School Specialists will submit the required documents to the Ohio Department of Education.

If the contract modification is a change to the by-laws, a change to the management agreement; a change to the education plan, or a change to the internal financial controls, a new comprehensive plan must also be approved by the Governing Authority and submitted.

If the contract modification is adding an annex, adding a satellite location, or changing the location of the school, then Charter School Specialists must conduct an opening assurance review before the location is able to be used for students.

Keep in mind that contract modifications cannot be effective until the contract modification has been approved and submitted to the Ohio Department of Education.

Blizzard Bag Plans for FY23-24 Must be Adopted Prior to August 1, 2023

Prior to August 1 of each school year, the governing authority of a community school that is not an internet or computer-based school, may adopt a plan to make up hours in that school year when it is necessary to close school. The plan explains how the school will make up the missed hours up to the equivalent of three scheduled days. Schools do not submit locally approved plans to the Ohio Department of Education. The adopted plan should include the written consent of the teachers' employee representative per Ohio Revised Code 4417.04 Division B.

Districts and schools may use blizzard bags only when it is necessary to close the school because of:

- Disease epidemic;
- Hazardous weather conditions;
- Law enforcement emergencies;
- Inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation;
- Damage to a school building; or
- Other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use.

Not later than the first day of November of the school year, each classroom teacher shall develop enough lessons for each course taught by the teacher that school year to cover the number of make-up hours specified in the plan. For more information on what is required to be in the plan, click [HERE](#).



Federal Programs - Preparing for the Summer

There are several year closing and school opening preparation activities to be mindful of this summer related to Federal Programs:

- Complete all self-surveys from ODE Monitoring Tool including ARP ESSER and ESSER surveys also that need to be completed.
- Must send out staff surveys on professional development needs and parent surveys on Title IV and Title I programs. This ensures staff and parents are given an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.
- To use part of the FY23 allocation for summer school after June 30th, you must submit a request to extend the funds across fiscal years for the purpose of summer school or programs. The request can be done in the grant history log. Be sure and include a statement that the Final Expenditure Report will be completed by 8/30/23.
- Must complete your federal grant applications by June 30th. ODE approves these in the order they are received. The longer you wait to submit your application, the less time you will have to encumber the funds. For example, if you send your application in on October 1st, the period to use these funds during this fiscal year is October 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, rather than July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Keep in mind that even though you have 27 months to expend FY24 funds, the federal government prefers that the funds be used to benefit the students in the year the funds were received.
- Keep all documents that serve as evidence for expenses with federal funds in a binder in case the school is audited. Remember schools must keep documentation for five years beyond the availability date of the funds. Since federal grant funds are available for 27 months, this means FY23 Documentation should be kept until FY30.
- Set reminders in your FY24 calendar to post opportunities for parent participation in Title programs and IDEA Special Education. These opportunities are required annually.
- This is the last year for the ARP ESSER funds. Please make sure to use the funds prior to their expiration.
- Create the school's professional development calendar.

If you have any questions about Federal Programs, please contact: nsherman@charterschoolspec.com or call at 740-607-9174.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE KEY!



On May 4, 2023, Buckeye Community School partnered with Columbia Gas of Ohio for their Career Day Open House in Marion. The partnership was created and piloted as a twofold endeavor. Not only were the students of Buckeye introduced to Columbia Gas and a portion of their working departments, but Columbia Gas was also able to diversify and begin creating a lasting community centered partnership with schools in Ohio.

Students were introduced to several career paths at Columbia Gas of Ohio with hands-on demonstrations that helped the students get a look at the work they do to provide safe, reliable energy to customers and communities. The following careers were highlighted:

- Engineering
- Customer Care
- Welding
- 811- Dig Safe
- Meter and Regulation
- Operations
- Construction
- Damage Prevention
- Communications

Columbia Gas of Ohio offers entry-level positions, internships, apprenticeships, and leadership development programs. Students were given an overview of the comprehensive benefits package offered to employees that included competitive salaries, health insurance, and retirement plans. The students learned about the diverse work environment and commitment to employee well-being.

This Career Day Open House is the first of many group events that will take place between Buckeye Community Schools and Columbia Gas. Amber Wright and Eric Baugher, intervention specialists at Buckeye Community Schools, will be working closely with Columbia Gas to create real-world experiences for all their students.

[CLICK HERE](#) To Learn 4 Ways to Strengthen High School CTE Programs Through Partnerships

LITERACY CORNER

As part of Charter School Specialists' initiative to support schools in addressing early literacy achievement and improving literacy outcomes, below is some information on upcoming Literacy events to be hosted by CSS, ODE, and State Support Team Region 5.

Literacy Improvement Pathway Professional Development Sessions Hosted by State Support Team Region 5

State Support Team Region 5 is hosting a free four-part series as part of their Literacy Improvement Pathway training. These sessions are designed for literacy leaders in all components of education for Grades K-5. The Literacy Improvement Pathway is based on the work of Dr. Timothy Shanahan and the sessions are being hosted by Michelle Ella, VP of the Ohio Reading League and Ohio Literacy Lead for State Support Team Region 5, and Carolyn Turner, Ohio Literacy Lead for State Support Team Region 5. The sessions offered are as follows:

- Session 2 What to Teach, Instructional Materials - Monday June 12th, 2023, 12pm to 3pm
- Session 3 Assessment, Intervention - Tuesday June 13th, 2023, 12pm to 3pm
- Session 4 Professional Learning, Motivation, Families - Tuesday June 20th, 2023, 12pm to 3pm

For more information on this series, please reach out to Molly Chase at mchase@charterschoolspec.com.

2023 Literacy Academy Hosted by ODE

ODE is hosting a one-day in-person Literacy Academy on Thursday June 8th, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Columbus. ODE's Literacy Academy is geared towards providing professional development to aid the use of evidence-based language and literacy practices. Registration is free for this event. Participants will take part in sessions on early literacy instruction aligned to Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement and the Science of Reading. An agenda of the day's events along with additional information can be found on ODE's website. If you have any questions about registration for this event, please reach out to Molly Chase at mchase@charterschoolspec.com.

Suicide Prevention Funding Opportunity

Schools, school partners, youth-led groups, not-for-profit organizations and government organizations can [apply for \\$3,000 to \\$18,000 to support expansion of certain suicide prevention programs](#). Proposals are due July 10.

Apply for Limited 3rd Round of Comprehensive Literacy State Development Subgrant

The Department announces a limited [third-round competition for the Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant](#). Applications are due June 7.