



SPONSOR CONNECTION

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Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools

Reminders

- 6/3: Restraint & Seclusion collection opens
- 6/3-5: CSS Literacy Academy
- 6/7: CSS Ohio Classical Academy Conference
- 6/30: Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid and Student Wellness and Success Funds Report Due
- 6/30: Final Deadline to have open mtgs & public records trng completed and sent to sponsor
- 6/30: Final deadline for board members to have signed COI/disclosures to sponsor
- 6/26: DOPR report designation applications due to sponsor
- 7/1: Annual Emergency Plan Certification due in safety plan system
- 8/1: Online Day Plan to be adopted (doesn't apply to online or blended schools)
- 8/1: Deadline to notify districts if wanting to take over transportation
- 8/1: T2 report due for schools receiving funding for transportation
- 8/2: Restraint & Seclusion collection closes



CSS Professional Development Offerings

<https://charterschoolspec.com/professional-development-catalog/>

Charter School Specialists will be hosting the 2024 Literacy Academy from June 3-6 in Central Ohio. The event will be focused on the Science of Reading in both K-12 and DOPR schools.

To RSVP for this event, please click on the link below to complete the RSVP form:

[Charter School Specialists Literacy Academy](#)



Ohio Classical Academy Conference

Charter School Specialists will be hosting the first annual Ohio Classical Academy Conference on Friday, June 7.

This free conference is designed for school leaders, board counsel, board liaisons, and/or board members of a CSS sponsored Classical Academy.

Join us, Senator Andrew Brenner, representatives from the Department of Education and Workforce, and fellow Classical Academy leaders for an interactive & educational day, diving into topics that matter to YOU, including:

- Establishing a Classical Culture
- Recruiting mission-suitable leadership, staff, and faculty
- Opening & Early-Phase Operations
- Additional Funding Options, Transportation, Attendance, & Admissions
- Benefits of the Classical Association
- And, so much more!

[Click Here to Sign Up and Save Your Seat!](#)

Conference Location

X Church
6600 Bigerton Bend
Canal Winchester, 43110
9am - 4pm

[Click Here for the conference Agenda](#)

Hearing and Vision

This is a reminder that schools are required to provide parents with the school's Hearing and Vision Screening Program prior to August 1.

[Click HERE for information on free training provided by Ohio Department of Health.](#)

Meet Lori Hawk, Our Newest Team Member!



CSS welcomes our newest team member, Lori Hawk. She joins the Compliance Team as the project manager assistant.

Lori is a Tennessee native, who has called Central Ohio home for nearly 20 years. In that time, she has served in a variety of industries, most recently as the Director of Operations for a national business coaching firm.

Her expertise in process improvement, workflow management, and quality control is a valuable asset to the CSS Compliance Team. She creates efficiencies and organizational accountability that enable teams to thrive and grow. As a life-long learner, Lori is also passionate about holistic wellness, hiking, and teaching yoga. Her favorite pastime is spending time outdoors with friends and family, including her 8 nieces and nephews.

We are thrilled to have Lori and the expertise she brings to the team.

Governor DeWine Signs Bill Requiring Ohio schools to Create Cellphone Policies



Last week, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed [House Bill 250, which will require every school district in Ohio to establish an official policy governing cellphone usage](#) during school hours and seeks to minimize student use of cellphones in K-12 schools.

Ohio School Safety Summit Registration Now Open

The Ohio School Safety Center is pleased to announce that [registration](#) for the 2024 Ohio School Safety Summit July 31-Aug. 1 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center is now available.

This summit will provide an opportunity to foster cross-discipline conversations regarding student safety and wellness. Conference presentations and training opportunities will include experts in each of the following critical areas: physical security, emergency management, mental health, school climate, suicide prevention, critical incident response, cyber safety, transportation, and threat assessment.

This event is free and open to the public. Additional details like the speaker list and agenda, hotel blocks, and parking, are available on the [summit website](#).



Department of
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Annual Restraint and Seclusion Data Collection

The annual restraint and seclusion data collection for the 2023-2024 school year will begin June 3 and close Aug. 2.

[Directions](#) for completing the data collection, [frequently asked questions](#), and additional guidance and forms are available on the Department's [restraint and seclusion webpage](#).

Send questions to:

PBIS_Restraint_Seclusion_Questions@education.ohio.gov.



Advancing To Greatness At Lake Erie International High School

Career readiness and relevant, interactive academics are synonymous with Lake Erie International High School (LEIHS). A long-established fixture near downtown Cleveland, Ohio, this school has been the center of learning for thousands of students throughout the years. LEIHS ushered countless students through a successful journey to earn a high school diploma, and its Career Technical Education programming fostered the flourishing of gainful employment by providing students with valuable skills in the

trades.

Chasing advancement, Lake Erie International High School has recently finalized the procurement of a larger, contemporary building, located merely one block down the street at 11728 Detroit Avenue. This conveniently situated building has an impressive design, conducive to workforce development. The new face of LEIHS will embrace unconventionality and modernism, and students will deepen their Partnerships in education, through collaborative academics, infused with career cultivation.

LEIHS' new home, the former North Coast College, boasts of 24,173 square feet to accommodate hands-on educational opportunities, such as project-based learning and expanded CTE programs. The school will also serve as a central location for existing and future community partnerships to address the holistic needs of students.

The modernity of this building unveils the limitless potential of a boundless educational experience. This school is turning the page of a historic and successful past and embarking upon the authorship of a new chapter, chronicling many achievements to come. Lake Erie International High School is truly the place "Where Legends are Made and Dreams are Achieved!"



Innovation Academy West: A School Living Up To Its Name

Once known as West Preparatory Academy, a conventional kindergarten through eighth grade school occupied a quaint neighborhood in the heart of a Cleveland, Ohio. A promising school with a determined spirit, West Prep aspired to unite community stakeholders around a common purpose and integrate innovation and academics to create an elevated educational experience. The school endeavored to spark enthusiasm for learning in each student who entered its doors.

It was time to transcend the norm and ignite a passion that would grow into a blazing, transformative movement to change the face of the school and re-introduce it to the community. Innovation Academy West (IAW) is manifesting its name through the advancement of technology and creativity through the school's STEAM program.

In 2023, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) allocated grant funding to seven high performing community schools for the purpose of improving the schools' facilities. Innovation Academy West was one of the recipients of this \$1 million grant award. The honorable recognition and financial support further propelled the school's goal to be an academic and community change agent.

In pursuit of achievement, IAW is making a bold statement in the Cleveland community with the construction of a new 7500 sq. ft. multi-purpose facility. This new edifice will accommodate the school's STEAM lab, host sports and community events and be the premier place for physical education, school assemblies and graduations. The Board of Directors and the community united to show solidarity and support for this exciting new project. Innovation Academy West will not only enhance its services to its students, but also become a community hub, bridging the gap between the school and resident stakeholders. This is the school where "Innovation Creates Leaders!"

Legal Department

Contract Modification Requirements

As summer approaches and schools begin to think about operations for the 2024-2025 school year, we want to remind you of the contract modification process. Any modification to the contract, or its attachments will follow the procedures below. Examples of what would trigger a contract modification are:

- Changing the name of the school
- Adding or changing the grades/ages served at the school
- Changing the by-laws of the school
- Updating a comparison school
- Adding an annex or satellite location to the school
- Changing the location of the school
- Updating the Lease agreement/changing the lease terms
- Changes to the management agreement or management company of the school
- Updating the Management agreement
- Changes to the Education Plan
- Changing the internal financial controls of the school

The school must submit a request for a contract modification and provide any supporting documentation directly to Angie Mann, Legal Project Manager at amann@charterschoolspec.com.

The supporting documentation must include a signed resolution by the Governing Authority approving the change. Charter School Specialists will review the request and supporting documentation and determine if any additional information is needed. If the request is approved, Charter School Specialists will submit the updated charter agreement and supporting documents to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW).

If the contract modification includes any of the following attachments: *Bylaws, Management Agreement, Education Plan or Internal Financial Controls*, a new comprehensive plan must also be approved by the Governing Authority and submitted directly to Angie Mann.

End of the Year Compilation Reports

As we close out the 2023-24 school year, Charter School Specialists is again excited to provide an End of the Year Compilation Report for each school sponsored by St. Aloysius. These reports will be provided in June/July. The report will again include reports previously provided to each governing authority throughout the school year – such as the OAR report, annual report and any CAP information (if applicable). The report will also include final summary reports which have not previously been provided, like the college and career readiness report(if applicable), special education report, a federal funds summary and the final compliance report. We are asking that each school review the report at a governing authority meeting. Our hope is that board members along with other stakeholders find this to be a useful tool and resource to identify and continue excellent practices and possibly focus attention on any identified opportunities for improvement in the next school year.

If you have any questions about the reports, please feel free to contact Brian Dunbar at bdunbar@charterschoolspec.com.



Even though the school year is coming to a close, there are still several activities that need to be done during June. Here are some June reminders taken from the recent CCIP note.

REMINDER ABOUT SUMMER EXTENSION REQUESTS

Schools wishing to use federal funds for costs associated with supplemental programming for the summer months (July 1st to September 30th) according to their FY24 Consolidated application budget may submit a summer extension request. The extension allows the school to spend FY24 funds after the state’s fiscal year end on June 30th.

Any summer expenditures reported under this request must be included on the LEA’s FY24 Final Expenditure Report (FER) that is due September 30th. To submit a Summer Extension Request, an LEA must enter a History Log comment in CCIP containing the following information:

- A) The grants for which they are requesting the summer extension.
- B) The specific dates they are requesting beyond July 1st for the extension.
- C) A statement requesting summer extension for the purpose of summer programs and/or professional development.
- D) An assurance that the school will complete their FER by September 30th.

BUDGET REVISION DEADLINE

All FY24 budget revisions should have a CCIP status of Authorized Representative Approved by Friday, June 14, 2024. Federal guidelines state that funds should be used to benefit the students within the school year they are received. After June 14th, there would be little to no perceived benefit for students.

PROJECT CASH REQUEST (PCR) SYSTEM DATES

The state’s accounting system will stop processing payments in mid-June for its annual fiscal year-end closing procedures. Therefore, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce must adjust its timetable for approving project cash requests. To ensure timely payment, submit project cash requests to the Office of Grants Management by 12 p.m., Friday, June 14, 2024. Funds can be requested to cover allowable expenses already incurred, as well as advance funds to cover FY24 expenses that will be paid through July 15, 2024.

If you have any questions about federal programs, please contact Nannette Sherman at nsherman@charterschoolspec.com.

**Rapback Transition
Coming Soon**



Prepare for Rapback Expansion

The State Board of Education is preparing to [enroll non-licensed staff members into the Rapback system](#). Schools are encouraged to take steps to assist staff in this process.



Literacy Updates: New Science of Reading pathway available and Third Grade Reading Guarantee Parent Request Exemption

Ohio’s [introductory course to the Science of Reading for K-12 administrators](#) is now available on the Department’s Learning Management System. School resources are available for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee parent request exemption.

DEW Literacy Academy

The Department’s seventh annual Literacy Academy is returning live and in-person on June 10-11, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. Registration will open in spring 2024. Please continue to check the Department’s [website](#) for additional information. Send questions to ReadOhio@education.ohio.gov.



**Department of
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Workforce**

**DEW Reminder: Dropout Prevention-
Designated Community Schools**

Dropout prevention and recovery schools must test students using the STAR assessment. All students enrolled for at least 13 weeks are expected to have tested twice in reading and mathematics. Administration of the STAR assessment is a requirement for obtaining and maintaining the dropout prevention school designation.



**Increasing Student Access to Nutritious
Meals During Summer**

Ohioans can soon participate in a new federal program called the [Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer, also known as SUN Bucks](#), which provides cash grocery benefits to households with children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Districts and schools are important partners in identifying students who may be eligible to receive SUN Bucks benefits.