



# SPONSOR CONNECTION

## AUGUST 2024

### Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools

#### Reminders

- 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
- 8/2: Annual [restraint and seclusion data collection](#) submission window closes
- 8/31: T2 report due for schools receiving funding for transportation



#### **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.



#### **24-25 Governing Authority and School Leader Timeline**

<https://charterschoolspec.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Governing-Authority-and-School-Leader-Annual-Timeline-24-25.pdf>



#### **Congratulations to Cypress High School on Winning the Auditor of State Award!**

CSS would like to congratulate Cypress High School on being presented with the Auditor of State Award. The Auditor of State has about 6,000 clients in Ohio, and of those who are eligible, only about 14% receive this award!

Eligible entities that receive this award meet the following criteria of a “clean” audit report:

- The entity must file financial reports with the Auditor of State’s Office by the statutory due date, without extension, via the Hinkle System on the GAAP accounting basis.
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings, or questioned costs.
- The entity’s management letter contains no comments related to:
  - Ethics referrals
  - Questioned costs less than the threshold per Uniform Guidance
  - Lack of timely report submission
  - Bank reconciliation issues
  - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance
  - Findings for recovery less than \$500
  - Public meetings or public records issues
- The entity has no other financial or other concerns.



#### **Transportation Complaint and Compliance System**

With back-to-school just around the corner, yellow school buses will begin taking students to and from school. The Department of Education and Workforce updated its complaint and compliance system. Additional information and access to the compliant form is available [here](#).

Community schools are urged to be in regular communication with districts transporting their students, making sure that families are requesting transportation in a timely manner.

Back-to-school is also the time when families may receive declarations of impracticality. Determinations of impracticality are student specific. Districts must consider six factors and provide a detailed explanation to parents regarding how the decision was made. Parents may request mediation and decline the payment in lieu of transporting



#### **Meet John Sorvillo, CSS' new Director of College and Career Readiness**

Please help us welcome our newest School Improvement Team member, John Sorvillo. With over a decade of experience in education, John has held various roles as a teacher and administrator across public, charter, and residential schools. He earned his Bachelor’s degree from Youngstown State University and his Master’s degree in Education from Jones International University.

Driven by his passion for helping at-risk kids, John is dedicated to providing pathways to healthier lives for

their children. If mediation is requested, districts must provide transportation while the matter of impracticality is being decided.

Additional information about impracticality and payment in lieu is available [here](#).

students through career and technology education, with a keen interest in advanced and additive manufacturing. Residing in McDonald, Ohio, with his wife and two sons, John enjoys spending his spare time working with his 3D printers, coaching youth sports, and being with his family.



## Inventory

As schools prepare for the return of students, it is also a great time to complete an inventory of items that were purchased with federal funds. Schools that accept federal funds must conduct a physical inventory of items at least once every two years. Please take a moment to ensure that your school is compliant and that you have records to show the date of the last physical inventory. Items that have a per unit value of \$5000 or more and were purchased with federal funds must be listed on the inventory. Also, any items that are easily pilfered must also be put on the inventory (example: iPads). There are several required categories for the column headers on inventory sheets. Click on the link for an example of an inventory sheet that contains all the federally required components ([Example 1 Inventory.xlsx](#)).

## One Plans

Cohort 1 schools should be receiving notification if their One Plans have been agency approved. We have been told that this year any school (Cohorts 1-3) that does not have an approved One Plan will not receive final approval of their federal grant applications. Some Cohort 2 and 3 schools had their One Plans returned last year but have not corrected them and sent back to DEW for approval. Please take a moment to check on the status of your One Plan and ensure that it has been agency approved. Note: Schools that opened this year will complete the New Community Schools Checklist. This checklist is being updated and should be available by mid-August from DEW. Schools that were newly opened last year will review their progress and contact their Office of Federal Programs specialist or consultant.

Please make sure that your staff receive a copy of your One Plan. The One Plan is now the plan that has the school improvement goals. It is important that staff understand the evidence-based strategies that are being used at the school. These evidence-based strategies are incorporated into the One Plan. School staff should be able to articulate the goals and strategies of the plan. To paraphrase a quote from Brian Tracy's book, "Maximum Achievement: Strategies and Skills that Will Unlock Your Hidden Powers to Succeed," to meet a target or goal, you must be able to see the goal.

## Moving to a Schoolwide Title I Program

If your school was operating under a Title I targeted assistance program, please consider moving to a schoolwide Title I program. The main advantage of a schoolwide Title I program is that the funds can be used to benefit all the students and not just the students receiving Title I services. A schoolwide Title I program allows the school to create a robust program and can become an integral part of the school's Multi-Tiered System of Supports. Schools wanting to move to a schoolwide program should enter a History Log note in the CCIP stating the intention to move to a schoolwide program. The school also needs to form a committee of stakeholders that will meet during this year and create a plan for the schoolwide program.

If you have any questions about federal programs, or need technical assistance with revising your school's One Plan, please contact Nannette Sherman at [nsherman@charterschoolspec.com](mailto:nsherman@charterschoolspec.com).



## Build My Future

This is a one-day event for junior and high schools students to explore construction careers.

When: October 10, 2024

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Where: Molly Claren Agricultural Center  
135 St Route 38 NE, London, OH 43140

Click on the flyer for full details



## REMINDER: Emergency Management Test (EMT) due by December 31st

Each calendar year between January 1 and December 31st, schools are required to complete an EMT and enter their data into the School Safety Plans portal. To complete:

1. Complete a Tabletop, Functional, or Full-Scale EMT. See our website (<https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/emergency-management-test>) for additional helpful information.
2. Log into the School Safety Plans portal at <https://apps.dps.ohio.gov/oss/>.
3. Find the Emergency Management Test (EMT) column and click on Complete by December 31st.
4. Click on the blue Add New EMT button located in the top-right.
5. Fill in the data fields and click save. Additional help documents are available within the portal.

If you have questions, contact the Ohio School Safety Center at [OhioSchoolSafetyCenter@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioSchoolSafetyCenter@dps.ohio.gov) or (614) 644-2641.