



**Agenda for Regular Governing Board Meeting  
September 17, 2024, commencing at 1:30 P.M.**

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**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

The Governing Board of the Greater Ohio Virtual School met in a regular business session at the Warren County ESC Board Room in Lebanon on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 and was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

**PRESENT: Dr. Mike Sander, Mr. Tom Isaacs, Mr. Randy Gebhardt**

**Absent: Mr. Larry Hook, Mr. Pat Dubbs**

Also In Attendance: Scott Wilson, Warren County ESC, Katie Brown, Warren County ESC and Frank Stoy, Charter School Specialists

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**2) VISITOR(S) TO BOARD:**

- A. No requests for public comments to discuss non-agenda items.
  - B. Public comments on agenda items.
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**3) TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer recommends approval of the following items:**

- A. The minutes of the August 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.
  - B. The treasurer's Financial Reports were approved as presented.
    - 1) Cash Summary Report (August 2024)
    - 2) Cash Flow Statement (August 2024)
    - 3) Final Appropriations (August 2024)
    - 4) Disbursement Summary Report (August 2024)
  - C. The monthly Financial Report was approved as presented.
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**4) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Executive Director recommends approval of the following items:**

- A. The enrollment/Graduate/Documented Hours Update was approved as presented.
- B. The 2023-2024 School Report Card Review was approved as presented.
- C. The update of School Improvement Plan/One Plan was approved as presented.
- D. The legislative Update was approved as presented.
- E. The 2024-2025 updated Graduates were approved as presented.
- F. The Employment Resignation was approved as presented.

G. Last Name	First Name	Department	Last Day
Tenhundfeld	Andrea	Workforce Development Coordinator	9/20/2024

Mr. Lenney reported that the school enrollment has reached 531 students and should exceed 600 students by the end of September. There have been four graduates to date for the school year.

**5) SPONSORSHIP REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSION AND UPDATES:**

Frank Stoy from Charter School Specialists reported a shortage of Intervention Specialists. He also congratulated Mr. Lenney on the Local Report Card Performance of GOVS.

**6) OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1) (2024-022) RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AGENDA IN ONE MOTION**

The motion was made by Mr. Isaacs and seconded by Dr. Sander to approve the agenda items as presented in one motion.

**VOTE: Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Sander, Mr. Gebhardt**

**NAY: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2) (2024-023) ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Mr. Isaacs and seconded by Mr. Gebhardt to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

**VOTE: Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Sander, Mr. Gebhardt**

**NAY: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Mike Sander

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Cary Furniss

AGENDA ITEM 3B 1-4  
BOARD ACTION NEEDED  
TREASURER

The Treasurer recommends that the Governing Board approves the following Financial Reports:

- 1) Cash Flow Statement (August 2024)
- 2) Final Appropriations (August 2024)
- 3) Cash Summary Report (August 2024)
- 4) Disbursement Summary Report (August 2024)

**Greater Ohio Virtual School  
Cash Flow Statement - All Funds  
FY 2025**

As of August 31, 2024

Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>Beginning Cash on Hand</b>	3,395,814	3,449,187	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488	3,408,488
<b>Revenue</b>												
1200 - tuition	-4,158	-4,127										
1400 - interest	15,276	15,322										
1700 - student fees	0	0										
1800 - charges for services	0	28										
1900 - other student fees	670	0										
3100 - state unrestricted	287,801	286,487										
3200 - state restricted	13,248	13,120										
4200 - federal	31,188	32,008										
5300 - refund prior yr	0	7,120										
<b>Sub-total Revenue</b>	<b>324,026</b>	<b>349,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
5100 - transfers	2,830	1,473										
5200 - advance	0	0										
<b>Sub-total Advances / Transfers</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Revenue	326,856	351,431	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Available Cash</b>	<b>3,722,670</b>	<b>3,800,618</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>
<b>Expenses</b>												
100 - salary	154,599	119,937										
200 - benefits	46,476	58,109										
400 - purchased services	14,580	165,360										
500 - supplies	12,765	12,102										
600 - equipment	0	0										
800 - other	17,762	10,677										
<b>Sub-total Expenses</b>	<b>246,182</b>	<b>366,184</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
800 - transfers/advances/Refunds	27,301	25,945										
<b>Sub-total Advances / Transfers</b>	<b>27,301</b>	<b>25,945</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Expenses	273,483	392,129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>3,449,187</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>	<b>3,408,488</b>
Variance Month to Month	53,373	-40,698	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Variance Fiscal Year	53,373	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674	12,674
<b>Difference from Beginning Cash</b>												<b>12,674</b>



**Greater Ohio Virtual School  
CASHSUM**

FUND-SCC	Description	Initial Cash	MID Received	FYTD Received	MID Expended	FYTD Expended	Fund Balance	Encumbrance	Unencumbered Balance
001-0000	GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL	\$ 3,406,858.19	\$ 317,950.07	\$ 610,787.28	\$ 351,541.91	\$ 570,047.20	\$ 3,447,598.27	\$ 1,721,601.52	\$ 1,725,996.75
001-9002	TERMINATION BENEFITS FUND	20,139.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,139.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
507-9624	ARP HOMELESS TARGETED SUPPORT FY24	0.00	9,160.84	9,160.84	0.00	9,160.84	0.00	839.16	(839.16)
516-9924	IDEA-B FY24	(18,258.39)	16,939.36	35,197.75	11,036.62	27,976.16	(11,036.80)	0.00	(11,036.80)
516-9925	IDEA-B FY25	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,798.53	4,798.53	(4,798.53)	0.00	(4,798.53)
536-9925	Title I Non Competitive FY25	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,818.18	11,818.18	(11,818.18)	118,181.82	(130,000.00)
551-9924	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	5.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.03	5.03	0.00
572-9024	EOEC Non Competitive FY24	(1,445.45)	0.00	1,445.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
572-9025	EOEC Non Competitive FY25	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,409.09	5,409.09	(5,409.09)	54,090.91	(59,500.00)
572-9924	TITLE I FY24	(6,484.64)	5,907.40	12,600.52	6,051.62	11,959.02	(5,843.14)	0.00	(5,843.14)
584-9024	STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT	(5,000.00)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
584-9924	TITLE IV-A FY24	0.00	809.50	2,278.34	809.50	2,301.24	(22.90)	0.00	(22.90)
590-9924	TITLE II FY24	0.00	663.86	1,816.38	663.86	2,001.96	(185.58)	0.00	(185.58)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,395,814.71</b>	<b>\$ 351,431.03</b>	<b>\$ 678,286.56</b>	<b>\$ 392,129.31</b>	<b>\$ 665,612.19</b>	<b>\$ 3,408,489.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,895,718.44</b>	<b>\$ 1,512,770.64</b>

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Check Number	Date	Name	Amount	Status	Reconcile Date	Void Date	Reference Number
0	8/30/2024	MEMO-PNC BANK	\$ 544.64	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13661
0	8/28/2024	Southwest Ohio EPC	23,459.63	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13652
0	8/28/2024	MEMO ST ALOYSIUS	7,497.59	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13654
0	8/28/2024	STATE TEACHERS RET. SYSTEM	1,849.36	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13656
134011	8/28/2024	OAFSA	125.00	OUTSTANDING			13644
0	8/28/2024	MEMO COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS	310.39	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13659
134006	8/28/2024	Embold Inc.	1,500.00	RECONCILED	8/28/2024		13641
134008	8/28/2024	Lenney, Shawn	653.25	RECONCILED	8/28/2024		13642
0	8/28/2024	Southwest Ohio EPC	1,413.27	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13650
0	8/28/2024	MEMO-PNC BANK	891.33	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13660
0	8/28/2024	LEBANON-CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK	1,914.89	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13653
134005	8/28/2024	AMERICAN FIDELITY	1,047.38	OUTSTANDING			13645
0	8/28/2024	School Employees Ret. System	3,991.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13657
0	8/28/2024	UNUM Life	104.50	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13651
0	8/28/2024	MEMO LCNB	102.05	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13658
134010	8/28/2024	Montgomery County ESC	321.46	OUTSTANDING			13647
134007	8/28/2024	Kaleidoscope Learning, Inc.	12,840.00	RECONCILED	8/28/2024		13648
134009	8/28/2024	MINUTEMAN PRESS	167.06	RECONCILED	8/28/2024		13646
0	8/28/2024	STATE TEACHERS RETIRE. SYSTEM	25,376.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13649
134004	8/28/2024	Amazon Capital Services	997.46	OUTSTANDING			13643
0	8/28/2024	MEMO Ohio Dept of Education	24,471.46	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13655
133994	8/14/2024	Amazon Capital Services	865.25	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13631
134003	8/14/2024	World Risk Management	950.00	RECONCILED	8/16/2024		13639
134001	8/14/2024	VERIZON WIRELESS	5,603.64	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13633
133995	8/14/2024	Waterco of the Central States	64.47	RECONCILED	8/16/2024		13638
133998	8/14/2024	JEFFERSON COUNTY ESC/VLA	194.30	RECONCILED	8/16/2024		13635
134002	8/14/2024	WARREN COUNTY ESC	98,371.85	RECONCILED	8/16/2024		13630
133999	8/14/2024	Neola, Inc.	795.00	RECONCILED	8/16/2024		13634
133997	8/14/2024	InfoSource LLC	6,327.30	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13636
133996	8/14/2024	ENNIS BRITTON CO., LPA	59.00	RECONCILED	8/16/2024		13637
134000	8/14/2024	SPEEDWAY LLC	10,008.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13632

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Check Number	Date	Name	Amount	Status	Reconcile Date	Void Date	Reference Number
133986	8/2/2024	FRESHWORKS INC	\$ 588.00	RECONCILED	8/2/2024		13626
133990	8/2/2024	Southwest Ohio Council	6,034.17	RECONCILED	8/2/2024		13625
133992	8/2/2024	VERIZON WIRELESS	5,864.98	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13618
133988	8/2/2024	SC Strategic Solutions, LLC	5,347.50	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13623
133985	8/2/2024	Finalsite	2,750.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13619
133993	8/2/2024	Women Walking West, Inc.	5,000.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13622
133987	8/2/2024	Peters Kalail & Markakis LPA	7,000.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13628
133991	8/2/2024	US Bank Equipment Finance	2,704.57	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13620
133983	8/2/2024	AMERICAN FIDELITY	9.48	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13624
133984	8/2/2024	Cox Ohio Publishing	103.68	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13627
133989	8/2/2024	SCHOOL INSURANCE CONSULTS, LLC	2,500.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2024		13621
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 270,718.91</b>				



The Treasurer recommends that the Governing Board approves the following Monthly Financial Report:



Greater Ohio Virtual School

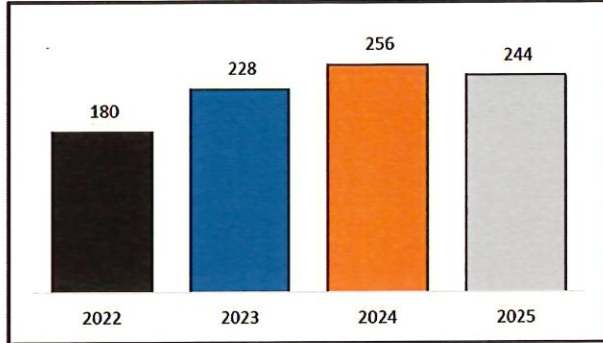
# Monthly Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2025 - July to August

## Cash Balance Analysis

Monthly cash flow helps explain the timing of revenue and expenditures in the current fiscal year and over several fiscal years. This snapshot is designed to demonstrate three key cash balance indicators - 1) Days of cash on-hand at year end, 2) Cash balance as % of Revenue, 3) Monthly cash balances. The data reflected is as of August 31st for each respective year.

### Calendar Days of Cash on Hand



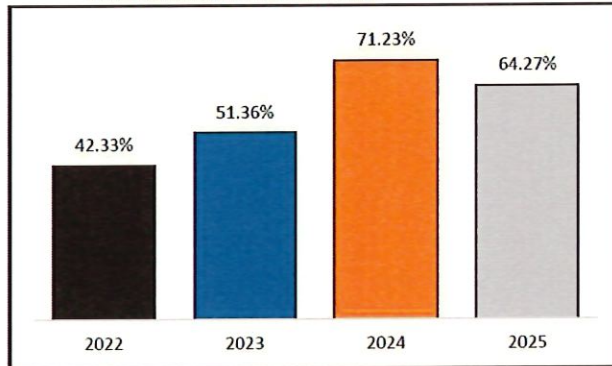
GOVS completed June 2024, with 245 days of operating cash on hand.

### Ending Cash Balance at End of the Month

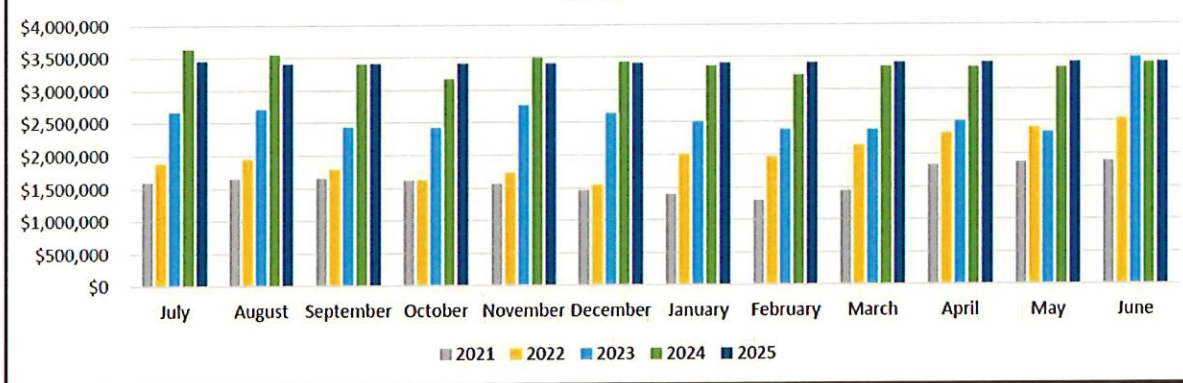
2022	\$1,941,949
2023	\$2,710,867
2024	\$3,542,095
2025	\$3,408,486

Cash balance as a % of revenue can help the organization to understand the amount of revenue change that could be buffered by one-time cash balance reserves.

### Cash Balance as % of Revenue



### Fiscal Year -- End of Month Cash Balance (\$000)



Cash balances can fluctuate significantly within a fiscal year. The lowest cash balance of \$1,296,240 occurred in February 2021. The highest cash balance position was \$3,887,299 and that occurred at January 31, 2019.

**ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR**

	Actual Revenue Collections For July to August	Prior Year Revenue For July to August	Actual Compared to Last Year
Local Revenue	(7,587)	(3,764)	▼ (3,823)
Interest	30,598	31,515	▼ (917)
State Revenue	580,656	506,986	▲ 73,670
Federal Revenue	63,196	134,373	▼ (71,176)
All Other Revenue	11,423	11,050	▲ 373
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>678,287</b>	<b>680,160</b>	<b>▼ (1,873)</b>

Compared to the same period, total revenue are **\$(1,873)** Lower than the previous year

Revenues after two (2) months are \$(1,873) lower than July 2023. The financials will continue to reflect the transition away from pandemic funding with reductions in Federal Revenue over the course of the fiscal year.

**ACTUAL EXPENSES THROUGH AUGUST COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR**

	Actual Expenses For July to August	Prior Year Expenditures For July to August	Actual Compared to Last Year
Salaries and Benefits	379,121	268,167	▲ 110,954
Purchased Services	179,940	171,183	▲ 8,757
Supplies	24,867	104,629	▼ (79,762)
Capital	-	-	-
All Other Expenses	81,685	71,633	▲ 10,053
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>665,613</b>	<b>615,611</b>	<b>▲ 50,002</b>

Compared to the same period, total expenditures are **\$50,002** Higher than the previous year

Expenditures are \$50,002 higher than last year at the same point. The current fiscal year does include a one-time expenditure of severance pay for a retiring staff member that is included in the salary and benefits line item.

**FISCAL YEAR 2024 FORECAST TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FOR REVENUE**

	Annual Forecast Estimate	Projected Annual Cash Estimate		Actual Compared to Cash Flow
Local Revenue	57,000	44,231	▼	(12,769)
Interest	100,000	150,598	▲	50,598
State Revenue	4,445,209	4,441,340	▼	(3,869)
Federal Revenue	350,308	353,305	▲	2,997
All Other Revenue	2,000	13,241	▲	11,241
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,954,517</b>	<b>5,002,716</b>	<b>▲</b>	<b>48,199</b>

Compared to forecast, revenue cash flows are **\$48,199** Higher than forecast

Compared to the May Forecast, revenues are \$48,199 higher than anticipated. Interest rates are higher than anticipated resulting in more interest revenue.

**FISCAL YEAR 2024 FORECAST TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FOR EXPENSES**

	Annual Forecast Estimate	Projected Annual Cash Estimate		Actual Compared to Cash Flow
Salaries and Benefits	2,949,767	2,959,121	▲	9,354
Purchased Services	1,700,000	1,699,940	▼	(60)
Supplies	237,448	233,139	▼	(4,309)
Capital	5,200	5,000	▼	(200)
All Other Expenses	381,314	386,523	▲	5,209
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,273,729</b>	<b>5,283,723</b>	<b>▲</b>	<b>9,994</b>

Compared to forecast, expenditure cash flows are **\$9,994** Higher than forecast

Spending after two (2) months is higher than forecast, but that is primarily due to timing differences with the payment of invoices .



## SPONSOR CONNECTION GRADUATION EDITION SEPTEMBER 2024

Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools

### Reminders

- 9/6: Window closes for Fiscal Year 2024 report card data review and verification (Superintendents)
- 9/10-12: Register to attend Ohio Assessment Conference
- 9/16: Fall Dropout Prevention and Recovery community schools extended Ohio's State Tests window opens
- 10/23: Register to attend KRA-R Data Manager - Closedown webinar
- 10/31: Final deadline - Board approved School Annual reports due to parents/students and sponsor
- 10/31: Final deadline - Board approved Annual Budgets due in epicenter by sponsor



### 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>



### Welcome CSS' Newest Compliance Team Member, Katie Frank

Meet our newest member, Katie Frank. We are thankful to have Katie as part of the Compliance team. A native of Northwest Ohio, Katie is a proud alumna of an Ohio charter school, which has inspired her dedication to advancing charter school development. With extensive experience in school-based operations across multiple states, including Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania, she is excited to be working on the Compliance Team with various schools throughout the Central and NW Ohio regions. Katie has received a BFA from Wright State University and her professional background also spans operations and development in educational non-profits and sales environments. Outside of work, she enjoys outdoor activities, attending movies, and reading.

### SPONSOR CONNECTION TRIVIA CORNER TEASER

Beginning in October, the Sponsor Connection Newsletter will have a new section titled, **Governing Authority Member Trivia Corner**. In this section of the newsletter we will pose questions to our readers, and any current Governing Authority Member may submit answers to the questions. Any Governing Authority Member that is able to answer all of the trivia questions correctly for the month will be entered into the monthly drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Stay tuned for next month's Trivia Corner section.



### Congratulations to the SY 2023-2024 Graduates!

Graduation is the culmination of many years of work for our students. They have experienced both success and setback and have persevered through it all to achieve their ultimate goal. This achievement wouldn't be possible without the support of their teachers, administrators, board members, management companies and community stakeholders. It is a cliché, but it truly takes a village to raise a child. There are so many dedicated individuals who play a role in this sometime arduous but ever rewarding process. St. Aloysius and Charter School Specialists would like to thank every person who plays a role in helping these students on their way to a healthy and productive future!

### Graduation Highlights:

- AchievePoint Career Academy - 61 graduates, 4 with scholarships
- Black River Career Prep HS - 38 graduates, 4 early grads and 547.75 credit earned
- Buckeye Community School - 107 graduates
- Buckeye Community School Fremont - 17 graduates
- Buckeye Community School London - 82 graduates
- Buckeye Community School Marion - 116 graduates
- Capital City Career Prep HS - 30 graduates and 631.5 credits earned
- ChallengeU Ohio Community School - 2 graduates
- Cypress High School - 77 graduates
- Cliff Park High School - 72 graduates
- Fredrick Douglas High School - 102 graduates and 1743 credits earned
- Franklinton Prep High School - 101 graduates and 1316 credits earned
- Gateway Online Academy of Ohio - 290 graduates
- Gem City Career Prep HS - 35 graduates and 525.5 credits earned
- Glass City Academy - 119 graduates
- Greater Ohio Virtual School - 198 graduates
- Innovative Career Academy - 3 graduates
- Liberty High School - 100 graduates and 1415 credits earned
- Marshall High School - 82 graduates
- Mount Auburn Prep Academy - 18 graduates
- Northwoods Career Prep HS - 31 graduates and 445 credits earned
- Patriot Preparatory Academy - 25 graduates
- Queen City Career Prep High School - 1
- Randall Park HS - 56 graduates, 145 credentials earned and Most Improved School Award
- River Gate High School - 54 graduates
- Towpath Trail High School - 194 graduates and 612 credentials earned
- Westwood Preparatory Academy - 14 graduates
- YB Columbus CS - 87 graduates and 1301 credits earned

**NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RULES THAT MIGHT IMPACT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

In August of 2023, The National Labor Relations Board published a revision to the standard that was in place to evaluate employer work rules that were being challenged as unlawful under the National Labor Relations Act. The rules being challenged under this standard are rules that could be implemented by an employer to prevent the unionization of its workers, to limit collective bargaining, or to revise policies regarding safety in the workplace. The new standard under Stericycle is that if the party challenging the rule shows that a rule/policy has a reasonable tendency to chill employees from exercising their rights, then the rule is presumed unlawful. The employer may overcome the presumption by proving that the rule advances a legitimate and substantial business interest, and that the employer is unable to advance these interests with a more narrowly tailored rule.

The National Labor Relations Board has also published a revised rule that was effective February 26, 2024, to replace the previous rule regarding Joint-Employer status. If employers are determined to be "joint employers," then both employers will be responsible for ensuring

safe working conditions, both will be liable for unfair labor practices, and both will be required to collectively bargain with a union. This means that if a management organization and a Governing Authority Board are determined to be joint employers, they will both be responsible for the working conditions, labor practices, and collective bargaining with the employees of the school.

For more information on either of these changes, please visit the [National Labor Relations Board website](#).



**Ohio Assessment Conference**

Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Office of Assessment will be hosting a virtual 2024-2025 Ohio Assessment Conference from Tuesday, September 10th to Thursday September 12th from 8:30am-12:30pm each day. Registration for this conference is free and all are welcome to attend. The conference will cover various topics and updates pertaining to Ohio's assessment programs. Although all are welcome, it is especially encouraged to have your school's test coordinators and other school administrators plan to attend. This conference will be held via Microsoft Teams with no in-person option available. For those who are unable to attend, this conference will be recorded and made available to view on [Ohio's State Test Portal](#) on a later date.

To register for this conference, please click on the link below and complete the registration form:

[2024-2025 Ohio Assessment Conference Registration](#)



**Professional Development Opportunity**

The Ohio Association of Administrators of State and Federal Education Programs (OAASFEP) will be holding their Fall 2024 Conference on October 28 - 29 at the Hilton Columbus Easton. This conference will also include a new director's workshop focusing on the federal requirements of the entitlement grants: (Title I, Title II-A, Title III, Title IV, IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act), ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education), Title I Non-Competitive, and EOEC (Expanding Opportunities for Every Child). The cost for the conference is \$550 which includes the Post Conference & Meals. To get more information and to register go to: <https://oaasfep.org/2024-fall-conference/>

**Compliance Highlights**

Starting this month and each month going forward we will highlight compliance areas for Federal Programs.

**Compliance Highlight 1: Title I Annual Parent/Family Engagement Meeting**

Title I requires schools to host an annual Title I Meeting for Parents. This meeting informs parents about the Title I program at the school and explains the requirements of this part, and the right of parents to be involved, and; (2) offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement. If the meeting is held during the typical family dinner time, Title I funds may be used to provide a light meal and refreshments. Funds may also be used to provide babysitting for children as needed to ensure parents are able to fully attend the meeting. Guidelines for the meeting and an agenda template can be found here: [Annual Title I Meeting & Agenda Template](#)

**Compliance Highlight 2: Opportunity for Public Comment-IDEA**

34 CFR Section 300.165 requires that the schools give the public an opportunity to comment on the Individuals with Disabilities Act program at the school. Schools must annually provide this opportunity and must advertise the time and location of the meeting. A copy of the advertisement should be kept by the school to serve as evidence of compliance.

- *300.165 Public participation. (a) Prior to the adoption of any policies and procedures needed to comply with Part B of the Act (including any amendments to those policies and procedures), the State must ensure that there are public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities.*

If you have any questions regarding federal programs, please contact [nsherman@charterschoolspec.com](mailto:nsherman@charterschoolspec.com).



## Oakmont/Forrester Education Prioritizes Literacy for Students

Oakmont Education, is an operator known for managing Drop Out Prevention and Recovery schools throughout Ohio, but did you also know they have a branch devoted to elementary education? Meet Forrester Education. This year, the company has focused intensely on developing and furthering literacy with students. Not only does each school have a specific improvement plan related to literacy, but the company has ensured that most staff have completed the Science of Reading training through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, well in advance of the July 31, 2025, deadline. In addition to this, Oakmont/Forrester has sent school leaders and English Language Arts teachers to a training with Charter School Specialists and has partnered with us to provide a full day training for most staff members across the company! This increased focus on literacy, specifically science-based development of literacy in all learners, will impact thousands of students across the state. Their commitment to not just graduating students, but graduating literate students is to be commended.



## 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.

## Special Education Professional Development and Opportunities

Charter School Specialists will be offering several opportunities to provide support and guidance for Special Education.

Virtual Professional Development—all sessions are 12:00-1:00:

- September 24, 2024 Getting Up To Speed, SPED Basics, and How CSS Monitors Special Education
- November 21, 2024 Special Education Profiles and Indicators, Meaningful Parent Participation, and Navigating Difficult IEP Meetings
- February 27, 2025 Discipline, Avoiding Costly Mistakes, and Corrective Action Plans
- April 24, 2025 To Be Determined

Special Education Virtual Office Hours will be held the first Tuesday of each month from 12:00-1:00. These informal sessions provide Directors of Special Education, Intervention Specialists, and Administrators the opportunity to discuss the latest news from The Department of Education and Workforce & the Office for Exceptional Children. They are an excellent opportunities to ask questions, learn from colleagues, and network.

September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6.

Please email Susan at [sscarponi@charterschoolspec.com](mailto:sscarponi@charterschoolspec.com) for the link to attend any of these sessions.



## YB Columbus Community School Standout Students

In a year marked by remarkable determination and resilience, Heaven Moore has proven that perseverance truly pays off. Recently graduating high school, Moore has not only secured her place at Wilberforce University to pursue a major in healthcare administration but has also embarked on a promising career path as a phlebotomist at Biolife Plasma. Her impressive achievements include earning phlebotomy and Patient Care Technician (PCT) certifications through Youthbuild Columbus. Despite facing initial challenges and uncertainties about graduation, Moore's unwavering dedication, coupled with the support of her AMP coach and dedicated staff, empowered her to overcome obstacles and thrive. As she steps into this new chapter of her life, her success story is a shining example of how resilience and hard work can lead to extraordinary accomplishments. We eagerly anticipate the continued impact she will make in the future and celebrate her exceptional journey thus far.

Patience Richards, a student in the healthcare program and working at our healthcare site, consistently exhibited a positive attitude and remained resolute in her pursuit of her goals, undeterred by any challenges. Over the summer, she secured a position with APPS, a recreational summer role aimed at giving back to the youth of Franklin County. Through numerous discussions, Patience revealed her passion for working with children and her desire to enter the childcare field. Youthbuild staff collaborated extensively on updating and refining her resume, conducted mock interviews, and focused on building her confidence. Her efforts resulted in securing two interviews in the childcare sector, including one with her top choice, Jeffrey Mansion Preschool. While Patience may consider pursuing a degree in early education in the future, she is thrilled to have the opportunity to start her career with one of Bexley, Ohio's preschool programs.



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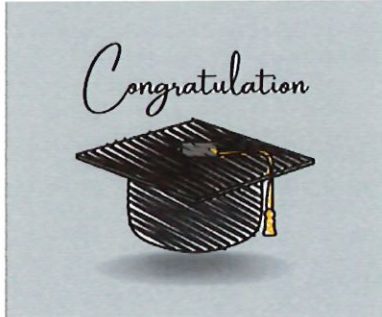
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### Congratulations to AchievePoint Career Academy - Cincinnati!

The school had 61 total graduates and 40 of the graduates earned a FEMA, CPR, and OSHA credential. Also, four graduates each received a \$1250 Graduation Alliance scholarship!

The school celebrated 61 graduates at its sixth commencement ceremony on June 20 at the historic Music Hall Ballroom in downtown Cincinnati. The school was honored to have Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer and School Board Member Harold Brown, as the commencement address speaker. Multiple students were awarded post-secondary scholarships, including one student who received a full ride to a local private college. The celebration was beautiful, joyous, and certainly a special evening for graduates, family, friends, and staff.



**Cypress Community School** proudly concluded the 2023/2024 academic year with significant achievements, including the graduation of 77 students and the awarding of 400 Career Tech Certifications. This success is a testament to the district's dedication to enhancing its educational processes and bringing more structure to its programs. This year, we introduced two new initiatives to better prepare our students for life beyond school.

The first, "Adulting Day," provided students with 17 practical life skills, some of which included: basic cooking, tire changing, self-defense, sewing on a button, voting, opening a bank account, and more. This hands-on event was designed to equip students with essential knowledge for everyday situations, ensuring they are well-prepared for various life challenges.

Another highlight of the year was "Signing Day," an event dedicated to celebrating students who secured verbal offers from colleges, the military, partner companies, or community businesses. This special day marked a commitment to excellence, as students and representatives signed agreements recognizing the students' dedication to their chosen paths. Whether securing a job in their field, enrolling in post-secondary institutions, or committing to further education at trade schools, our students took significant steps toward their futures.

These initiatives, along with the diverse range of Career Tech Certifications in Business, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Construction, and Nail Technology, underscore Cypress's dedication to providing comprehensive education. Our focus on enhancing processes and introducing new programs reflects our commitment to student success and real-world readiness. As we look forward to another year, Cypress remains steadfast in upholding high educational standards and supporting our students' growth and achievements.



**Capital City Career Prep HS** completed 631.5 credits throughout the 2023-2024 school year. They had 30 graduates and their valedictorian was the only one in the entire network who enlisted in the military!





**Black River Career Prep** students earned a total of 547.75 credits throughout the 23-24 school year.

The School had 38 graduates in the 23-24 year, with 9 students graduating early. 33 out of the 38 students earned more than the minimum 20 credits required to graduate. We also had 3 22+ graduates participate in the ceremony!



**North Woods Career Prep** had a total of 445 credits earned throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

North Woods had 31 graduates in 2024. Nearly half of them were international students. Four of them should have graduated 3 or 4 years ago. Life slowed them down, but they never gave up.



**Gem City Career Prep** had 35 graduates and 525.5 credits completed in the 2023-2024 school year.

Graduation is a significant milestone regardless of the path taken to reach it. Our students and staff share a moment of pride and celebration that marks the transition to a new chapter lives of our students, whether it be further education, entering the workforce, or pursuing other goals. Each student's journey to graduation is unique and valuable, and the sense of accomplishment that comes with it is indeed priceless.

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AGENDA ITEM 4G  
BOARD ACTION NEEDED  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director recommends that the Governing Board approves the following 2023-2024 Graduates:

- Riley McBride
- Adriana Rhoten
- Sara Menefee
- Hanah Switzer

