



April 2019 ISSUE

FROM THE TOP

Dear Academy Board Members and Leaders,

It was a LONG winter in the Upper Peninsula and we welcomed the arrival of spring on March 20th. As we look toward summer, I am happy to announce that we will be hosting an Academy Board and Leadership Retreat scheduled for July 26-27 on campus at Lake Superior State University. The Retreat will include a tour of campus, a Soo Lock's dinner cruise, as well as breakout sessions on a variety of topics including budgeting, compliance, new educational goals, Blueprint, college and career readiness, ACE scores, outreach opportunities, school culture, Eidex, and tiering systems. Moving forward, we plan on offering these retreats in a three year cycle.

Look for event details and further information to come from Jenny Peterman in April. Registration will be handled "on line" and sent to all board members and academy leadership. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Chris Oshelski

LSSU Charter Schools Director

Brooke's Blurb

This winter I was invited to be part of MDE's Appropriate Placement Design Team. As you may have heard, there are a lot of changes happening at the state level that will soon be affecting our schools and how we place educators in classrooms. Those of you who attend our monthly leadership ZOOM meetings are aware of these changes, as I'm passing information onto you as soon as it comes across my desk. I'm including the link to the [revised certification structure](#) for those of you who are not aware of the changes taking place. The timeline for this is currently loosely set to provide a guidance document to school for the 19/20 school year with the intent that they would look it over and provide feedback to the team through the 19/20 school year. The team will continue to fine tune the document and it will then be released as official in time for the 20/21 school year. This 20/21 school year release coincides with when we are expecting to see teachers coming to our application pool with these new certification bands. We are working to make the transition as smooth and painless as possible. Please know that I am passing along any concerns or questions you have to the team for considerations as we go forward. Feel free to reach out if you know of a certification struggle within your district and we will try to trouble shoot and plan for that struggle in our design process.

I would also like to invite any school leadership to participate in our monthly Educational Leadership ZOOM meetings. We meet virtually for a few hours each month to help cut down on time out of the building. The topics of these meetings vary and are chalked full of updates as well as time set aside for networking.

Finally, if you think that your school is wanting to offer CPI certification to your staff before the start of the 19/20 school year and you would like me to come to your building to provide that training, I would ask that you make contact with me ASAP to schedule that as my calendar for August is quickly filling up.

April ZOOM Meetings: Educational Leadership on **Apr. 16** and Spec. Ed. on **Apr. 19**

REMINDER

EDUCATIONAL GOALS UPDATE

Please remember to pass the new mandatory Educational Goals for 2018-19. You should have received an email from Jenny Peterman outlining the process. Your academy board will need to approve the changes with a resolution. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this in further detail, please contact, Julie Hopper, at jhopper@lssu.edu or 906-635-2118.

Please submit the following three documents to Jenny Peterman no later than June 3, 2019.

- ◆ Educational Goals w/ Mission & Measure 4 (*If Applicable)
- ◆ Contract Amendment/Resolution
- ◆ Board Minutes showing approval

IN THE KNOW

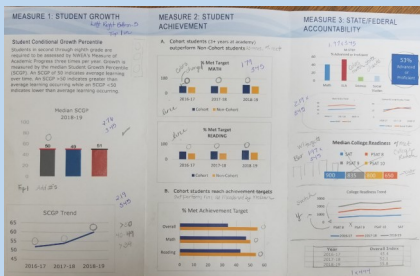
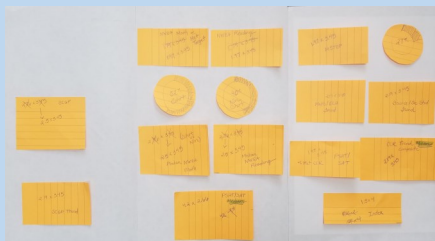
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-ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS-

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your academy's scores, please give me a call. (Julie Hopper@ 906-635-2118)

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It has been a tedious process but we are closing in on a template for our new annual academy report that will make its debut with your 2018-2019 report. This report represents a culmination of collaborative efforts between myself, our data analyst, and our graphic designer. We decided to present the data in the form of a trifold or menu style. Why this style? Everyone is familiar with a menu and we wanted readers to feel comfortable reading it. We began with sketching ideas on a dry erase board and then proceeded to draw them out on paper. Our data analyst then coded to create the figures and charts. We continuously adjusted the way the data was presented to ensure the best visualization of the measures outlined in your academy's educational goals. Much thought was put into each figure and chart, font size, color, narrative, and placement with multiple adjustments made. We look forward to your feedback. Just for fun...here are some pictures documenting the process.



COMPLIANCE CORNER

- ◆ Growing? New and Expanding academy request forms were sent out. Please return the document to Jenny Peterman.
- ◆ Board member appointment/re-appointment nominations and applications need to be submitted to Jenny Peterman no later than Monday, April 2nd to be included on the May LSSU Board of Trustees agenda. Reminder: The LSSU Board of Trustees does not meet in June.

FINANCE UPDATE

Tasks & Due Dates

- ◆ April 29- FY 2019 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
- ◆ June 19- FY 2020 Public Hearing Notice
- ◆ June 28- FY 2020 Adopted Budget Resolution & FY 2019 Final Revision Resolution

Redesign Report Process

