



Dear Academy Board Members and Leaders,
I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well rested, rejuvenated, and ready to take on 2020.

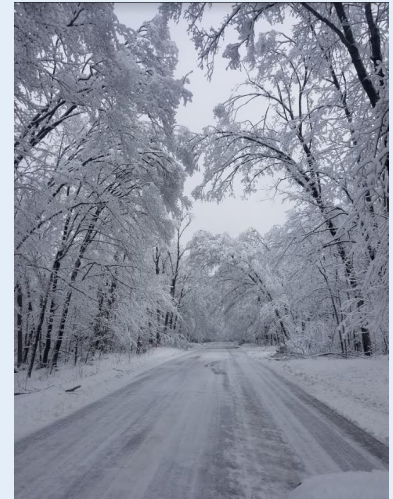
We had quite the holiday season in the Upper Peninsula with the worst ice/snow storm to hit our area for over fifteen years. Many of us were without power for up to five days! We had to find creative ways to not only complete everyday tasks but entertain the kids! Good thing “Yoopers” are known for being hearty and resourceful!

LSSU CSO looks forward to the opportunities that a new year brings along with the creative energy that tends to flow after a well deserved break. As always, please feel free to reach out and contact us if we can be of service or if you just want to chat.

Sincerely,

Chris Oshelski

LSSU Charter Schools Director



In the News

A fun time was had by all at MAPSA’s Symposium held on December 11-12 at the Detroit Marriott Troy. We love this event as it allows time to not only attend top notch workshops but network with our friends and colleagues in the charter school movement. Our very own, Julie Hopper, teamed up with her colleague, Shawna Boomgaard from Oakland University, to present two sessions on Adverse Childhood Experiences. Both sessions were well attended with much positive feedback. Julie is always happy to spread the word on ACEs .



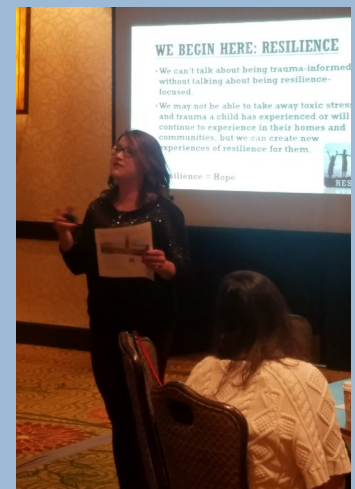
Melissa Weisberger, Brooke Maciag, Kim Lofdahl, Julie Hopper, Chris Oshelski



Adverse Childhood Experiences Workshop by Julie Hopper & Shawna Boomgaard



Julie Hopper with MAPSA President, Dan Quisenberry



Shawna Boomgaard, Oakland University

Brooke's Blurb

Welcome to 2020! My family rang in the New Year by candlelight and portable heat, since our power was out...AGAIN...this time for an extended period of time. The experience, however, definitely made us thankful for the little things. Speaking of little things, I wanted to make sure you all were aware of the benefits of belonging to the Michigan Association of Public School Academies or MAPSA.

MAPSA is a great advocate and promoter of the charter school movement and tirelessly pushes for equitable funding for all of Michigan students. Did you know they also act as a great resource? Each year, MAPSA publishes a [School Resource Packet](#) that includes helpful information as well as pointers on different charter challenges. Topics include Telling Your School's Story, Building Community Relations, and Charter School Facts to use to dispel myths and highlight the amazing work you are doing in your academies. Included in the packet are also links on how to advance your teaching career as well as savings opportunities for being a member both individually and as a district. In addition to the MAPSA resources, please continue to follow our [LSSU Charter School Office](#) Facebook page and website for information updates and celebrations.

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday break and wish you all great things in this new year.

Sincerely,
Brooke

Get To Know Your Charter School Staff



Name: Jenny Peterman

Position: Administrative Assistant to Charter Schools

Hometown: Birch Run

Family: Husband-Jeff, Sons-Justin, Garrett, Ben, and Daughter-Shelley

Hobbies: Gardening, Reading, Travel

Little Known Fact: Her Bucket List is to see all 50 states and has seen 43 to date

COMPLIANCE CORNER

- ◆ Academy Boards should begin discussion on board member(s) for reappointment or new appointment. The LSSU Board of Trustees' last meeting before terms expire will be May 8, 2020. All board members must be nominated by the academy board and submit a completed application to their appropriate field rep by March 30, 2020. Background checks, U.S. documentation and interviews will be performed prior to approval by the LSSU Board of Trustees.

FINANCE UPDATE

Upcoming Important Dates

- ◆ Jan. 31- 2nd Quarter Budget Revisions
- ◆ Feb. 13- 2nd Quarter Financial Statements
- ◆ Mar. 30- Financial Audit Engagement Letter

IN THE FIELD

The following board training by Angie Irwin will be offered via webinar:

- ◆ February 10, 2020 (Reporting)
- ◆ April 27, 2020 (Old and New Business)
- ◆ May 13, 2020 (Adjourning the Meeting and Next Steps)

Look for those invitations in your email.

-GOOD NEWS-

Governor Whitmer signed SB154 restoring \$35 million for charter school students.

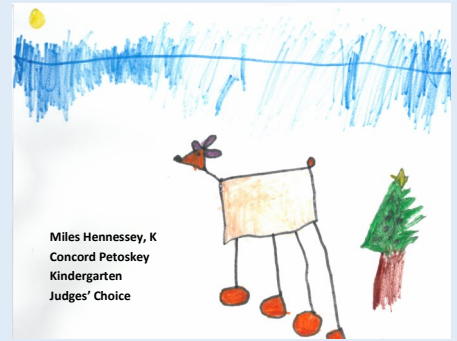
THANK YOU

for sending messages, contacting your legislators, and demanding equity in funding for charter school students.

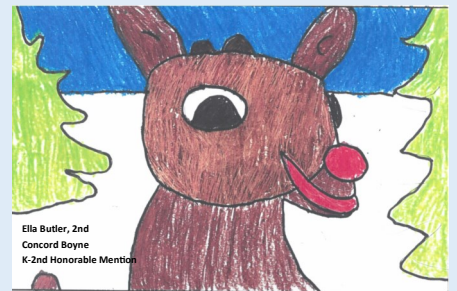
LSSU CSO Holiday Card Contest

And the Winners Are.....

Thank you to all that participated in our 3rd Annual Holiday Card Contest. We look forward to this each year and are excited to see all of the talented artists attending an academy authorized by Lake Superior State University. We received hundreds of submissions. If your academy has not taken the opportunity to participate in this event, we highly recommend you do so for 2020-2021. Winners receive an LSSU sweatshirt as well as "swag" bag containing all kinds of goodies. Congratulations to the following winners and honorable mentions.



Miles Hennessey, K
Concord Potoskey
Kindergarten
Judges' Choice



Ella Butler, 2nd
Concord Boyne
K-2nd Honorable Mention



Keegan Luder, 5th
Concord Potoskey
3rd-5th Winner



SENDING MERRY
Holiday Wishes
From All of Us at LSSU Charter Schools

Shyann May, 9th
Concord Potoskey
9th grade

Stormi Ploe, 1st
Concord Boyne
K-2nd

Kylie Vermilyea, 4th
Grand Traverse
4th grade

Jamella Lee, 8th
Bay City Academy
6th-8th

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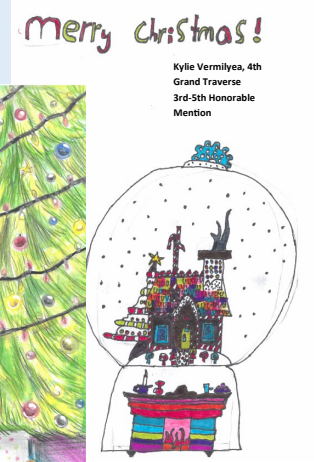
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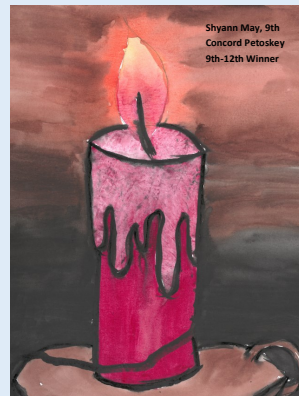
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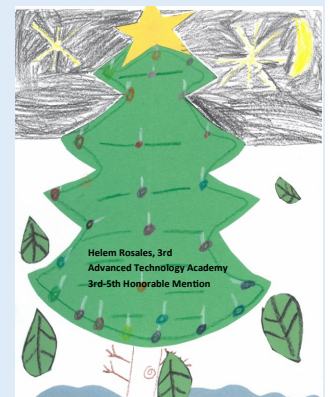
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