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# Office of Charter Schools OUSD

## FEATURE

Newsletter

March 2014

### New Student Exit Form

We are excited to announce the roll-out of a new system for tracking student exits. Please bookmark and use this [link](#). Within 24 hours of a student exit, a member of your staff will need to complete this form. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to [email Benjamin](#). Kamala, our new Office Manager, will be sending monthly reminders and cross-referencing ADA fiscal reporting to ensure the system is effectively implemented. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## SPOTLIGHT



[Benjamin Brittain](#) is the data analyst at the Office of Charter Schools. His goal is to create sustainable data sharing practices between OUSD and its authorized charter schools. At his multi-screen computer set-up, Ben creates individual charter school dashboards and evaluates new petitions and renewals, according to the Petition Evaluation Rubric and Charter School Renewal Quality Standards Rubric. You may also recognize him from Annual Site Visits and classroom observations. He has many exciting projects afoot, one of which is creating a Charter School Balanced Scorecard that aligns with the District's new School Balanced Scorecard. In the future, he will be working on a standardized set of MPOs that align with LCAP goals. Please feel to reach out and contact him with any questions or suggestions regarding his projects.

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[Kamala Puligandla](#) is the Office Manager at the Office of Charter Schools. She can be found in the previously empty desk at the front of our office answering calls and emails, sending meeting makers and managing Google Docs. She's a bit of a copy-machine whisperer, but she doesn't like to brag. Should you have questions about site visits, scheduling or other functions of our office, she will be more than happy to field them. If you have an item that you would like to appear in this newsletter, please contact her.

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## TECH CONNECT

### Earn Money for Arts Education At Your School

Rightside Shirts is a non-profit that sells t-shirts and prints designed by kids. We hope our shirts will not only showcase the incredible creative powers of our youth, but also raise money for youth arts education and act as an advocacy tool for the expansion of youth arts funding everywhere. Our goal is to make philanthropy easy and fashionable.

We are actively seeking more schools to work with and would be honored to help Oakland charter schools raise money for arts education. We provide everything for free, with the sole mission to spread creativity!

Check us out: [rightsideshirts.org](http://rightsideshirts.org)

Contact Dylan Enright, founder: [dylan@rightsideshirts.org](mailto:dylan@rightsideshirts.org)

### It Pays to Play with TinkerED

TinkerEd, winner of Startup Weekend EDU, connects EdTech companies with innovative educators to shape and develop the learning tools of the future.

Participating educators get free access to a wide range of exciting new EdTech tools and also get paid for sharing their valuable time to provide feedback on their experiences.

You can join the growing TinkerEd community by visiting: <http://tinkered.co/>. We would love to have you!

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## CHARTER CHATTER



### Sharing Best Practices

We have created a form for you to share your school's "Best Practices." Together, we plan to build a stronger network of collaborators and thought-partners to improve instructional and operational effectiveness citywide. Please follow this [link](#) to submit your own signature practice(s), so it can be featured in this "Charter Chatter" section of future newsletters.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Attendance Report Deadline/ 04.03.14

Attendance for Month 8 (March 3-28) is due no later than April 3, 2014. All reports—or corrections to prior month's reports—must be updated and submitted to [Minh Co](#) by this deadline. Minh will work on the P2 State reports once all the reports are in. [Please call or email Minh to arrange a date/time between 04/07 to 04/11 to meet at his office to review and sign the finalized P2.](#)

### Summer Convening/ 08.06.14

Please mark your calendars for August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30pm when we will hold our annual Charter Leader Welcome. In addition to a paella dinner and decadent crepes for dessert, we will be discussing topics such as, identification of instructional effectiveness indicators for classroom observations, the Charter School Balanced Scorecard and LCAP goal and MPO alignment. Kamala will be sending a meeting maker with a required RSVP for food ordering purposes. We hope you will join us for a fun and informative evening!

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## THE OCS DESK

### New Charter Petitions 2013-2014

- East Bay Innovation Academy (6-12)// 10.23.13 (Approved)
- Epic Charter School (6-8)// 10.23.13 (Approved)
- Unity Middle School (6-8)// 11.06.13 (Denied)
- COVA High School (9-12)// 11.20.13 (Denied)
- Downtown Charter Academy (6-8)// 01.29.14 (Approved)
- Aspire Tech Academy (K-5)// 1.29.14 (Approved)

### Charter Renewals 2013-2014

- Aspire Monarch Academy (K-5)// 02.12.14 (Approved)
- Aspire ERES Academy (K-8)// 02.12.14 (Approved)
- Oakland Military Institute (6-12)// 02.26.14 (Approved)
- EC Reems Academy (K-8)// (TBD)