

Office of Charter Schools

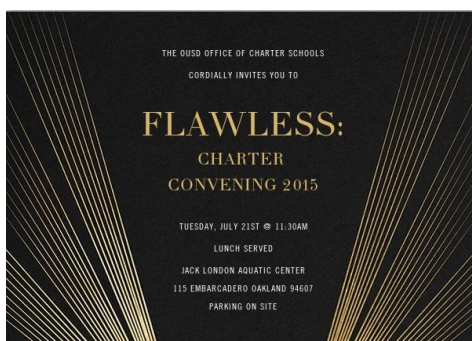
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FEATURE

Newsletter

May 2015

Charter Leader Convening 2015



Please join us for Flawless, our annual Charter Convening on **Tuesday, July 21st**. This will be an awards-show themed lunch event to meet and welcome our new leaders, recognize exemplary practices, and introduce new platforms in the works for sharing resources between charters and the district.

Also, please help us to honor teachers at your schools, who have gone above and beyond—the ones who seriously woke up like this. Take a moment to fill out our [Teacher Nomination Form](#), so we can invite them to join us.

Contact [Kamala](#) for convening invites, further info or RSVPs.

SPOTLIGHT

Software Purchases with OUSD

Our office, in collaboration with Tech Services, would like to offer our charters the opportunity to purchase Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) and Scholastic Math Inventory (SMI) assessment packages through OUSD. SRI/SMI pricing is \$499 for 50 user packs and includes licensing/hosting.

We also hope to offer Microsoft Office and Adobe Suites at reduced prices, details coming soon.

For more information, please contact [John Krull](#).



TECH CONNECT



Free Teaching Resource for Charters

For the upcoming 2015-16 school year, the Office of Charter Schools is pleased to present all of our charters with a year of free access to TeachingBooks.net!

TeachingBooks.net is a multimedia database with an array of resources, meant to enhance the reading experiences of children's and young adult books. Your schools will have access to thousands of resources for books—fiction and non-fiction—used in the K–12 environment.

The site produces short Meet-The-Author videos, like [this one](#), with the infamous Lemony Snicket, and compiles related lists of author resources. They also offer vocabulary lists, name pronunciation guides, lesson guides, and reading lists. [Click here](#) for ideas on integrating these resources into a curriculum.

To access the database, you will use username/password: ousd. TeachingBooks.net is offering [short training sessions](#) to all Oakland librarians, teachers and administrators. Look for an email from [Kamala](#) about registering your school domain with the OUSD account.



CHARTERCHATTER



Sub Permit Application Appointments

The Alameda County Board of Education processes teaching credentials for our charters and due to increased numbers of applications, they are now requiring that **ALL** applicants make an appointment before requesting credential assistance.

Please call the [Credentials Office](#) at (510) 670-4262 or 4264 to make an appointment.

Full instructions for sub permits are also available on our [website](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Collective MPO Drafts Due // Friday 05.15.15

Email completed charts to [Ben Brittain](#) and you may also contact him with questions.

OCS Teacher of the Year Nominations Due // 06.01.15

Access the [Teacher Nomination Form](#) for instructions and further information.

Charter Convening 2015 // 07.21.15

We're excited to invite you to our annual charter convening and to honor the teachers who do great work in our schools. This will be a lunch event with programming on best practice sharing and a short awards presentation.

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
Jack London Aquatic Center
115 Embarcadero 94607
11:30-2pm

Contact [Kamala](#) for more information.