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FEATURE

Newsletter

October 2015

Great School Exposure Meet Up Group



Director of Quality Diverse Providers, Silke Bradford, who leads the OCS, has also partnered with the OUSD Office of Continuous Improvement in supporting the redesign of five persistently underperforming district-run schools. A component of this support includes “Great School Exposure” where design team leaders/members visit school sites to observe best practices around curriculum, instruction, culture, collaboration, and operations.

This November, three of our charters—East Bay Innovation Academy, Aspire Berkley Maynard and Lighthouse—are kicking off our Great School Exposure visits. OCS has started a Meet Up group called [Oakland Great School Exposure](#). We are now offering this opportunity to charter school participants and at the link above, you can find event details and RSVP to the site visits that interest you.

This flyer includes instructions on how to create a Meet Up account, so you can receive notifications about future visits and secure a spot in those we have currently scheduled. If your school would like to host a Great School Exposure visit, please [fill out our hosting form](#) and contact [Silke](#).

SPOTLIGHT

Final Collective MPO Forms

OCS would like to thank you for your support and collaboration in the collective MPO process! You should have received an email from Pau that includes your final MPO template. If you submitted a draft version in June, your inputs have been included in your template and you are still able to edit them as necessary. If you did not submit in June, you will have been sent a blank template.

The final template includes the four SBAC MPOs that you will need to complete, as well as the addition of SPED as a student subgroup. If you have a numerically significant number of SPED students, please revisit the MPOs you submitted in June to include them.

By October 30th please submit 1) a completed final MPO template and 2) a signed "Request for Material Revision" affidavit. If you have any questions please contact both [Silke](#) and [Paul](#).

CHARTERCHATTER



Student Exit Form

This is a reminder to please continue to use our [Student Exit Form](#). Per California Education Code §47604(d)(3), if a pupil is expelled or leaves a charter school, without graduating or completing the school year, for any reason, the charter school must notify the superintendent of the district of the pupil's last known address within 30 days.

If you have questions you may consult our [website](#) or contact [Paul](#).

Hellos & Goodbyes



OCS is excited to welcome yet another Education Pioneer, Marijane Castillo, into our office as the new Communications and Community Engagement Analyst! She will be handling some of the administrative tasks that belonged to Kamala, in addition to heading up new engagement projects. She is from Oakland and comes to us most recently from The Parent-Child Home Program in New York.

Kamala's last day at OCS will be on October 16th, after which she heads to Vermont for a writing residency. She wants to thank OCS and the Oakland charter community for providing her with support, learning opportunities and a requisite dash of snark.



Enrollment & Fall Info Update Due Friday Oct. 2nd

Our office has updated our annual Fall Info Update to include an Enrollment Data & Board Info Spreadsheet, plus [a link to Google folders](#) by school, where we're asking that schools upload three important documents. These docs from the 2014-15 school year are also available via these folders. If you have questions about the Google folders, please contact [Kamala](#).

For questions related to the spreadsheet, please contact [Paul](#), [Mike](#) and [Silke](#). If you need to report credentialing info that is not available in the drop-down menu, please make note of this in the "Comments" column.

All items are due on **Friday, October 2nd at 4pm**. Send an email to all OCS staff with the spreadsheet attached and let us know your docs are in the Google folder for your school.

TECHCONNECT



Big Ideas Fest 2015 Scholarship

Big Ideas Fest is a unique three-day immersion into collaboration and design with a focus on modeling cutting-edge thinking in K-20 education. This event convenes all education stakeholders in redesigning the future of education. The Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education's (ISKME) annual event brings together teachers, policy makers, researchers, edupreneurs, students, and funders who are championing the transformation of K-20 education.

If you're interested in receiving a scholarship to attend the 2015 Big Ideas Fest, complete [their Google form](#) and [visit their website](#) to learn more about this year's Rapid Fire Speakers and Action Collabs.



SAVE THE DATE

Fall Info Update Due// Friday 10.02.15

Please complete our Charter Enrollment/Board Info Spreadsheet and email it to all of OCS ([Silke](#), [Leslie](#), [Kamala](#), [Minh](#) & [Mike](#)). Additionally, follow [this link to find the Google folder](#) for your school and update the three requested documents.

Working Groups 2015-16 // Mondays

Please join our working groups and contact us with questions:

-Charter SELPA work: First Mondays, starting 10.05.15

-Common Enrollment work: Third Mondays starting 10.19.15

All working group sessions will be held from 4:30-6pm in the Sierra Conference room adjacent to the Office of Charter Schools, at 1000 Broadway, Suite 639. Email [Kamala](#) to be added to the meeting makers.