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March 2015

AAMA Honor Roll—Action Required

It's the time of year when OUSD's Office of African American Male Achievement looks to honor your well-performing African American students. Please enter info in [this spreadsheet](#) on all students who meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in an OUSD Charter School
- Identifies as African American
- Enrolled in grades 8-12
- Earned a 3.0 or greater GPA for the first semester (or quarter.)

The AAMA Office would like to receive all info by **Monday, March 9, 2015 at 5:00pm.**

Students included on the Honor Roll will be invited to the 14th Annual African American Honor Roll Celebration in May and receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. This is the biggest African American honor roll in the nation. The deadline for submitting student names is firm, as the department will need appropriate lead time to prepare materials.

For questions or more information, please contact [Tanara Haynes](#) or at **510.287.8314**.

SPOTLIGHT

Linda Darling-Hammond Talk

The Mills College School of Education presents a free talk on the state of public education on Wednesday, March 4th from 7:00-9:00pm at Lisser Hall on the Mills College campus.

Darling-Hammond is the Faculty Director of the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education. Her research and policy work focus on issues of educational equity, teaching quality and school reform. In 2008, she served as director of President Obama's education policy transition team.



Click [here](#) to download a flyer.

CHARTERCHATTER



ACOE Credentialing Updates

The Alameda County Board of Education will no longer be extending Temporary County Certificates (TCC). They will be issuing 50-day TCCs and advising schools to follow-up with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing on the status of their credential applications. This recent development is meant to encourage schools that are not doing due diligence to begin monitoring their teachers' credential status.

No Child Left Behind & Highly Qualified Teacher Resources

We wanted to share two resources that were provided at a recent CALPADS/NCLB meeting:

- This [HQT handout](#) from [Erin Koepke](#) at the CDE, answers a series of common HQT questions
- [Stephanie Tomasi](#) at ACOE is sharing this [SPED Credential Compliance Chart](#) that she references for NCLB special education questions



TECHCONNECT

Flipboard In The Classroom

For those who aren't already familiar, Flipboard is a free application that allows you to build your own personal magazine by subscribing to news outlets, friends' feeds and current event topics that are most relevant to you.

The Office of Charter Schools recently attended the launch of Flipboard's web version and were excited that two of the three applications presented, were intended for educational use. Access to high quality writing and reporting as well as the dazzling visual platform make Flipboard an attractive classroom tool, particularly as the transition to Common Core puts a greater emphasis on nonfiction texts.

For ideas on how to integrate Flipboard into a classroom or syllabus, check out their [blog](#). You can also watch a [video demo](#) on how the app works.

SAVE THE DATE

AAMA Honor Roll Data Request Due // 03.09.15

Don't forget to submit data on your highly performing African American students to the AAMA Office by **Monday, March 9th**. Please enter all info in their [google spreadsheet](#).

Expulsion Data Request Due // 03.16.15

If you have not already reported your expulsion data to us from 2010-present, please do so by **Monday, March 16th**, by completing [our chart](#) and emailing it to [Ben](#) or [Kamala](#). If you have zero expulsions, report that to us too.

Summer Charter Leader Convening // 07.22.15

It's still several months away, but we're hoping our annual convening will make it into your summer calendar. We plan to introduce some new systems, present awards and treat you to a delicious lunch. Look for an invite with further details soon.