



Minnesota Guild of Public Charter Schools

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schools in Minnesota*

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Director's Update



Greetings and Happy Holidays,

How is it nearly December!?! Which means 'tis the seasonal deadline for your

combined [World's Best Workforce \(WBWF\) and Annual Report](#) on December 15th. Please see this critical date referenced below with important details and links.

Additionally, I wanted to pass on a fantastic potential resource from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the continuation of the No Child Left Inside Grant Program. The program aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors. Ideally, youth involved in awarded projects will maintain involvement in outdoor education and recreation through continued participation in and/or support of these activities

With gratitude for all you do!

Jim

News, Updates, and Key Dates

~ December 15, 2022 ~

1. **WBWF:** Due to the MDE (by statute) and Guild:
 - a. [Instructions and template linked here](#)
 - b. [Submission site linked here](#)

2. **Annual Report:** Due to the MN Guild (by contract): please email to: jim.zacchini@guildschools.org (**Also upload to Epicenter**)

Happy holidays from all of us at the MN Guild.





School Spotlight

The MN Guild would like to extend a warm welcome and introduction to our newest school, [Rollingstone Community School](#) located in Rollingstone, MN.

So let's learn more about Rollingstone:

Community is central to Rollingstone Community School (RCS). RCS is a school for their community, creating and sustaining an infant to student to adult to elderly multi-age learning. Community is at the heart and hub of RCS interaction.

RCS is a K-5 school that meets each child's physical, social, and emotional needs in a small school, multi-age atmosphere that is conducive for growth and sustained learning. Rollingstone Community School is a STEAM-infused, Place-Based and [Teacher-Powered School](#).

STEAM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/Math) curriculum: Students soak up the outdoors, engage in technology, explore art, celebrate music and master the love of, and skills in, reading, writing, thinking, and doing! RCS shines with a hands-on approach to community and the wonderful environment around them.

With a community-centered place-based philosophy, the RCS Campus is the perfect place to engage students in an ideal learning environment utilizing outdoor classroom/amphitheater, pond & stream, student-built nature trails, prairie grassland, sports fields, and school garden.

As a [Teacher-Powered School](#), Rollingstone educators work and teach in concert with each other, collaboratively building appropriate and well-defined learning expectations.

Again, welcome to the MN Guild, we are proud to have you on board. We wish you the very best and want you to know we are here as your Authorizer to support you on your journey.



No Child Left Inside Grant Program

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is excited to announce the continuation of the No Child Left Inside Grant Program.

The program aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors. [Click here by December 7, 2022 to apply](#)

Have questions? [Find frequently asked questions and answers here.](#)

Renew My License

Educators and Administrators can begin the process to renew a license starting on January 1st of the year the license expires. Educators and Administrators should meet all applicable renewal requirements before beginning the license renewal process.

[Click here for link to renew](#)

Charter School Boot Camp

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)'s Charter Center is hosting Charter School Boot Camp for new and existing charter schools. The Charter School Boot Camp will meet once a month and cover topics to better prepare charter school leaders for their role in the organization. Staff responsible for specific topics listed below are also encouraged to attend as relevant.

[Click here to register](#)



Fellow MACSA member, Novation Education Opportunities (NEO) has hosted a number of charter

focused webinars with various divisions at the MDE and have graciously shared them with all. Topics include WBWF, STAR Reporting, Title Programs, CLiCS, and more! [Click here](#) for more information.



Teacher-powered (adjective)

1. collaboratively designed and implemented by teachers.
2. teachers having collective autonomy to make the decisions influencing the success of a school, project, or professional endeavor. As in, teacher-powered school or a teacher-powered evaluation program.

The Teacher-Powered Schools Initiative is dedicated to promoting and supporting teacher-powered schools. For a wide range of free resources [click here for more information.](#)



Charter Schools Development Corporation (CSDC), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation and Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), supports quality public school choice for underserved students by developing and financing affordable charter school facilities nationally.

[Click here to apply](#) Non Operational

[Click here to apply](#) Currently Operating



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[Click here to register from training sessions](#)

GIRLS WHO CODE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

We're celebrating our 10th anniversary this year, and we have a lot to celebrate. Over the last 10 years, we've served over 500,00 students, including 115,000 diverse alumni. We're changing the culture of what a computer scientist looks like and working to build a tech industry that looks like the diverse communities we live in today. As we look back on what we've achieved so far, we're also excited to look ahead with an ambitious plan to reach 1 million students in our next decade of work.

[Sign up for updates about our 2023 anniversary events.](#)



“If you want
to go fast
go alone.
If you want
to go far
go together.”
-African Proverb



Vision & Mission

Vision: The Guild advances the original vision of the charter school model, in which teachers have the choice to professionally organize and work to create innovative, research-based schools that rely on teacher expertise to identify and use effective teaching strategies, promote engaged student learning, create professional autonomy, and ensure effective, shared responsibility for outcomes.

Mission: As a single purpose authorizer, the Guild will improve the educational achievement of Minnesota students by advocating a systemic approach to charter school formation and operation that promotes stakeholder accountability, autonomy, and competence. The Guild authorizes and monitors charter schools in accordance with [Minnesota Statutes section 124E](#). The Guild's charter school portfolio encompasses a variety of school types and populations served by educational programs in Minnesota, with a specific interest in schools that serve students most affected by the achievement gap and low graduation rates.

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