

March 2023

Director's Update



I hope this message finds you well as our March mixed-bag of weather continues unabated. I'll be brief as I know your inboxes and classrooms are as full as ever!

First, for those who contract with transportation providers, please review the linked communication from [Lt. Brian Reu the Director of Pupil Transportation Safety](#). If you haven't seen Minnesota State Patrol officers at your school inspecting buses yet you may soon. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to let me know.

Second, I'd like to officially share the Guild's new Vision and Mission statements referenced below. This refined Vision and Mission came about while working with various stakeholders during the Guild's recently completed (MAPES mandated) Continuous Improvement Plan. We very much welcome your thoughts on what you read and feel. And as continuous improvement is a journey and never a destination, please be on the lookout for a school leader survey this spring seeking more formal feedback as well!

Wishing you all an early spring! --Jim

Vision & Mission

Vision:

The Minnesota Guild of Public Charter Schools advances positive educational outcomes for students that lead to success in life.

Mission:

The Guild advocates for teacher leadership, professional autonomy, and the creation of innovative schools for student engagement and the ownership of learning. The Guild strives to support students, families and communities most affected by the achievement gap and low graduation rates.

School Spotlight



Congratulations Exploration High School

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT AWARD SEMI-FINALIST

As part of the Building Hope's 2nd Annual IMPACT Summit and Awards application process, charter schools across the nation shared with us inspiring stories of Student Empowerment, Community Engagement, and Educational Innovation. Jewels of excellent education shine in communities in every state, and the depth of their dedication to their students is inspiring.

Building Hope Impact selected 28 Semi-Finalists and 6 Honorable Mentions who are shining examples of the impact charter schools can have on students, families, and communities. *Exploration High School is one of the Semi-Finalist in the area of STUDENT EMPOWERMENT.*

Please take a moment to cheer the distinguished Semi-Finalist **EXPLORATION HIGH SCHOOL!** We are proud of you...

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A: Open Meeting Law does allow for board members to participate by video-conference technology (including Zoom) under the following guidelines:

Q: If our board is meeting in person, can some board members join the meeting and participate virtually?

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Managing Open Meeting Law Post Pandemic

- A meeting must take place in a space that is publicly accessible.
- All board members, whatever their physical location must be able to see and hear each other and see and hear all discussion and testimony presented at any location where at least one member is present.
- Members of the public present at the regular meeting location must be able to see and hear all testimony and all votes of members of the board.
- At least one member of the body is present at the regular meeting location.
- All votes are conducted by roll call.
- The public body must give notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the right of the public to monitor the meeting from another location.
- Each location at which a member of the board is present is open and accessible to the public.
- This requirement that the remote location is open and accessible to the public need not be met IF the board member has not participated more than three times in a calendar year from a location that is not open and accessible to the public.

Board Chat

Overview of the Student Expulsion Process in Minnesota
March 15th, 12-1 PM [Click to register](#)



Virtual Charter School Boot Camp Registration

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - Virtual Boot Camp
Language Instruction Educational Program Plan (LIEP) Basics; Accountability; STAR Reporting Overview; Migrant Education Program
[Register for the March 15 Charter School Boot Camp](#)

If you have any questions about this registration form or the Charter School Boot Camp, contact mde.charterschools@state.mn.us

June 20-23, 2023 Restorative Practices in Schools & Communities Training

Those new to restorative practices can choose from Circle 1 or Restorative Chats trainings. Those with circle experience or training are invited to Whole School Design or Repairing Relationships trainings. Finally, there are two-day Restorative Skills Sessions for people practicing circle to deepen their understanding of the process. Registration will be open next week for Online Circle Trainings and Restorative Skills Sessions, June 12-15, and Greater Minnesota In-Person RP Trainings, offered throughout June.

Access the registration at [Restorative Trainings Metro - Crystal](#).

Reminder: Register for Minnesota K-12 Educator Virtual Job Fairs

March 23, April 13 & May 10, 2023
Registration is open for three virtual job fairs that will connect employers with K-12 educators interested in working in Minnesota public schools, produced by MNSchools.org.

School leaders can meet active job seekers in brief, one-on-one text and video chats. MNSchoolJobs recruits new and veteran educators to participate to provide administrators the certainty of qualified candidates without the expense of travel.

Visit [Employer Information & Registration](#) for more information and to register. Please contact [Chris Hoehn](#) (651-343-2608), Minnesota Association of School Personnel Administrators, with any questions.



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Nonprofit Accounting Helpline

We know a lot of nonprofit accounting is learning by doing, and often talking to an expert is more helpful than finding the perfect Google search result. Whether you're struggling to make changes to your chart of accounts, are new to QuickBooks Online and have questions, want a better way of presenting your finances to the board, or have some other accounting challenge, give us a call. **612.249.6700**

Learn about preparing for an upcoming leadership change, setting yourself up for a successful search process, and onboarding your new leader for short-term and long-term success.

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April 4, 2023
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Webinar

This webinar explores practices for healthy board governance.



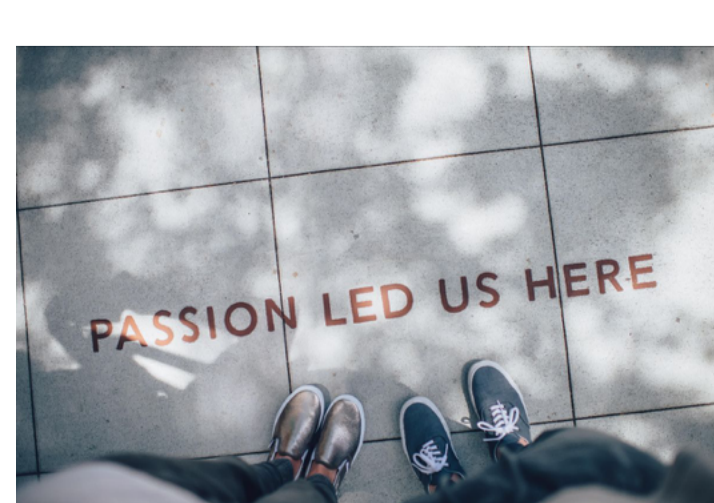
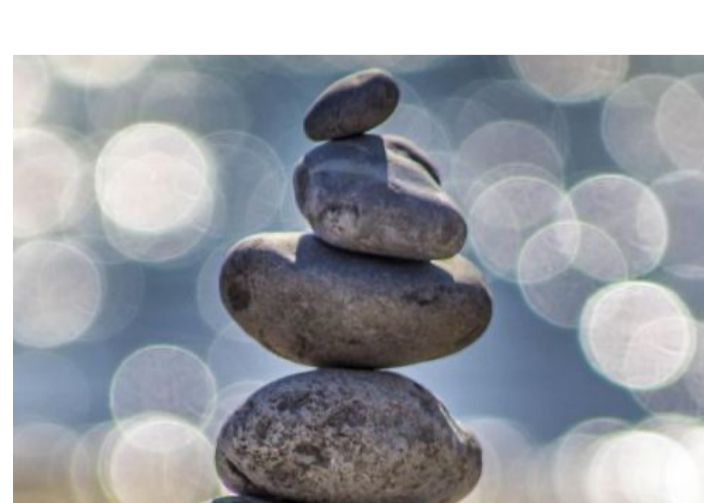
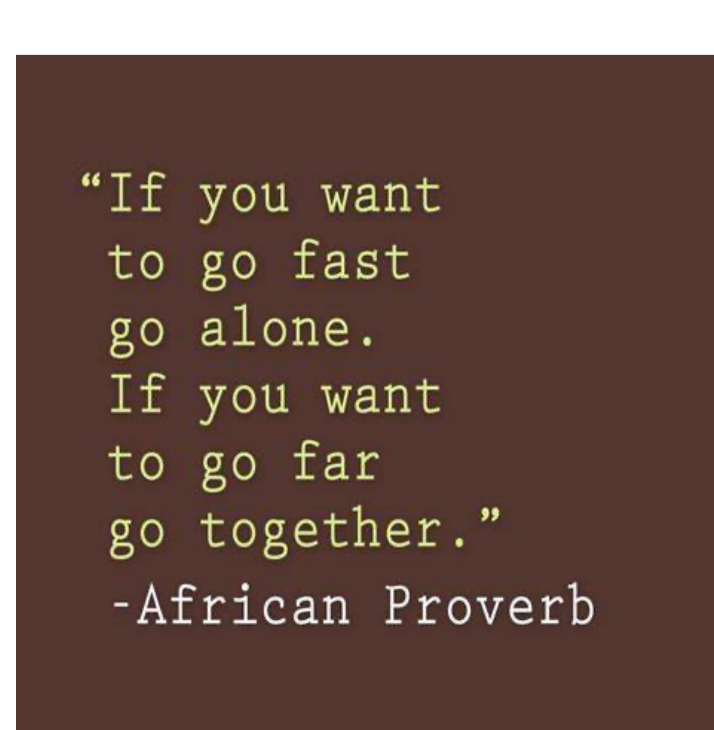
We would like to hear from you!

This newsletter was created to serve as a valuable resource with pertinent information for our school leaders, a way to keep us connected, spotlight school highlights and a way to provide authorizer support throughout the year.

Your feedback is important to the success of the newsletter. We respect and recognize you take time out of your busy schedule to read it and want you walk away feeling it was a good use of your time.

Please share your comments and suggestions by emailing:
debbie.weckman@guildschools.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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