



Minnesota Guild of Public Charter Schools

*Single-purpose authorizer of chartered
schools in Minnesota*

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Director's Update



Greetings,

I know you live with change as one of the few constants. And as the vibrant autumn

foliage yields to the more muted colours of winter, our students are settling back into their new and altered routines of this school year. With that change and the hope that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, we welcome more easily the opportunities to gather together as community of schools. In that spirit the Minnesota Guild is excited to invite you to join us on November 17 for our annual school gathering. It is a time to bring school leaders together to share the highlights of what is working during these changing times, and to celebrate in fellowship the promise for a new school year.

I had the privilege of attending the 2022 Global Day of Hope event this month. I am linking a [resource here](#) which can help all put hope front and center in our lives, not only as individuals, but also as a community of teachers and learners.

Some of you have been requesting support in transitioning and planning for succession in your charter communities. Part of leading involves planning for the future of an organization without your unique talents and experience. Charter leaders have under their umbrella a myriad of roles and responsibilities, making it difficult for a potential successor to be successful. We are happy to share that the Minnesota Department of Education is hosting a 3-part mini-series for school leaders to tackle this complex and necessary challenge for school leaders and boards. [Please follow this link for additional registration information.](#)

With gratitude for all you do.

Jim

News, Updates, and Key Dates

October 20, 2022, MEA conference, Saint Paul RiverCentre

October 31, 2022 ~ [MN Department of Education Annual Charter School Assurances](#) form deadline.

November 4-6, 2022 ~ 2022 Teacher-Powered Schools National Conference [Click here to register](#) Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown, 35 South 7th Street Minneapolis, MN 55402

Minnesota Department of Education is hosting a three-part mini-series **Charter Leaders Planning for Succession** which will meet from 1 - 2 PM on the following Wednesdays. Each session will be framed around these essential questions:

November 2 - *WHY plan for succession?*

November 9 - *HOW can we thoughtfully scaffold a process of succession? WHAT might be steps to consider?*

November 16 - *WHO needs to be involved in succession planning and decision-making?*

January, 2023 - *personalized / customized scheduled visit to support your planning (optional)*

[Click here to register](#)

November 17, 2022, 4:00-6:30 pm, MN Guild School Gathering, Twin Cities 400 Tavern, Minneapolis. Kindly respond to debbie.weckman@guildschools.org by November 7 if attending.



School Spotlight

We would like to invite you to participate in our School Spotlight section of our newsletter. If you would like to share highlights of your students achievements, school progress or just want to introduce your school we would love to hear from you.

Please reach out to debbie.weckman@guildschools.org and Debbie will contact you to get your school spotlight information into the newsletter.

MN Guild Partners & Resources

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Girls Who Code Technical Interview Prep program

Fall 2022

[Technical Interview Prep](#), the free, online program, launches on Forage on September 1, 2022. You can complete it any time.

Technical Interview Prep Bootcamps are open to women and non-binary individuals between the ages of 18-26 who complete AT LEAST three tasks of the online program. These Bootcamps are currently scheduled for:

- October 27th-28th (Times TBD)
- December 8th-9th, with an optional Lunch & Learn happening the week before (Times TBD)



Dear Charter School Leaders,

Please complete and sign the 2022-23 Annual Charter School Assurances. Return the completed [Annual Charter School Assurances form](#), together with all required attachments, to your authorizer (jim.zacchini@guildschools.org) and provide a copy of the Annual Charter School Assurances form and all supporting documents to MDE no later than **October 31, 2022**.

Documents may be submitted to MDE as one or more PDF files emailed to mde.charterschools@state.mn.us. MDE *does not* receive files submitted through platforms like Epicenter.

[MN Association of Charter Schools](#) is offering Board Training Course 200: Charter School Finances ~ A Public Trust. This is a self led 10 days course.

Friday, October 14-Monday, October 24, 2022

To register [click here](#)



Here are some interesting events coming up at the Minnesota Humanities Center. [Click here for calendar.](#)

Free Equity Design Lab for School Leaders at the [NACSA Conference](#) in Minneapolis on Thursday, October 27. [Click here to register.](#) Code to register is A4ACOMP2022



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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