



Minnesota Guild of Public Charter Schools

*Single-purpose authorizer of chartered
schools in Minnesota*

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Director's Update



Welcome back! We hope that you were able to relax and store up some energy and enthusiasm for the 2022-2023 school year! . On behalf of the MN Guild Board of Directors and staff we wish you a successful coming year and look forward to working with you to

build a better future for students.

Like you we've been busy this summer with contract renewal workshops and our Summer Convening in conjunction with the MN Department of Education. We want to thank those of you that attended and we appreciate your time. Stay tuned for resources related to this which will be posted to our website shortly. This "almost" monthly newsletter you're reading is an important tool for the sharing of important updates, available resources, and best practices throughout the year. As always we believe that open communication is a fundamental building block to a solid relationship and our commitment to you is to stay connected.

One important update I wanted to call attention to is the following:

NEW MN TECHNOLOGY STATUTE: Student data privacy protections have been updated and are effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Here is a [link to the statute](#).

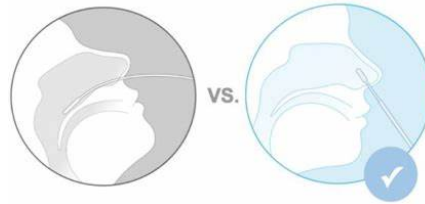
1. DO NOW: Download this slideshow and share it with your IT team as it contains helpful links to templates: [Minnesota Online and Digital Learning Summit](#)
2. DO NOW: You now need to provide an annual notice of what digital curriculum, testing, or assessment tools are used that contain student data *within 30 days of the start of the school year*. Here is a [list to use as a starting place](#).

News, Updates, and Key Dates

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

October 4, 2022, 4:00-5:00 pm ~ Join our fellow authorizer IQS as they host Craig Kepler, Affiliated Building Corporations via Zoom on. Craig will give an overview of how to form an ABC, best practices for ongoing governing of an ABC and school/ABC relations. [Click here to register](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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We offer COVID testing: For more information about Zepto follow this [link](#)

Results within 24 hours

- Onsite sample collection
- Registration assistance
- Sample transport support



The MN Guild is partnering with Girls who Code to bring opportunities to your students around technology and raising up young women who have the passion and drive for a better future. For more information [click here](#):



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](#)



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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