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Florida's Charter Schools News

DIFFERENTIATED ACCOUNTABILITY

The Charter Schools Office sent an e-mail on Friday, August 14, 2009, with pertinent information regarding differentiated accountability. All schools are encouraged to thoroughly review the information and become familiar with it. The documents sent via e-mail will be posted to the charter schools website in the near future.

If there are questions, please contact the charter schools staff at 850-245-0502 or via e-mail at CharterSchools@fldoe.org.

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CHARTER SCHOOL BUDGETING AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

A few suggestions for charter schools to survive these tough economic times: <http://www.examiner.com/x-16322-Colorado-Charter-Schools-Examiner/y2009m7d27-Charter-school-budgeting-and-the-economic-crisis>



Provided by Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: Senate Bill 278

Senate Bill 278 Questions & Answers document is located at the following link:

http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/Charter_Schools/files/SB278_OA.pdf.

The document contains pertinent information for charter schools. Please pay close attention to the **Interactive Worksheet** for corrective action/financial recovery plans in question #9.



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REMINDER TO SIGN-UP FOR PAPERLESS COMMUNICATION

In an effort to communicate with Florida's educational community in a timely and cost efficient manner, The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has developed the means of notifying interested parties when official correspondence is posted on the DOE website. By signing up and indicating your topics of interest, you will receive email notices containing links to messages, reports, legislative updates, technical assistance

papers and official memorandums issued by the Florida Department of Education. All messages will link to PDF files which may be viewed, downloaded to your computer, or printed at your discretion. For more information on the Florida Department of Education's paperless communication system please visit the DOE website at: <http://data.fldoe.org/communications/>.



KEEPING US INFORMED



We ask that if you have changes to your contact information, change in positions, addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses, please contact Karen Hines-Henry at 850-245-0502 or email Karen.Hines@fldoe.org. This updated information will certainly help keep us informed as we continue to keep you informed!

In addition, if you have an additional person you would like added to the charter schools listserv, e-mail Karen at the address shown.

2009 FLORIDA CHARTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2009 Florida Charter School Conference, November 16-18, at the Doubletree Hotel at the Entrance to Universal Orlando, in Orlando, Florida! Go online and register at <http://charterschoolconference.com> to attend the conference. This is a conference that will cement in the minds of all who attend that Charters Are "Not Just Another Public School!"



2009 Conferences/Workshops

Date(s)	Conference/Workshop	Location	Contact Information
September 10-13	Florida Reading Association 47th Annual Conference	Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL	http://www.flreads.org
September 21-23	FL Association for Staff Development Leadership	Tradewinds Island Grant Resort, St. Petersburg Beach, FL	http://www.fasdonline.org
September 24-27	FL Council Social Studies' 52nd Annual Conference	PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, FL	http://www.fcss.org
September 30– October 2	FAME Annual Conference	Marriott Orlando World Center Resort, Orlando, FL	FAME Offices @ 850-531-8351
November 16-18	2009 Florida Charter Schools Conference	Orlando, Florida	http://charterschoolconference.com/

UPCOMING GRANT: Dissemination 2009

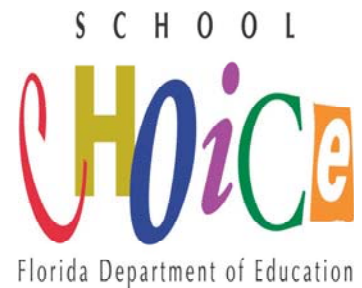


The Florida Department of Education is in the process of developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Charter Schools Program Dissemination Grant. A release date has not been finalized, but we are hoping to release the RFP in late summer or early fall. Additional information can be found on the charter schools home page under the title Upcoming Grant which can be found at the following link: http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/Charter_Schools/.

REMINDER

Technical Assistance is Available

Charter school staff is available to provide technical assistance or assist with any questions you may have. If you need assistance, please contact staff via telephone at 850-245-0502 or via e-mail at CharterSchools@fldoe.org.



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