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NEW SCHOOL NEWS

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Welcome

Dear New School Developers,

The decision to start a charter public school is a monumental one and indicates a commitment to taking the time necessary to research, build support, assemble a team and ultimately design a school that meets a need in your community. When asked what the most critical element is in developing a successful school, we have learned that it always comes back to TIME!

It typically takes 18 months to three years to bring a school from theory to reality.

The first phase alone, if done well, is very time consuming as you research charter school law and best practice, visit other schools, learn about the state accountability system, garner support in the community and build a team with a diverse set of skills. To learn more about the many steps involved in charter school development, please visit the [Start a Charter Colorado Flowchart](#) to gain quick access to many of the resources necessary to start a school.

No matter what phase of development you are in, this monthly newsletter will offer you critical resources, helpful tips and information about important events and trainings so that your school can have a solid foundation with a high likelihood of success.

If you haven't scheduled a face to face meeting with us yet, please do so at your convenience!

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Phases of New School Development

PHASES OF NEW SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT IN COLORADO

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PLANNING PHASE: TYPICALLY 12 MONTHS (PLUS OR MINUS)	EARLY EXPLORATION AND ESTABLISHING NEED/SUPPORT	COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ESTABLISHING A FOUNDING TEAM	APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT AND ONGOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH
STARTUP PHASE: ALSO KNOWN AS "YEAR-0". RANGES FROM 6-14 MONTHS DEPENDING ON AUTHORIZER	APPLICATION APPROVAL AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUTHORIZER	PROCUREMENT OF: SCHOOL LEADER; FACILITY; INSURANCE; MATERIALS; BOARD AND STAFF TRAINING; ETC.	ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF: ACADEMIC PROGRAM; POLICIES; HANDBOOKS; STUDENT RECRUITMENT; INTERNAL SYSTEMS; ETC.
IMPLEMENTATION PHASE: OPENING THROUGH 3 TO 5 YRS. UNTIL A SCHOOL REACHES MATURITY (FULL ENROLLMENT)	EXECUTING ALL OF THE PIECES THAT ARE IN THE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENTS MADE IN THE CONTRACT	GROWING THE SCHOOL TO CAPACITY; ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL CULTURE; SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY	ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE STAFF AND TRAINING FOR THE BOARD; ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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NEW SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2016: Parker Performing Arts School

Parker Performing Arts School will open in the fall of 2016 in Douglas County School District serving 900 students in grades Kindergarten through Eighth. PPAS will offer a unique combination of performing arts and innovative academic instruction that will fuel student engagement and passion while cultivating important 21st century skills such as creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.



The students of PPAS will participate in daily performing arts training in the disciplines of dance, theater, vocal music, and instrumental music while also engaging in rigorous academic instruction. PPAS will provide a data-driven blended learning academic environment which includes each student being issued a school provided iPad to transform the way PPAS students engage with academic course content, experience the arts, and collaborate with each other. PPAS is led by a talented school administrator, Principal Jennifer Burgess. Under her direction, the PPAS administration team will include an Assistant Principal, Academic Director, Artistic Director, Technology Integration Specialist, and Business Manager. PPAS will also employ a variety of academic and performing arts teachers along with support staff.

Parker Performing Arts School will be located at 15035 Compark Blvd. in Parker, CO. The school is currently under construction and will open its doors in a new

54,000 sq. ft. building. The school has been carefully designed to foster collaborative academic learning and performing arts instruction. In addition to academic classrooms and specialty rooms, such as a science lab, the school will open with a 350 seat mainstage theater, a 100 seat black box theater, instrumental music rooms for band and orchestra, vocal music classrooms, dance classrooms, and drama instruction classrooms.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Parker Performing Arts School.



If your school is opening in 2016 and you would like it to be featured in an upcoming edition of New School News, please send [Lori Ventimiglia](#) a brief school description, logo and/or any pictures that you'd like to share.

Planning Grants Update

[Planning Grants](#) are again available for developing schools in both the Planning Phase and the Startup Phase STATEWIDE!

The first four, incremental \$2,500 Planning Grants are designed to directly align with the development of the charter application. The last three Planning Grants cover the costs associated with the application review, governance trainings, various professional development and miscellaneous expenses related to the Startup Phase of school development. In general, the following items are appropriate uses of grant funds:

- Hiring consultants to assist with development of various aspects of the program (e.g. academic research, development of scope and sequence, academic goals and objectives, selection and correlation of assessments, financial projections and budget, governance and by laws, application writing, performance management plan development, professional development plan, technology plan, etc.).
- Retaining professionals such as attorneys, accountants, or realtors to assist with planning.
- Renting temporary space for community information and recruitment meetings.
- Marketing to include website development, mailings, and advertising to inform the community about the school and recruit students.
- Travel, lodging and fees for visits to other charter schools, charter conferences and meetings.
- Designated services such as governance training and various professional development opportunities.

There are no deadlines associated with these planning grants; grant proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Groups must contact [Lori Ventimiglia](#) 303-989-5356 ext. 113 to determine eligibility before submitting an application.

The League is able to offer developing groups [planning grants](#) thanks to two philanthropic organizations, the Anschutz Foundation and the Daniels Fund. The funding available to schools is limited to the amounts received by the League.

Tip for Schools in the Planning Phase

Application Review

If you are planning to submit a charter application to your district this fall now is the time to schedule an application review! Our extensive two-part application review process should begin 8 weeks prior to your district/authorizer application deadline. [Stage 5 Planning Grants](#) are available to cover the costs of the application review. These grants are available for groups that have most of the essential pieces of their charter application in place, including a sound budget, thoughtful academic and performance management plans, and a mission-aligned organizational structure.

Community Outreach

Last month's newsletter stressed the importance of building a strong team at the beginning of the school development process. Once that team (your "founding" or "steering" committee) is in place, it will be important to engage in a robust and sustained community outreach process. This process is one in which the founding committee actively focuses its development efforts with by using the following outreach practices:

- Adequately researches the community in which the charter school will exist; has knowledge of the demographics, cultural and academic needs; and has interviewed a variety of community members to verify that there is a need and desire for the charter school in the community.
- Adequately researches the student population to be served to understand their educational needs and what services are currently in place to meet those needs.
- Actively networks with community leaders, local legislators, and other key figures in the community in order to understand the community and to build ongoing relationships as well as garner support for the charter school.
- Proactively develops a relationship with the charter authorizer. This relationship is initiated by notifying the authorizer of the group's intent to apply for a charter and is maintained throughout the application process. The founding committee seeks guidance from the authorizer and actively works to understand the authorizer's expectations.
- Recruits additional founding committee and prospective board members in order to broaden the pool of expertise and the skill-base of those working to start the school.
- Actively educates families in the community about the school and solicits students for enrollment. The founding committee develops outreach strategies to ensure equitable access to a diverse group of families in the community. Enrollment is made available to all students.
- Understands its role in representing and advocating for the charter school movement. The school makes decisions and works in such a way that the charter school sector will be well-represented.

Tips and Resources for Schools in the Startup Phase

Conducting Sound Due Diligence for your Charter School

As you gear up to open your doors the spending begins! From curriculum materials, desks and art supplies to playground equipment and the building itself, you will need to be a savvy consumer! Below is a list of some steps you can take as you conduct your due diligence for purchases big and small:

- Consider the nature of your school, staff organization and the business opportunity under consideration to determine the parties involved in the due diligence process. Involve your team, including anyone with legal and financial expertise or expertise in the pertinent area (such as real estate or construction), where appropriate.
- Request that the company in consideration provide company information regarding their experience with charter schools, their activities, accomplishments, products, performance and/or results.
- Get pricing and detailed product/service specs in writing.
- Review financial statements, business plans and other related documents, if appropriate.
- Talk to other charter schools that have used the provider in consideration. The League can help you make connections.
- Collect third-party validation about the provider in consideration from stakeholders, donors, funders, and field experts (when such validation is both relevant and advantageous).
- Select random samples of projects and evaluate the selection for information, including performance, timeliness of completion, budget to actual, and any warranty service needed and performed.
- Check references of the provider in consideration.
- Contact [Tiffany Kallevik](#) at the Colorado League of Charter Schools to see

if the provider in consideration has any involvement with the League's vendor programs. These include: 1) Group Purchasing Partners, 2) Preferred Service Providers, or 3) Marketplace participants, as many of these providers have been vetted.

As you prepare for contract negotiations with your authorizer the resources below will provide guidance for both you and your authorizer in writing effective charter school contracts. Because the charter contract is the foundational agreement that establishes a charter school's autonomy and accountability and the district's rights and obligations, it is essential that the contract meet legal requirements and adhere to best practices. The Sample Contract Language and Attachments have been recently updated and articulate rights and responsibilities of both parties.

Resources: [Colorado Charter School: A Resource for Developing Charter School Contracts](#) and [Colorado Charter School: Sample Contract Language and Attachments](#)

Critical Training for the Spring 2016 Cohort of Approved Charter Schools

Onboarding Your Charter School

Naturally the first thing you will do when you learn that your charter school application has been approved is CELEBRATE! The next thing you should do? [Sign-Up](#) for Onboarding Your Charter School! This training will assist you as you navigate through the complexities of the Startup Phase; presenting a clear path forward as your school moves from theory to reality. With a combination of sessions AND personalized team meetings with various League staff across all of the critical areas of year-0, Onboarding is designed to help you effectively identify next steps and understand how to implement them across the following critical areas of school start-up:

- Qualified and Competent School Leadership
- Sound Operational Practices
- Functional Governing Boards
- Effective Academics and Instruction
- Robust Performance Management Plan
- Clear, Mission-Driven School Culture

This training is recommend for planning teams (anyone involved in the Startup Phase of your school) and special group discounts apply for schools with three or more attendees. You may be eligible for planning grants to cover the cost of this training (check with [Lori Ventimiglia](#)).

Date: Monday, July 18

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Cost: Special new school pricing! \$75 per person. Groups of 3 or more use promo code GROUP20 at checkout for \$20 off each ticket.

Location: Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Monday, July 11.

Mark Your Calendar

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Whether you are in the application development phase, have been approved and are in Year-0 or are a Year-1 school, there are critical professional development opportunities listed below for everyone. If you are unclear as to whether or not you should attend a training listed below please contact the [New School Development](#) department to inquire further. Visit the [League Calendar](#) for upcoming trainings any time.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Two-Day Workshop

(Formerly known as Response to Intervention)

Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools

Dates: Wednesday, June 8 - Thursday, June 9

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM each day

Location: Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E Yale Ave, Denver

Cost: League Members: \$325 for one person, \$150 per additional attendee; Non-Members: \$425 for one person, \$150 per additional attendee

Description: MTSS is a comprehensive, student-centered assessment, systems, and intervention framework used to identify and support individual student academic or social emotional gaps and challenges.

Attend this workshop to learn how to effectively select intervention strategies aligned with current evidence of student learning through a collaborative model that includes:

- Identifying, collecting and analyzing student data with a robust body of evidence
- Selecting instructional and social emotional Tier 1,2, and 3 interventions aligned to appropriate skill gaps
- Monitoring student progress and setting appropriate goals
- Deepen your understanding of the principles of MTSS and best practices as shared through national researched based practices and real time case scenarios
- Prioritize and action plan next steps for your team or individual tool box and capacity

Some content provided by The Leadership and Learning Center.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Monday, June 6. Event contingent on a minimum of 8 registrants.

Breakfast Matters Webinar: Building Strong School Meals Programs in Charter Schools

Date: Thursday, June 9

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Eastern

Location: Webinar

Description: With 2.5 million students enrolled across the country, charter schools are serving many low-income children who need nutritious school breakfasts and lunches to be healthy and succeed academically. However, many new and existing charter schools face unique barriers to operating the federal school meals programs, including facilities challenges, unfamiliarity with programs, and limited administrative capacities. Many charter schools are overcoming these challenges and implementing thriving nutrition programs by utilizing best practices to offer meals at no charge to all students and boosting school breakfast participation by making it part of the school day. Join us to learn more about strategies to overcome some of the challenges charter schools face when implementing federal school meal programs and how state agencies and anti-hunger advocates can help support charter schools in this effort.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

Startup Weekend Education (SWEDU)

Dates: Friday, June 10 - Sunday, June 12

Cost: Varies, see website

Location: Daniels School of Business at the University of Denver, 2199 S University Blvd, Denver

Description: TACKLE BIG CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP! PITCH-TO-PROTOTYPE IN ONE WEEKEND! Startup Weekend Education (SWEDU) brings together people of all skillsets and experience levels to collaboratively launch tools, schools and learning spaces that reimagine the future of school and education more broadly.

Everyone is welcome and no previous entrepreneurial experience is required!

This is the second ever SWEDU in Colorado and the first to be hosted in Denver!

Our state is home to a vibrant and growing community of education entrepreneurs.

We look forward to hearing your stories and learning about your ideas for change in education!

Here are just some of the benefits of participating!

- Meals and drinks provided (including all the caffeine you can consume!)
- SWEDU Denver Tee Shirt
- Access to Mentors and Coaches to help refine your idea and pitch.
- Opportunity to win great prizes including: Tickets to SWSXedu 2017,
- The opportunity to meet and collaborate with other smart, motivated, awesome people like you!

Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

STEM Summer Institute

Hosted by DU's Center for Professional Development

Dates: Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM each day

Location: University of Denver Morgridge College of Education, Ruffatto Hall, 1999 E. Evans Avenue, Denver

Cost: \$575 for the week and 40 professional contact hours for educators

Description: Please join us for a week-long immersion into STEM education, where you will gain access to the STEMinspired network. Your entire team is encouraged to attend. Each attendee will earn 40 contact hours for this week-long Institute.

Presented by STEMinspired in partnership with Center for Professional Development and Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

Functional Behavioral Assessments and Behavior Intervention Planning

Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools

Date: Monday, June 13

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

Cost: League Member: \$175, additional attendees \$100; Non-Member: \$225, additional attendees \$100

Description: Is the honeymoon period over? Are students displaying challenging behaviors that impact their learning and the learning of others? Not sure where to go next? This workshop is designed to enable school administrators, special education teachers, and other stakeholders to craft effective Tier II and Tier III behavior intervention plans for struggling students. Additionally, the workshop will provide training on Functional Behavioral Assessments, an essential component of the IEP process when a behavioral or developmental disorder is suspected.

School Personnel will take away several resources for best practices in behavior interventions: data collection tools, behavior change monitoring tools, strategies for FAIR Plans and BIPS, social emotional learning intervention programs, and sample MTSS structures for behavior/social emotional learning.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Friday, June 10. Event contingent on a minimum of 8 registrants.

Classroom Strategies for Teaching English-Language Learners & Overview for English Language Development Planning

Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools

Date: Tuesday, June 14

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

Cost: League Member: \$175, additional attendees \$100; Non-Member: \$250, additional attendees \$100

Description: With the growing population of English Language Learners within our schools, it is essential that schools be prepared to meet the needs of ELL students. In order to do this, teachers and interventionists will need to understand the basic elements of WIDA standards, the features of an English Language Development Plan (ELDP), and the strategies to support learning. This training will

provide an overview for creating an English Language Development Plan as well as how to utilize the WIDA standards and build a foundation for classroom strategies that can be incorporated into teaching English Language learners. The training will focus on strategies that can be used with all levels of English Language Learners.

Outcomes: In this workshop, participants will learn

- the key elements of an effective English Language Development Plan;
- the basics of WIDA standards and how to incorporate them into your daily learning objectives;
- research-based strategies that you can use the next day in your classroom.

Feedback from previous workshop attendee:

"By far the BEST ELD training I have been to. I was engaged ALL day! I also appreciated being able to take what I learned and apply it the very next day. Thank you so much for an incredible training!"

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Friday, June 10.

Colorado School Safety Resource Center Trainings

Restorative Practices Workshops for School Staff

Hosted by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center with support from the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council

Dates: June 14 and 15 - Highlands Ranch, August 9 and 10 - Grand Junction

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cost: Free

Location: Highlands Ranch/Grand Junction

Presented by: Kerri Schmitt, Restorative Justice Consultant and Professor of Restorative Justice at UCCS

Description: Day 1 - Designed for administrators: Examples of the effectiveness of restorative practices in schools and a step by step process for implementing restorative practices and creating a restorative culture in your school. Topics will include how to gain commitment from staff, data tracking, training, aligning your RTI/PBIS program and other school polices with restorative practices and restorative dialogue skills.

Day 2 - Designed for all school staff: This is an opportunity for school staff to understand the value of implementing restorative classrooms and the components and skills necessary to create such classrooms as well as broadening the base of supporters for a school-wide initiative.

Note: This two-day training is being offered three separate times. Each two-day workshop will be the same information. Please register for a pair of workshops only.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

Topic-Based Webinar: Annual Financial Report

Hosted by CDE Schools of Choice Unit

Date: Wednesday, June 15

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost: Free

Registration: Coming soon.

Lunch & Learn: Do This, Not That: What You Need to Know About Selecting School Technology

Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools

Date: Wednesday, June 15

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cost: League Members: Free; Non-members: \$25

Location: Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

Description: If you've ever experienced a wasted school technology investment, this presentation is for you. We will look at how the typical technology selection

process in a school can lead to expensive and painful problems and how to do it better. The session will cover:

- Technology's role in a well-developed student
- What an effective technology selection process looks like
- How to face the challenges and pressures from PARCC and other factors
- Ways to avoid common procurement pitfalls

From wiring new facilities to enhancing technology for existing classrooms, lessons learned in this presentation will allow any administrator to have a greater impact on each technology request that comes across their desk. It's the need-to-know information that school leaders must have to be effective in their positions.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Monday, June 13.

Webinar: A Pro-active Approach to Disaster Recovery and How to Ensure Your School is Prepared

Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools and ServiceMaster DSI

Date: Thursday, June 16

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Webinar. Please use a valid email address when registering and the URL will be emailed to you before June 16.

Cost: Free

Description: When a school experiences a disaster like a flood or fire, hundreds of people can be affected from the school staff, to students, to parents as well. Preparedness is key in minimizing damage, downtime, and costs. We want all schools to be prepared for disasters, staff to know their roles in the emergency plan, and to recover as quickly as possible should a disaster affect them. How does your school's preparedness score? We will get you an A+ if you take note of our necessary pro-active steps for preparedness.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Wednesday, June 15.

IEP Transition Plans

Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools

Date: Wednesday, June 22

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool, 6857 S. Spruce Street, Centennial

Cost: League Member: \$175, additional attendees \$100; Non-Member: \$250, additional attendees \$100

Description: Indicator 13 and 14 transition requirements are robust and have significant implications for the entire IEP process. Transition planning is an imperative component for which to safeguard compliance (as provisions are many). However beyond compliance, transition planning is a high-leverage lens for investing and motivating students to engage in a personalized education that prepares them for their post-secondary goals and aspirations.

Participants will:

- know Indicator 13 and 14 provisions to ensure compliance
- be able to craft data-driven transition plans
- understand how to use transition plans to drive the rest of the IEP process
- know how to access community resources for transition

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Friday, June 17. Event contingent on a minimum of 10 registrants.

20th Anniversary Colorado Safe Schools Conference

Sponsored by the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers

Dates: Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1

Cost: Pricing varies, refer to website

Location: Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction

Description: The Rocky Mountain Safe School Conference will bring together

school resource officers, law enforcement, school security/safety professionals, school board members, school administrators, and others to receive superior training and networking opportunities. In addition to the keynote sessions on Monday and Thursday, the Rocky Mountain Safe School Conference will offer break out training sessions that are highly relevant and conducted by experts in the field and a vendor show displaying the latest in policing and school safety products. Source CASROinfo.org event flyer

Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

Onboarding Your Charter School

Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools

Date: Monday, July 18

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

Cost: Special new school pricing! \$75 per person. Groups of 3 or more use promo code GROUP20 at checkout for \$20 off each ticket.

Audience: This training is recommended for planning teams (anyone involved in the Startup Phase of your school). Special group discounts apply for schools with three or more attendees. You may be eligible for planning grants to cover the cost of this training (contact [Lori Ventimiglia](#)).

Description: Naturally, the first thing you will do when you learn your charter school application has been approved is celebrate. The next thing you should do? **Sign-Up** for Onboarding Your Charter School!

This training will assist you as you navigate through the complexities of the Startup Phase; presenting a clear path forward as your school moves from theory to reality. With a combination of sessions AND personalized team meetings with various League staff across all of the critical areas of year-0, Onboarding is designed to help you effectively identify next steps and understand how to implement them across the following critical areas of school start-up:

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Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Monday, July 11.

An Overview for Creating an English Language Development Standards Crosswalk for Curriculum Mapping, Lesson Planning, and Implementation of Best Language Strategies

Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools

Date: Thursday, July 28

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E Yale Ave, Denver

Cost: League Members: \$175 and \$100 for each additional attendee; Non-members: \$225 and \$100 for each additional attendee

Description: With the growing population of English Language Learners in your schools, it is crucial for the schools to be prepared with the best tools and resources that can be utilized to help with implementation of quality instruction. One of the of the most important tools needed is a Standards Crosswalk of the WIDA standards integrated with the Common Core Standards, Essential Questions, English Language Development Best Practices, and Vocabulary. Teachers need a tool that is user friendly, can be aligned to any curriculum for mapping, and can offer the benefit of alignment for assessment. This training will provide an overview of the process needed to create the Standards Crosswalk for pacing/mapping out the school year, aligning curriculum, and streamlining the lesson planning process for your teachers. This training will begin to build a

foundation for clearer understanding of ALL of the standards, lesson planning and integration of language teaching strategies to best meet the needs of English Language Learners.

Outcomes: In this workshop, participants will learn:

- the key elements of an effective English Language Development Program with an aligned Standards Crosswalk
- integration of the WIDA standards with Common Core Standards incorporated into a Pacing Guide to build into daily learning objectives, curriculum mapping and lesson planning
- research-based strategies that you can use the next day in your schools.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Wednesday, July 13. Event contingent on a minimum of 8 registrants.

Information from CDE Schools of Choice Office

Each month, this section will provide updates and resources from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE)'s Schools of Choice Office.

The Schools of Choice unit at CDE hosts an events page that should be checked frequently as there are always important and relevant workshops and seminars for developing schools that CDE Schools of Choice offers. [Click here](#) for the events page.

CDE's Schools of Choice Office provides a variety of Technical Assistance events for developing, new, and continuing charter schools. [Click here](#) to learn more about these offerings, see their schedule of events, and register for their trainings.

CDE's Schools of Choice Office puts out a twice-monthly "SOC Update" email and other important announcements through its Charter School ListServ. [Click here](#) to sign up.

In Every Issue

The following information is included in each newsletter as they are valuable resources to keep on your radar.

Educating your Community

Even 22 years into the life of charter schools in Colorado, it is amazing how many people don't really understand what charter schools are and that they are public schools. New and developing schools will find this video to be a great introduction at community meetings and other outreach efforts.



What is a Charter School?

Additionally, the following links will be useful for you to remain focused on the facts in your community:

[Charter School Facts](#)

[Charter School Infographics](#)

New School Development Resources

Visit the League's [New School Development](#) page for sample model documents, upcoming events, information about grants and much. Check back frequently for updates!

Website - CharterPublic.org

The Colorado League of Charter Schools recently launched a public awareness campaign about charter public schools. Please check out the League's [campaign website](#) where the community can learn more about charter schools and find a charter school near them. We encourage you to take a look at this website and share it with your school community including prospective families.

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