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Charter School Leadership 101- The Challenges and Opportunities

Leadership Development

John Brenda, League Consultant, Education & Non-Profit Leadership Consultants Ltd.

Charter school leaders come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Some are seasoned school leaders with a wealth of experience and drive. Others come from outside of education but have a deep passion for the mission of the schools they serve. Regardless of experience, charter school leaders often find the maze of public education to be challenging. This session will provide school leaders (both boards and heads of schools) with a comprehensive foundation of the system and what leadership elements are found in the most successful charter schools. Focus will be placed on how to realize the opportunities for success when leaders know what paths to pursue and which to avoid. Regardless of what level of experience you have as a charter school leader, we'll explore new learnings and/or ways to think about how you approach leadership.

Leading Generations in the Workplace

Leadership Development

Trina Maull, Director of HR & Talent Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

Today many of our school environments have four distinct generations: Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials and Generation Z. Do you know how to lead in this multigenerational environment? During this session, you will better understand the generations, what they want and strategies on leading them in the workplace.

Are you ready? Trends for 2020 Leadership

Leadership Development

John Brenda, League Consultant, Education & Non-Profit Leadership Consultants Ltd.

Trina Maull, Director of HR & Talent Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

Are you ready for the next evolution of leadership? Do you know the skills it takes to be a great leader? What are the current leadership trends? Attend this session to explore a roundtable discussion about trends for 2020 Leadership.

Policy

Special Education: Challenges and Opportunities

Policy

Kaci Coats, Executive Director of The Collaborative for Exceptional Education, Colorado League of Charter Schools | Bill Bethke, Attorney & Founding Partner, Kutz & Bethke LLC | Dan Schaller, VP of State & Local Policy, Colorado League of Charter Schools

With the recent establishment of the Collaborative for Exceptional Education, the League is looking to assume a more proactive role in the direction of special education in Colorado. This includes the future direction of special education policy in the state. Attend this session to learn more about what this could entail, where the current challenges and opportunities exist, and to share your perspective on where the most promising policy advancements might occur.

School Safety: A Panel Discussion

Policy

Dafna Michaelson Jenet, State Representative, Colorado House District 30, Chair, 2019 Legislative Interim Committee on School Safety | Margaret Ochoa, Prevention Specialist, Colorado School Safety Resource Center

The tragic events from this past spring at STEM Highlands Ranch reminded us once again of the importance and urgency of issues related to school safety. In this session, many of these issues will be explored from the perspective of both policy and practice. Attend to learn some of the latest trends and to get your questions answered.

2020 Legislative Session: Prospects and Possibilities

Policy

Dan Schaller, VP of State & Local Policy, Colorado League of Charter Schools

While charter schools have seen sustained success in recent years at the Colorado State Capitol, every legislative session brings its own challenges and opportunities. 2020 promises to be no exception. Attend this session to make your voice heard on pressing issues confronting your school and to better understand the political and policy landscape heading into 2020.

Organizing

Telling Your Charter School Story

Organizing

Derrell Bradford, Executive Vice President, 50CAN

Learn how to effectively speak up for your school and your students! Participants will walk away with a number of tools and techniques for effective charter school advocacy. Charter school representatives

and supporters with a passion for advancing the cause of high-quality schools for all Colorado children are encouraged to attend.

The Broad Spectrum of Community Engagement

Organizing

Brandon Hellwig, Associate Director of Organizing, Colorado League of Charter Schools
Panel

During this session, participants will see the many different levels at which advocacy and organizing can be implemented and beneficial for their school and community. From "armchair advocacy" to "grassroots revolution," attendees will see real examples of growth in schools and organizations that is possible depending on the time, energy, and resources you have available for community engagement work.

Teachers As Charter School Advocates

Organizing

Brandon Hellwig, Associate Director of Organizing, Colorado League of Charter Schools | Guest Speaker, AAE/PACE

Hey, School Leaders! Unless you proactively approach the topic of advocacy and engagement, you may actually be unintentionally stifling some of the best champions for your school--your teachers! Come learn how to nurture a positive and effective culture of advocacy among your teachers and staff. Learn best practices from leaders across the country on unlocking the huge potential of your teacher advocates.

Funding

The Universe of Capital: Making Sense of Your Options or The Universe of Capital: What will work best for your Project?

Funding

Patti Glock (Moderator), Director of Business Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

Not all capital projects are created equally. In this session, attendees will learn about the many factors including the school's long term strategic plan, project costs and capacity of the staff that influence which capital options are the right fit for your project.

Bolster Your School's Budget Through Fundraising

Funding

Jason Embry, VP of Development, Colorado League of Charter Schools

The best way to ensure your school maximizes its fundraising effectiveness is to make sure that both school leadership and board members understand key roles and responsibilities — collaboratively, cooperatively and individually. This session will include an interactive discussion of the vital roles everyone plays resulting in fundraising success.

Grants: Case Studies & Best Practices

Funding

Patti Glock (Moderator), Director of Business Services, Colorado League of Charter Schools

During this session, participants will listen to school leaders in (3) case studies to learn about best practices and how to leverage resources to maximize grant opportunities.

Educator Summit

Trauma: Understanding Its Impact on Learning and How Schools can be more Supportive

Educator Summit

Morgan Beidleman, League Consultant

It has been found that ongoing stress or involvement in traumatic events can have significant implications on the brain's makeup. These changes to the brain can lead to difficulties in a student's ability to manage emotions in the school setting. During this session, participants will gain a deep understanding of the way trauma impacts the brain and how best to prevent and de-escalate the behaviors that are a result of these changes.

Preparing for Freshman Year: Building Executive Functioning Skills Needed for High School

Educator Summit

Meagan Gillcrist, League Consultant

All educators have heard that students need Executive Functioning skills, but often times, teachers are left to figure out how and when to build these skills. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of what Executive Functioning skills are and how to identify which skills scholars do and don't have in order to establish a set classroom plan to guide students towards independence with these skills.

Avoiding the Hidden Message: Maintaining High Expectations for our Diverse Learners

Educator Summit

Kaci Coats, Executive Director of The Collaborative for Exceptional Education, Colorado League of Charter Schools

Our students with diverse learning needs can easily receive the message that we don't believe in their ability to meet high expectations. This can have a lifelong effect on their educational and postsecondary lives. This session will spotlight how to avoid sending this message, and instead focus on utilizing high expectations while providing the necessary support.