ENROLLMENT GUIDANCE ON 15 DAY DROPS

During Tuesday’s Charter School Administrators ZOOM call we had a very interesting discussion about the 15 day enrollment drop issue. In that discussion it was pointed out that how school administrators understand the term “enrollment” is different than how MDE understands enrollment.

For MDE it is a financial issue, and for schools it is both a financial issue and a policy question but more often a policy question.

When a charter school has a student who misses 15 consecutive days for any reason, the school faces both a finance and a policy issue. After an absence of 15 consecutive days, the student must be withdrawn in MARSS for school finance purposes only. However, the charter school is not permitted to withdraw the student for enrollment purposes, unless the student formally withdraws or is expelled. Under law, they remain enrolled and the school “maintains its obligations to the student for education, special education services, truancy follow-up, etc.” A charter school should follow appropriate truancy guidance to pursue truancy actions in response to a lengthy absence.

Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 124E.11, paragraph (g) states, “Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled in the school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.”
INNOVATION AWARDS APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting applications for the 2023 Innovation Awards is Monday, February 6th. All Minnesota charter schools are encouraged to apply. For more information and a copy of the application, visit our website here. If you have any questions or an application to submit, please email Michael Padgett at michael@mncharterschools.org.

POST A JOB ON OUR WEBSITE!

A reminder that MACS member schools are encouraged to utilize our Career/Job Board page as a venue to post job announcements, as it is well visited by those seeking employment in the charter school community. Non-members schools may post as well for a fee. To submit a job listing, click here.

TUESDAY MORNING CALLS REMINDER

A reminder that we have resumed hosting our Tuesday morning admin support calls. They will take place every Tuesday in January and February. Daron Korte, MDE Assistant Commissioner, will be joining the call on January 24th to provide updates and answer your questions.

IRS MILEAGE RATE FOR 2023

As of January 1, 2023, the IRS has raised the business mileage reimbursement rate to 65.5 cents per mile. This is up from 62.5 cents per mile, which was put in place in July, 2022.

TIER 3 LICENSURE COHORT

Proserva will be hosting a cohort for Tier 3 Licensure candidates beginning Jan. 31st, 2023 - meeting the last Tuesday of every month through May. At these meetings, Proserva will be providing portfolio support and Metro State will be providing Academic Advising. They will be hosting an info session on January 18th at 11 am via Zoom to answer questions. For more information, click here.

SCHOOL NEWS

- **Northwest Passage High School, Coon Rapids**: Headwaters, an innovative program that teaches students to unlearn conventional education norms and learn how to take charge of their learning through project-based, experiential, and expeditionary learning, volunteered to help sort, pack and distribute gifts for the annual Toys For Tots drive. Read more here.
- **North Lakes Academy Charter School, Forest Lake**: 10th grade student Gavin Klabechek and Social Studies instructor Chris Stewart have been selected from a
nationwide pool of candidates to participate in National History Day’s Sacrifice for Freedom®: World War II in the Pacific Student & Teacher Institute. Cool!

- **Exploration High School, Minneapolis**: Out of 165 nominations from across the nation, Dave Heighington, director and founder, was among 21 educators who received the American Consortium for Equity in Education’s Excellence in Equity Award. Read more [here](#).

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