



SUMMER 2021

Message from the Executive Director

We are so excited and thankful to make it to the end of one of the hardest school years. This year, with the majority of our schools doing virtual instruction, saw a record amount of innovation, perseverance, and selflessness. Our schools reached students, families, and communities in every way they needed it: providing internet in their homes, allowing some students to come in-person to receive services, passing out hot and cold meals to anyone that needed it, assisting with housing issues, giving out resources on staying healthy and getting vaccinated, seeking out ways to keep everyone socially and emotionally well, and teaching students with everything they had. CONGRATULATIONS to our schools and students on completing this year! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished!

I just celebrated the two year mark as ED of MAPCS and I don't think I could have ever imagined what these two years have held (or how fast they have flown). We have impacted and passed some of the most innovative public education policy in the Nation. We have had record numbers of membership and were able to support two wholly-new schools to open in districts where no charter was currently operating - Watershed Public Charter School in Baltimore County in 2019/20 and PISOTA in Charles County in 2021/22. We have advocated at the federal, state, and local level to impact and change more than 75 pieces of policy. We have increased our partnerships and built new resources to better support our membership. We have an incredible staff and board and just finished an inspiring strategic plan to lead us into even more success. These are the tip of the iceberg and we are just getting started!

I am so thankful for our staff, board, operators, educators, donors, families, students, communities, partners, advocates, and more. We could not have accomplished anything without your unwavering support and dedication to building access to great public schools for every student in Maryland.

Have a wonderful summer full of relaxation and fun. I look forward to reconnecting with you all to gear up for a new school year soon!

-McKenzie

UPCOMING EVENTS

(All MAPCS events are free with funding provided by the MSDE CSP Grant)

MD Public Charter Schools' Virtual Job Fair*

June 17, 2021 | 5pm-7pm

Please register for the event if you are interested in any roles within a charter school in Maryland, even if you cannot attend the event. There is no cost to attend. We will be collecting resumes and providing them to the over 19 schools that will be present at the virtual event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Phylcia at phylcia@mdcharters.org. The schools will be from Baltimore City and Prince George's County. This is a great opportunity to learn more about each school and the open positions they may have available for the 2021/22 school year!

Event not paid for through the MSDE CSP Grant



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The Secret of Managing Behavior Workshop

September 23, 2021 | 4pm-5:30pm

The secrets behind creating appropriate community standards for students and adults? There are no secrets: classroom and behavior management are an open book but it takes much more than reading the contents. Those who create effective and appropriate classrooms and school climate work hard to develop a battery of skills, talents and knowledge that allows them to support both students and adults. This is all about creating a school culture devoted to learning, social and emotional growth and overall school success!



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Charter Starter Virtual Workshop

October 7, 2021 | 5pm-8pm

This FREE intensive three-hour session is designed to give school developers foundational knowledge about chartering in Maryland. This is part 2 of the Charter Starter Series. Part 1 is Intro to MD Charter Schools and Part 3 is the Charter Design Workshops.



This workshop is best suited for those at the beginning of the charter school process and serves as the foundational workshop for the Charter Design Workshops.

Topics in this Charter Starter Workshop include:

- What is a Charter School?
- Sharing Our Mission and Vision Statements
- Self-Assessment - Where Are You on the Continuum of Ready?
- Overview of the Authorization Process
- Next Steps

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MAPCS ANNOUNCEMENTS



National Charter Schools Conference

*EDUCATION (R)EVOLUTION:
ENGAGE. EDUCATE. INNOVATE.*

There is still time to register for the 2021 National Charter Schools Conference. It is being held virtually **Sunday, June 20 through Wednesday, June 23**. The schedule of sessions includes a live conversation with United States Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, and a panel with our very own Dr. Cecil Payton (Empowerment Academy, Baltimore). Don't miss out on all the exciting opportunities to network, grow, and learn! Register [HERE!](#)



MAPCS' Online Job Board

Many of Maryland's public charter schools are hiring. Interested in working at a public charter school, find postings [here](#). MAPCS Member charter schools can now post their job openings directly on our website! All member schools will receive access to the [members-only portal](#), which currently includes a job board and an extended library of charter school resources curated for operating schools. See the above event for more info on our virtual job fair.

IN THE NEWS

[Maryland state school board chooses San Antonio administrator as next superintendent](#)

Liz Bowie | Baltimore Sun

[Innovation Center arrives at Baltimore's Green Street Academy](#)

Jacques Kelly | Baltimore Sun

Charles County Board Approves First Charter School

Charles County Public Schools | The Southern Maryland Chronicle

Coffee with Emily Augustine, Founding Principal of Clay Hill Public Charter School

Heather | Cool Progeny

MEET OUR NEW VENDORS

Click on the vendor's names below to learn more! Our new [Vendor Marketplace](#) connects companies and products to Maryland's Charter Schools.

Featured Vendor

Are you looking for resources and programs to support your youth and families? Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center, Inc (LTYC) is an arts education non profit organization serving throughout the state of MD. We are currently seeking school partners for the summer and 21-22 academic school year so we may provide arts enrichment classes (school-based and after school), SEL supports, mentoring, professional development, parent engagement, and College and Career programs in your school communities. We will work with you, your needs, and your budget for a customized program! To learn more about our programs please visit www.ltyc.net or email dana.carr@ltyc.net.



The logo for GLOBAL Environmental Consultants and Engineers features a green globe icon to the left of the word "GLOBAL" in large, bold, green letters. Below it, "Environmental Consultants and Engineers" is written in a smaller font.	The logo for Catapult Learning features the word "Catapult" in a blue, sans-serif font, with "Learning" in a smaller blue font below it. A small green leaf icon is positioned above the letter "l" in "Learning".	The logo for Easysuite Software includes the word "Easysuite" in a red, cursive font with a blue star above the "e", and "SOFTWARE" in small blue letters below it. Below this are four smaller logos: "Lotterease" (green), "Foodease" (orange), "Journease" (green), and "Merchease" (orange).
The logo for Highmark School Development features a red and black stylized "H" icon to the left of the word "HIGHMARK" in bold black letters. Below it, "SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT" and "Your Facility Partner" are written in smaller black text.	The logo for EdScale features a sunburst icon to the left of the word "EdScale" in bold black letters. Below it, "GET BETTER RESULTS" is written in smaller black text.	The logo for PSA Insurance & Financial Services features a blue circular icon with a white line through it to the left of the letters "PSA" in bold blue font. Below it, "INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES" is written in smaller black text.
The logo for Elevant features an orange square icon with a white "E" inside to the left of the word "Elevant" in a black, sans-serif font.	The logo for Kelly & Associates Insurance Services features a green square icon with a white "K" inside to the left of the text "KELLY & ASSOCIATES" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, "Insurance Services" is written in smaller white text.	The logo for Hertz Furniture Experts by Design features a blue circular icon with a white line through it to the left of the word "Hertz" in bold blue font. Below it, "Furniture" and "Experts by Design" are written in smaller black text.
The logo for LTYC (Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center) features a stylized graphic of three human figures in blue, green, and orange, with their arms raised. To the right, "LTYC" is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters, with "LEADERS OF TOMORROW" and "YOUTH CENTER" in smaller black text below it.	The logo for FedEx Office features the word "FedEx" in its signature purple and orange font, with "Office" in a smaller black font below it.	The logo for Immersion Language Programs features the text "IMMERSION LANGUAGE PROGRAMS" in a blue box above the words "the LANGUAGE PROJECT" in blue, sans-serif font. A blue checkmark icon is positioned below the text.
The logo for TalkPathLive features the word "TalkPath" in black and "Live" in a green, sans-serif font.	The logo for Allsan Hand Therapy features a red circular icon with a white "A" inside to the left of the word "ALLSAN" in bold black letters. Below it, "HAND THERAPY" is written in smaller black text.	The logo for Consolidated Insurance + Risk Management features a blue square icon with a white line through it to the left of the word "consolidated" in bold blue font. Below it, "INSURANCE + RISK MANAGEMENT" is written in smaller black text.
The logo for Reading Plus features the word "reading" in a blue, sans-serif font and "plus" in a green, sans-serif font, with a green circular icon containing a white plus sign between them.		

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