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Recent Accomplishments

Charter School Academy

Our six new charter schools attended the first of three **Charter School Academy** training sessions designed to prepare the schools for successful openings in the 2024-25 school year. Liberty STEAM's Executive Director Dr. Trevor Ivey, Managing Director of Operations Dixie Hardy, and Social Media Ambassador Jane Hray shared "Fully Enrolled to Fully Connected," which detailed Liberty's experience in the initial stages of enrollment, recruitment, and branding. Allison Aiken Hanna of Halligan Mahoney & Williams presented FERPA and FOIA law information relevant to charter schools. Other training topics included school facilities, finance, PowerSchool, and data-related information.

Schools in attendance included GREEN Charter School Simpsonville, GREEN Charter School Taylors, Movement School North Charleston, Pee Dee Hall, Sea Islands Heritage Academy, and Summit Academy.

A Look Ahead

A New Academic Year - Superintendent Chris Neeley is excited about New School Visits beginning this month

As we gear up for the new academic year, we are thrilled to announce that Superintendent Chris Neeley is hitting the road and visiting schools across the district to connect with our students and teachers!

One of the unique aspects of these visits is the genuine enthusiasm that Superintendent Neeley brings with him and receives from the kids at each visit. He takes the time to interact with students and staff, learn about their experiences and challenges, as well as share his own insights and experiences.

Stay tuned for updates on when Superintendent Neeley will be visiting your school - we can't wait to share this exciting opportunity with all of our students and staff!



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[Kids First Conference is Upon us!](#) Thank you to our Sponsors!
September 26-27th

Don't Miss the Unstoppable [Damon West](#) at the 2023 Kids First Conference! We're thrilled to announce the 2023 Kids First Conference will feature an extraordinary keynote speaker who's sure to inspire and motivate: Damon West.

Damon West is no ordinary keynote speaker. He's a bestselling author, and an internationally known figure who has transformed lives with his powerful message of positive change. His journey from a life sentence in prison to becoming a beacon of hope and redemption is nothing short of awe-inspiring.

West's bestselling book, "The Coffee Bean: A Simple Lesson to Create Positive Change," reflects his remarkable story and his belief in the power of transformation. His keynote at the Kids First Conference promises to be a thought-provoking exploration of resilience, change, and the potential in each of us to make a difference.

Prepare to be captivated by Damon's compelling narrative and his insights on overcoming adversity. His talk will leave you with actionable strategies for fostering positive change within yourself and in your school community. This is a unique opportunity to learn from one of the most influential voices in personal development today. [The Damon West Story](#)



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2023 ANNUAL CHARTER AUTHORIZER CONFERENCE

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You're Invited: Fall Leaders' Summit - Ignite, Inspire, Impact! November 14th!
We are thrilled to extend an exclusive invitation to you for the much-anticipated Fall Leaders' Summit 2023.

This premier event will take place on November 14th, 2023, at the District Office in Columbia, South Carolina. Our Leaders' Summit promises to be an unparalleled gathering of thought leaders, influencers, and change-makers, all gathered under one roof with a shared purpose: to ignite ideas, inspire change, and put kids first. Prepare to be captivated by our distinguished lineup of speakers, featuring some of the most respected voices in leadership and education. These industry pioneers will share their insights, experiences, and strategies for success in today's fast-evolving education landscape. Alongside these inspiring keynotes, we've scheduled a series of informative



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breakout sessions designed to enhance your skills and broaden your perspectives. Whether you're interested in strategic planning, team building, or effective communication, there's a session tailored just for you. But that's not all. One of the most valuable aspects of the Fall Leaders' Summit is the opportunity to connect. Engage in stimulating discussions, exchange ideas, and build lasting relationships with fellow attendees. It's a networking opportunity like no other. The Fall Leaders' Summit is more than just an event - it's an experience. And it's one we believe you won't want to miss. So, mark your calendars, prepare to be inspired, and join us for this extraordinary gathering of minds. Audit Reminder –

FY23 Annual Financial Audits are due in Epicenter October 15, 2023.

Power Provider Survey

Please spend a moment answering this one question survey for the district office:

<https://kidsfirstcharters.formstack.com/forms/powerprovider>