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## **Executive Director's Corner**

Momentum Gala on April 18<sup>th</sup>



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## Momentum News

- Immigration [Communication](#)
  - Protection for immigrant students [presentation](#)
- Click the [link](#) to review our latest response to the Teacher Council.

## Legislative & Media Updates

- [MCPSA Top Legislative Priorities for Charters](#)
  - Facilities funding for charter public schools (budgetary line item)
  - Opportunities to provide families with an option (open enrollment and/or charter expansion)

- Retirement system
- Defense on Boone County
- Opportunities to improve the educational system - early childhood, teacher support, etc.
- Defense: protecting students and families

#### **Headlines**

- The House Emerging Issues Committee heard several bills to void and prohibit deed restrictions that disallow use or sale of buildings to charter schools. **HBs 1363, 1062 and 1254** – sponsored by Reps. Hruza, Terry and Baker all achieve the same result. Tricia Workman, on behalf of the Missouri Charter Public School Association, Confluence Schools and the Opportunity Trust all testified in favor of the bills. Committee members were relatively baffled as to why such restrictions would be included when there were so many vacant school buildings. Some Democrats inquired as to why such restrictions would exist in the first place and proponents explained that it was likely due to concerns about competition. There was no opposition and the committee plans to vote on these bills next week.
- St. Louis Public School Retirement System legislation, to increase the contribution for schools to 14%, was referred to committee. We do not have a hearing date at this time.
- HB 306, 408, and 854 - all cell phone legislation - were combined and passed out of committee 20-0. We will continue to monitor this as it evolves, to ensure that charter schools are not overly locked into doing something (though unless we hear otherwise, understand you are comfortable with guidance and needing a policy).
- Federal update: We are including a sample plan, provided by North Side Charter (thank you Doug!), regarding how one of your colleagues is approaching the “dear colleague” letter from the USDOE.

#### Community Updates

- Momentum CSuite Retreat hosted in Chicago Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> facilitated by Jennifer Hodges, VP of Whole Child Initiative at KIPP Chicago



## **Chief of Schools' Corner**

### Curriculum & Instruction

- 2025-2026 Priority
  - Illuminate
  - GP as Early Childhood Center
  - i-Ready
  - Performance Data Dashboard

### Culture

- Staff enjoyed Family Feud this past Friday for our Q3 Staff Wellness Event



### **Chief of Operation's Corner**

- 2025-2026 Priority
  - Candidate Experience Roll-Out
  - Attendance Dashboard
  - Research/Pilot Evaluation System

### **Enrollment & Attendance**

Enrollment 24-25: **581**, 88.30% of budgeted enrollment

- Closing enrollment to 8<sup>th</sup> grade as we enter testing and end of school year.
- Continuing to offer seats to new interested families in current year for grades K-7 through April.

Attendance 24-25: **90.11% Average Daily Attendance**

Enrollment 25-26: Open enrollment kicks off March 4<sup>th</sup>

- 625 budgeted enrollment
- New applicants in pipeline: 121 (30 PreK waitlist)
- 86.25% of current scholars re-committed (458)
  - o 70.65% GP scholars recommitted, receiving additional touch points from FP team, and we're working on transportation support options

**Operations**

Financial Note:

- Federal funding accounts for \$1.9m (~13%) of Momentum revenue
  - o Previous budget projections pointed to \$750k+ net income in 25-26
  - o Working on contingent cost mitigation recommendations to present to March Finance Committee, including amount required from fund balance