

Florida Charter School Unit

Overview



Free **expertise and resources** to help public charter schools thrive.



The Charter Support Unit provides...

- Technical assistance in instruction, leadership, and finance to newly formed charter schools
- Professional development opportunities to charter school leaders regarding best practice and school operations to all charter schools
- A menu of services to new charter schools throughout Florida



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We offer a variety of services



Launch Year Support



What does that look like?

Available to all charter schools:

- ⇒ Support hotline
- ⇒ Webinars
- ⇒ Podcasts
- ⇒ Resource & template library
- ⇒ Budget template tool
- ⇒ Digital newsletters
- ⇒ CSU online learning courses
- ⇒ Monthly meetings for new leaders
- ⇒ Assist with governing board recruitment and training



Available to 1st – 5th year charter schools:

- ⇒ **Everything available to all charter schools**

- ⇒ **Consultations/In-person meetings**

Available to 1st and 2nd year charter schools:

- ⇒ **Needs Assessment Site Visits** – ongoing – in-person and virtual

- ⇒ **Monthly Meetings for New School Leaders** – monthly – virtual

Available to 4th and 5th year charter schools:

- ⇒ **Strategic plan development**

Our Website....

<https://charter.support/florida/>

Check regularly...

- ✓ **Trainings** for upcoming webinars and new courses
- ✓ **Library** for useful resources and documents.
- ✓ **Monthly Newsletters** for a consolidation of upcoming resources

Our Team...



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- Former English Teacher
- Former Charter School Principal
- Former Private School Head of School
- Former ED for M-DCPS district-managed charter schools
- Former Director of Finance and HR for a Network of charter schools
- Operates the Charter Support Unit



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- Director of Charter School Operations for Building Hope
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- Assistant Director of Charter School Operations for Building Hope
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We are listening!!



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- **Resources** that schools may need
- **Opportunities to connect** with schools – principal meetings, newsletters
- **Schools in Y1-Y5 or a new school leaders** that may need additional support
- Areas that schools may **need additional training**
- Schools with an approved charter contract seeking to **open August 2024**
- School that may need a **governing board member**
- **Great leaders** recommendation for podcast
- **Innovative school** recommendations for Spotlight Schools



Coming Soon...



- **Webinars:**
 - Cybersecurity: Know the Threats, Ways to Mitigate & Ways to Save On Cyber Security Insurance
 - Mastering Crisis Communication: Crafting Calm, Consistent, and Timely Messages for Parents and Stakeholders in School Emergencies
- **Meetings:** New Schools/New Leaders Collaborative: 11/15, 12/13
Launch Year Collaborative Session: 11/6, 12/4
- **Podcasts:** Doug Lemov, Teach Like a Champion
Vera Hirsh, Head of School, Academy of Innovative Eductaion



Questions?