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## NEW SCHOOL NEWS

### April 2014



#### Welcome

New school developers at every stage of starting a school will find news and resources in this newsletter to better ensure that they develop a quality charter school. Never hesitate to contact Lori Ventimiglia and Kathy Zlomke in the New School Development office at the Colorado League of Charter Schools for questions, sample documents or other resources that you are looking for as you develop your school.

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#### Planning Grant Updates

**Planning Grants for the Denver/Metro area; including Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Denver, Jeffco and Englewood counties have been depleted. We are working to replenish these funds and will send an update as soon as we know more.**

Funds remain available for groups statewide who are outside of the Denver/Metro area. We always encourage applicants to check with Lori Ventimiglia at [lventimiglia@coloradoleague.org](mailto:lventimiglia@coloradoleague.org) prior to working on a grant application, to discuss eligibility and determine which stage in the planning grant sequence is right for you.

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Keep in mind, if you are submitting a charter school application to your district/authorizer in the fall you will need to apply for a Stage Five Planning Grant soon to get your review scheduled. **Application reviews need to be scheduled at least 8 weeks prior to submission to the district/authorizer.** If you are in the Denver/Metro area where funds are currently unavailable please contact Lori Ventimiglia at [lventimiglia@coloradoleague.org](mailto:lventimiglia@coloradoleague.org) to discuss your options.

If you are a newly opened school don't forget that you can qualify for a **Stage Six Planning Grant** to cover Governance Training and help ensure a smooth transition from founding team to governing board.

Please visit our [website](#) to access the guidelines and applications.

## Upcoming Events

### Western Slope Combined Seminar

*Hosted by the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Friday, May 2

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Caprock Academy, 714 24-1/2 Road, Grand Junction

**Cost:** \$20 per person. Includes breakfast and lunch. Please bring a personal check, business check or money order.

This seminar will offer important information for new school developers as well as operating schools and will include the following break-out sessions:

- New State Assessments
- Overview of Colorado Academic Standards
- Budgeting Basics
- Legislative Update
- Business and Financial Issues Round Table
- Issues Facing Charter School Boards
- Innovation and Personalized Learning
- Financial Oversight

**Registration:** Register [online](#) by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, April 30.

*Participants who do not register online cannot be guaranteed meals or space in the meeting.*

Click [here](#) to view the agenda, and [here](#) for more information.

### Rosetta Stone Group Buy Opportunity: May 1 - 30, 2014

Each year the League partners with Rosetta Stone to offer exceptional pricing on annual license agreements. Beginning May 1, the League will accept orders from Colorado charter schools.

[Click here](#) to preview the new product suite offerings. Learn about the new Rosetta Stone product suite by viewing the [webinar](#) or [powerpoint](#).

### Lunch and Learn: Preview the New Rosetta Stone Language Learning Suite

*Hosted by Rosetta Stone and Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Wednesday, May 7

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools (NEW LOCATION)

2696 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite 250, Denver

**Cost:** Free. Lunch will be provided.

**Description:** With Rosetta Stone, charter schools are able to effectively meet the needs of beginner through advanced level learners via the variety of solutions available. Schools can customize these programs to meet the goals of their targeted learners: ELL, World Language, Adult Education, Professional Development, Language Club, etc. Rosetta Stone's proprietary methodology uses interactive technology to create an immersion environment which activates learners' natural language-learning ability.

Join us at this event to learn about the following:

- Preview the new Rosetta Stone Language Learning Suite
- Hear from charter schools that are using Rosetta Stone successfully
- Learn how charter schools can meet the needs of a variety of language learners both in and out of the classroom.
- Showcase how schools have partnered with Rosetta Stone to achieve specific goals and correlate to standards.
- Find out about a group buy program where League members can receive significant discounts on Rosetta Stone software.

**Registration:** [Click here to register](#). Deadline: May 5.

## New Schools Opening in 2014

### New Charter Schools Opening in 2014!

Congratulations to the following new charter schools approved to open in 2014.

- [Two Rivers Community School](#): K-8, Glenwood Springs/CSI
- [Strive Prep Ruby Hill](#): K-5, Denver Public Schools
- [Highline Academy NE](#): K-5, Denver Public Schools
- [DSST Conservatory Green Middle School](#): 6-8, Denver Public Schools
- [GALS High School](#): 9-12, Denver Public Schools
- [DSST Cole High School](#): 9-12, Denver Public Schools
- [Montessori del Mundo](#): PK-6, Aurora Public Schools/CSI
- [Vanguard High School](#): 9-12, Aurora Public Schools
- [Fort Collins Montessori School](#): K-9, Poudre School District
- [Salida del Sol Academy](#): K-8, Greeley-Evans School District 6
- [Children's Kiva Montessori Charter School](#): K-8 Cortez- Montezuma
- [Mesa Valley Community School](#): K-12, Mesa County District 51

## Information from CDE Schools of Choice Office

CDE's Schools of Choice Office provides a variety of Technical Assistance events for developing, new, and continuing charter schools. You can learn more about these offerings, see their schedule of events, and register for their trainings at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdechart/chartecalendar>.

CDE's Schools of Choice Office puts out a twice-monthly "SOC Update" email and other important announcements through its Charter School

ListServ. To sign up visit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdechart/joinlistserv>

The Colorado Department of Education administers the **Colorado Charter Schools Program** grant, which provides federal funding in Start-up and Implementation phases over a 3-year grant to new and significantly-expanding charter schools. Two application rounds (Tier I & Tier II) are offered each year, with the RFP, information and documents for this Start-up Grant available [here](#). See RFP for eligibility rules and application instructions.

## In Every Issue

The following three links are included in each newsletter as they are such valuable resources to keep on your radar:

### What is a Charter School?

Even 20 years into the life of charter schools in Colorado, it is amazing how many people don't really understand what charter schools are and that they are public schools. New and developing schools will find this video to be a great introduction at community meetings and other outreach efforts.



Video: What is a Charter School?

Additionally, the following link will be useful for you to remain focused on the facts in your community: <http://www.coloradoleague.org/colorado-charter-schools/charter-schools-fact-sheet.php>

### New School Development Resources

<http://www.coloradoleague.org/audiences/developers.php> - This is the New School Development page of the League's website. There are sample model documents, upcoming events, information about grants and much more on this page. Check back frequently for updates!

### CDE Schools of Choice Events Page

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdechart/chartregstart.asp> - This is the events page for the Schools of Choice Unit at the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). This site should also be checked frequently as there are always important and relevant workshops and seminars for developing schools offered by the CDE Schools of Choice Unit.

### League Professional Development Trainings

If you are a new school opening this year, don't forget that the League offers

important trainings to support you as you move into your implementation phase. See the link below for more information:  
<http://www.coloradoleague.org/news-and-events/league-trainings.php>

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