



A LETTER FROM ASBCS

"To improve public education in Arizona by sponsoring charter schools that provide quality educational choices"

May Board Meeting Summary & Updates

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The ASBCS May Board Meeting was held Monday, May 8, 2023. Thank you to all those that attended!

To see all Board actions taken at the May 2023 meeting, please view the link below.

[May 2023 Meeting & Minutes](#)

Charter Rep Training with New Online Platform

Tuesday May 30, 1:00 pm - Training for Charter Representatives on how to navigate the new system.

Procedural processes and requirements are not changing; therefore, transitioning to the new system should not be a significant change for Charter Representatives and stakeholders.

Hello Charter Representatives,

ASBCS has rescheduled the date and time for the upcoming charter representative training on how to navigate the new online system. The new training date will be Tuesday May 30, 2023 at 1:00pm.

With the end of the school year fast approaching, Board staff have decided it will be more prudent to allow schools to close out the school year without the added stress of also attending our training on the new system. For those unable to attend, or those that want to refer back to the training for assistance, ASBCS will post the training video, along with any materials and links being provided following the training on May 30.

Details on how to sign up for the training will be posted soon

If you have any questions please contact Assistant Director of Agency and Charter

Thank you



What Should Schools Do With Expired Hand Sanitizer?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, schools across Arizona acquired large amounts of hand sanitizer that will require proper disposal. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is reaching out to contacts at all Arizona public school districts and charter schools to help schools understand the options for correctly and safely disposing of alcohol-based hand sanitizers and the applicable rules and regulations. To guide school(s) through proper disposal options, ADEQ prepared an educational fact sheet and an accompanying infographic. These materials are attached and also can be viewed on this webpage:

<https://azdeq.gov/handsanitizer>.

Please note that we have provided English and Spanish versions of the infographic, which was designed to be printed and posted. If schools have any questions or want further guidance, they can reach out to ADEQ at HazardousWasteICU@azdeq.gov.

STATE TUTORING GRANT



FY24 STG APPLICATION WINDOW:

APRIL 1ST - MAY 26TH



Office Hours: **Weekly** starting April 5th
Weds @ 10:30 am

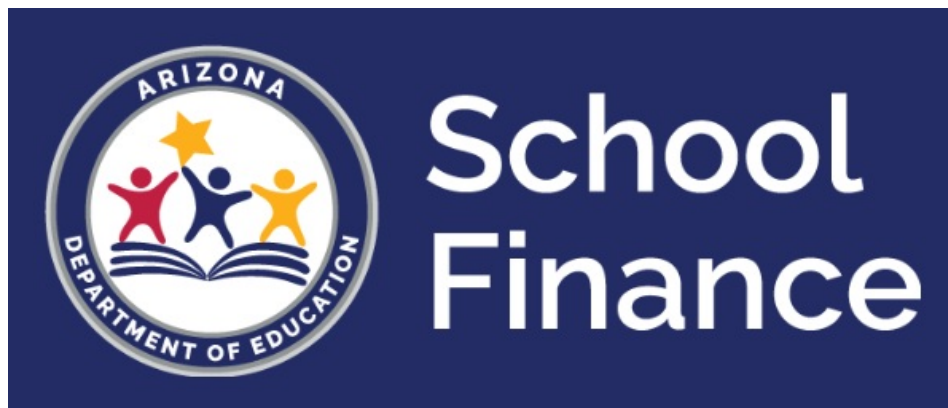
<https://azed-gov.zoom.us/j/87223286435>

The State Tutoring Grant application is now open!

In accordance with ARS §15-241 (K): The ADE State Tutoring fund represents the program available to all pupils in a school assigned a letter grade of D or F. The parents or guardians of pupils attending a school assigned a letter grade of D or F may select an alternative tutoring program in academic standards from an approved provider.

There is a finite amount of funding available; therefore, when that amount has been encumbered, the agency cannot approve any additional funding.

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FY24 School Finance New Budget System

School Finance would like to inform all districts and charters that we will be using a new system to accept budget and financial report file submissions starting in fiscal year 2024. The new system is an application called School Finance Budget System within ADEConnect. The new School Finance Budget System will be replacing Common Logon for all purposes besides retrieving prior year files.

The School Finance Budget System will NOT be available until mid-June, but it is important now to ensure that your assigned entity administrator for ADEConnect is correct to avoid any delays in accessing the system.

Access to the new School Finance Budget System must be granted by the assigned ADEConnect system administrator for your charter or district when the system becomes available. Attached below are step-by-step instructions that include screenshots of the system to help with this process.

If you have any questions about this information, please email the School Finance Budget Team at sfbudgetteam@azed.gov.

To Learn more and how to be granted access, Please follow the [link](#)



A new resource from the National Charter School Resource Center (NCSRC) helps charter school leaders determine the effectiveness of grant-funded programs and determine how to sustain these activities beyond the life of the grant.

Grant funds—federal, state, local, and philanthropic—have played a key role in helping charter schools thrive as labs of innovation. But these funds don't last forever, leaving charter school leaders to ponder how they can continue programs critical to their mission when funding runs out.

"Sustaining Effective Programs Even when Grant Funding Runs Out: A Toolkit for Charter School Leadership Teams" provides a guide to help charter schools:

1. Evaluate the use and impact of funds;
2. Determine how to financially sustain effective programs; and
3. Reflect on grant program effectiveness to foster continuous improvement.

Charter school leaders can use this toolkit, and its accompanying Excel worksheet, to walk through each of these steps to create timelines, gather data, analyze that data, and determine overall costs to sustain programs and other funding sources. After leveraging this toolkit,

leadership teams will have insight into whether programs achieved their intended impacts and ways to sustain programs meeting their goals for their school communities.

If you have a grant-funded activity nearing its conclusion, schedule a meeting with your team to work through this toolkit to determine the next steps for your program!

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State Board of Education Round-up!

State Board of Education held their meeting on April 24, 2023. Below is a short round-up of their most recent meeting. For more information, please consider joining their newsletter.



A-F Accountability Business Rules for the 2022-2023 School Year

The State Board of Education took action to approve the A-F Accountability Business Rules for the 2022-2023 School Year for the K-8 Traditional Model (including K-8 AOI schools), the 9-12 Traditional Model (including 9-12 AOI schools), and 9-12 Alternative Schools (including 9-12 Alternative AOI schools). The Board also approved the College and Career Readiness Index for the 2022-2023 school year.

Certification Actions

The Board took action to approve the voluntary surrender of educator certificates and approve the permanent revocation of relevant educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550. Additionally, the Board approved the negotiated settlement agreements of relevant educators, adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC) to revoke the certificate of an educator, and adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the PPAC to issue a letter of censure to an educator.

Educator Discipline Lookup

Prior to hiring both certified and non-certified educators, schools are required to check the Arizona Department of Education's (ADE) public-facing and internal systems for possible discipline or open investigations for immoral or unprofessional conduct.

To assist schools, the Board is providing a list of many of the educators who were disciplined at the most recent meeting. Please note that this information is only a snapshot of most educators who were disciplined at the most recent Board

meeting and does not, in and of itself, satisfy the requirement for schools to check ADE's systems described above prior to hiring. Because educators have the right to appeal their disciplinary action, there may be an approximately 30-day lag in reporting some disciplinary action. To view the list please use this link:

[AZSBE List](#)

The next ASBCS Board meeting will be scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00 am.

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