

MIDDLETON, YOUNG & MINNEY, LLP IS PLEASED TO PRESENT AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOLS

What: Exciting grant opportunity for 20 charter schools that are facing charter renewal in the next three years. The grant project is called "GRASP" (Governance, Renewal, Assessment, and Strategic Planning). Chosen schools will receive a pre-renewal "house-cleaning" which will include the following: 1) an assessment to identify best practices and areas of need in charter school operations; 2) intensive, tailored legal training in governance and leadership; 3) board policy and procedure development and/or revision with regard to governance and personnel operations; 4) legal consultation with regard to governance and personnel operations; 5) strategic planning. Please read the brochure linked below for more details on the GRASP project.

Who: Middleton, Young & Minney have joined with The Camptonville Academy, Dr. David Guthrie of Education Synergy Consulting; and APLUS+, the Association of Personalized Learning Schools & Services to offer the attached dissemination grant opportunity to 20 chosen California charter schools. Too many charter schools are criticized during the renewal process for failure to implement best practices which were either promised within the charter and/or expected by the charter authorizer. Charter Schools preparing for renewal will greatly benefit from this opportunity, by implementing and maintaining best practices that will be reviewed as part of the charter renewal process. It is funded through the federal dissemination grant and administered by the California Department of Education. Please read the brochure linked below for more details on beneficiary and application requirements.

When: The GRASP project will begin in March 2009 and conclude at the end of June 2010.

Where: With the exception of one regional meeting, all GRASP project activities will take place at the site of the beneficiary charter schools.

Cost: There is no fee for participation for chosen beneficiary schools. All grant activities are paid for through the federal dissemination grant. Additionally, chosen beneficiary schools will be given a stipend of up to \$1000.00 for reimbursement of costs for participation.

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