



Athlos Academy St. Cloud, Minnesota
 DIRECTOR SCHOOL BOARD REPORT
 SEPTEMBER, 2022

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

22-23 Enrollment:

	Enrolled	Pending Intents	New Applicants	Total	Waiting List Total	Notes
K	41	0	1	42	0	
1st	66	6	0	71	0	
2nd	49	9	0	58	0	
3rd	60	5	0	65	0	
4th	40	13	0	53	0	
5th	29	6	1	37	0	
6th	52	9	0	61	0	
7th	42	16	0	60	0	
8th	40	6	1	47	0	
Total	418	74	3	495	0	

****This is including all 15 day drop students**

NEWS & INFORMATION

1. The Volunteers of America site visit was completed on September 16, 2022. It was a wonderful meeting of collaboration and a positive and resounding commitment to the success of our school. Once the rubric has been completed, a copy will be shared with the School Board.

2. Message from Heather Mueller – September 21, 2022:

“Today’s news of hoax 911 calls claiming an active shooter was at multiple Minnesota schools was sad and infuriating. As an educator and as a parent, my blood boiled when something so serious and potentially life changing was revealed to be a prank. Schools are and should always be places of safety and security for everyone – not only with the building itself, but also with the relationships, academics, and mental and physical health support of our students. These types of false calls are abhorrent and are very serious. They are not a joke, nor are they simply fodder for a TikTok video. These hoax calls are frightening and disruptive to schools, students, staff, families and communities; and a slap in the face to those who have experienced these situations in real life and lost loved ones. Thank you for your professional, student and staff-centered responses to today’s events.

I truly wish I could say incidents like today won’t happen again, but I don’t believe that is true. Knowing this, our job is to continue to provide leadership and support to students, educators, staff, administrators, families and communities to mitigate the need for someone to act in such a reckless manner. I thank you for your work and for your dedication to the people we all serve.”

3. Teacher Shortage Information:

At the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards board meeting on Friday, August 12th the board voted on several resolutions, some which will provide some assistance in the ever-growing teacher shortage issue. These are the resolutions that will help with some short-term solutions:

- A. The 15-day posting for OFPs is canceled for the 2022-2023 school year. This is for internal and external hires.
- B. The OFPs in 2022-2023 will NOT count towards the five-year allowance of OFPs. This will allow your teachers peace of mind during this trying time if they are being asked to use an OFP for only a few hours a week.
- C. Lifetime Substitute teachers are currently able to long term sub in positions where the assigned staff is on leave will be able to fill vacancies, which do not have any staff assigned, as a long-term sub for the 2022-2023 school year.

While none of these address the actual teacher shortage issues, it will assist districts in working with teachers who are willing to take on vacant positions for this year. PELSB, the Department of Education, and Office of Higher Education continue to search for more solutions to assist districts during this teacher shortage time.

4. School COVID-19 Guidance Updates

The CDC updated their COVID-19 guidance to help people better understand their risk, how to protect themselves and others, what actions to take if exposed to COVID-19, and what actions to take if they are sick or test positive for the virus. As part of this update, CDC also revised their operational guidance for K-12 schools and child care programs. Changes to the guidance included:

- Removal of the recommendation to cohort.
- Focused recommendations for conducting screening testing on high-risk activities during high COVID-19 community levels or in response to an outbreak.
- Removal of the recommendation to quarantine, except in high-risk congregate settings.
- Removed information about Test to Stay.
- Added detailed information on when to wear a mask, managing cases and exposures, and responding to outbreaks.

While the CDC no longer recommends quarantine (staying home) after an exposure to someone with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people take precautions, including getting tested and wearing a mask, regardless of vaccination status or if they had a previous infection. MDH has updated the MDH Schools and Child Care: COVID-19 webpage to reflect these changes. Questions about the CDC's guidance can be directed to the MDH COVID-19 Schools and Child Care Team at health.schools.covid19@state.mn.us.

5. "In 2011, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) settled a lawsuit, ACLU v. Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy, et al., in which the Commissioner of Education was named as a party. As part of the Settlement Agreement, MDE agreed to adopt certain assurances for charter schools and authorizers. Each charter school that will be operational in the 2022-23 school year must sign Annual Charter School Assurances, which consist of nine separate assurances ensuring nonsectarian public education in all charter school operations, in accordance with state and federal law. Applicable laws include prohibitions against government promotion, establishment, or endorsement of religion, and protections preventing funds distributed to public charter schools from unconstitutionally promoting or establishing religion.

All operational charter schools must complete the 2022-23 Annual Charter School Assurances form, taking care that the entire form is filled out and signed by both the director of the charter school and the charter school Board Chair, and that all applicable policies referenced in the form are included in the submission. The required Annual Charter School Assurances are attached, along with instructions for their completion. These forms are also available on MDE's Charter School Resources webpage.

The Annual Charter School Assurances must be kept on file by the charter school's authorizer and a copy must also be submitted directly to MDE. Please complete and sign the 2022-23 Annual Charter School Assurances . Return the completed Annual Charter School Assurances form, together with all required attachments, to your authorizer and provide a copy of the Annual Charter School Assurances form and all supporting documents to MDE no later than October 31, 2022. Documents may be submitted to MDE as one or more PDF files emailed to mde.charterschools@state.mn.us. MDE *does not* receive files submitted through platforms like Epicenter.

If you have further questions regarding these required charter school assurances, please contact the MDE Charter Center at mde.charterschools@state.mn.us or 651-582-8297.”

6. The Girls on the Run after school program has started! Thanks to Isabelle Simdorm and the other various coaches for supervising this awesome group of young ladies!!!! They are training together to not only develop their character, but to run a marathon this fall! We look forward to the big date of the run!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtt5_ZHIZjc

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Free and Reduced Meal Percentage 82%

MARKETING:

1. Social media
2. Community events
3. FB Advertisements
4. Staff incentive to recruit

FACILITY & SECURITY UPDATES:

1. Vanguard Cleaning will begin on Monday, September 26, 2022. We are looking forward to working with them.
2. All facilities projects scheduled for summer 2022 have been completed.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

1. Professional development program for administration is implemented throughout the school year beginning on July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.
2. Ongoing professional development program for teachers and other assigned staff throughout the school year depending on need.
3. Professional Learning Communities have begun for some grade levels and we hope to get the rest started by October 10, 2022.

RECRUITMENT & HIRING COMMITTEE:

Updated hiring proposal attached to School Board Packet (confidential)

Members: Tracee Cahalan, Tiffany Daniels, Chloe Smith, Kate Hill and Kelsey Kiefer

As needed members:

Jennifer Geraghty

Elizabeth Webb

CRISIS, EMERGENCY, SAFETY & WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Members: Tim Flatz, Kate Hill, Rachel Huttle, Tracee Cahalan, Tiffany Daniels, Chloe Smith and Angie Stomas. Others as assigned or needed.

Next meeting time TBD:

As needed members:

Jeremy Wilson

Jennifer Geraghty

Sarah Cunningham

