



## **Memorandum** | Department of Community School

Date: August 31, 2022  
To: GOAL Digital Academy Administrative Team and Governing Board Members  
From: Jim Smith, Sponsor Liaison and Mid-Ohio ESC Sponsoring Staff  
Subject: August Newsletter

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### **General Updates**

Hello Everyone,

Mid-Ohio ESC, as the sponsor of GOAL Digital Academy, will again this year create a monthly newsletter that will be shared with members of GOAL Digital Academy's Governing Board and the school's administrative team. The newsletter will provide board members and administrators with general updates about GOAL Digital Academy as well as policy updates on laws and rules in the state of Ohio pertaining to Community Schools.

The 2022-2023 school year began on Wednesday, August 24. GOAL Digital Academy welcomed nine new staff members. Attached is this year's school calendar.

Tish Jenkins received a letter from Colleen Grady, Senior Program Officer for Educational Options and Policy at the Ohio Department of Education, on August 9, informing GOAL Digital Academy that ODE had received their application to serve as a Dropout Prevention and Recovery School for the 2022-2023 school year. The application has been approved pending an enrollment verification to ensure a majority of GOAL Digital Academy's students are between the ages of 16 and 21. If a school fails to meet this required percentage (greater than 50%) during the enrollment verification process, ODE will remove the school's Dropout Prevention and Recovery report card designation, and the school will receive a traditional report card for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools are required to administer assessments twice per year to all students in grades 9 and higher, regardless of their ages. Each school must test students twice in reading and twice in mathematics. The state-approved assessment is the Renaissance STAR Tests.

As always, thank you for all you do to support the students and staff at GOAL Digital Academy.

## Policy Updates

The General Assembly has been off campaigning for most of the summer and the State Board of Education does not meet in August, so there is little to report in this area.

This year, 2022, is an election year for leaders in the Executive Branch of state government, and all members of the Ohio House of Representatives and about half of the members in the Ohio Senate, as well as some members of the Ohio Supreme Court and the State Board of Education. Traditionally, summer of an election year is relatively quiet in Columbus as those running for office are campaigning.

The General Assembly recessed in June but have tentative session dates scheduled in late September. Members will then be off campaigning during October but will return in November with sessions also scheduled in December. There will be much to do during the last two months of 2022 as the 134th General Assembly will end on December 31. Any pending legislation that has not been passed by the 31st and signed into law will automatically terminate or cease. To be considered further, remaining legislative proposals will need to be reintroduced into the 135th General Assembly.

As mentioned previously, the State Board of Education does not meet in August. The State Board is next scheduled to meet for its regular meeting in mid-September.



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