



## EEG News & Updates

### Mission

*The mission of the Educational Empowerment Group is to promote knowledge, wisdom and understanding to all stakeholders that empowers success in our global society.*

### Vision

*The vision of the Educational Empowerment Group is to elevate the experience for students and stakeholders by positively changing the landscape of charter school education.*

### A Message from the CEO

All aboard! This train is moving! You are the conductor, and your leadership will determine your destination. Will you arrive at success? We are quickly approaching the Ohio State Testing season, and every leader should set the tone for improvement, growth and success. What are you doing to foster achievement? How are you motivating your staff and students? Here are a few tips:



- Meet with your Building Leadership Team regularly to ensure your action steps for improvement are actively implemented.
- Continue to conduct weekly classroom walkthroughs with fidelity and provide effective feedback and coaching.
- Make sure teachers are effectively unpacking Ohio's Learning Standards.
- Provide targeted academic interventions to address specific learning gaps and track progress and efficacy.
- Utilize formal and informal assessment data to inform instructional strategies.
- Require evidence-based instructional delivery methods in the classrooms.
- Push instructional rigor and increased student engagement.
- Ensure all EEG-mandated programming is implemented.
- As a Building Leadership Team, plan motivational activities to promote excitement and maximum effort among students and staff.

- Involve parents and stakeholders. They are key players!
- Integrate the House System as a motivational tool to promote 100% effort.

The pulse of our schools is contingent upon the mentality of our school leaders. We are entering the last few miles of our 2022-2023 school journey. Make sure success becomes your destination by actively taking ownership of your school. Mediocre and lackadaisical actions are enemies to the accomplishment of your goals.

**Wendy Rydarowicz, Founder and CEO**

## Enhanced School Programming



*Elevate the Experience* is not merely a tagline; it is our culture. We are actively working to enhance educational programming for our students. Some of our schools have drumlines, sports teams and art and music programs which are designed to tap into the gifts and talents of our students. We are promoting a well-rounded, inviting school experience for each student who enters our doors. All students are valued for what they can contribute to our schools. We added the following new programs this year:

### ***Kitchen of Life***

Kitchen of Life is a culinary program designed for at-risk middle school students. It infuses the mastery of culinary arts with resiliency, character and positive life skills. Students learn valuable life lessons while being exposed to cooking and the restaurant industry. It is a memorable hands-on learning experience which promotes soft skills and personal development. Kitchen of Life can ultimately shape careers in culinary arts and positively influence the lives of students.

### ***Esports Ohio***

Electronic Sports (Esports) are individual or team-based video games which can be played competitively. Esports was created by educators to integrate the popularity of video games into the classroom, thus promoting teamwork and positivity. Esports is supported by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, and it is growing rapidly. We are excited about our partnership with Esports Ohio. Currently, Akron Career Tech High School, Riverscape Career Tech High School and Cincinnati Technology Academy have Esports teams. Students can letter in this sport and compete in regional playoffs and championships. All video games are non-violent and appropriate for school. We anticipate increased participation in the future.



## EEG Training Center

EEG is walking the walk and talking the talk as it relates to professional development.

Targeted professional development is highly emphasized to champion success among staff members.

Moreover, it is important that our

staff has the ability to benefit from support and guidance to reach maximum potential. To this end, we are excited to announce that the process is underway to convert the third floor of our headquarters to a training center for employees. The training center will be a hub for seminars and classes to sharpen the skills of our employees which can boost confidence and enhance job performance. EEG promotes professional development to foster life-long learning.



## The House System School Spotlight

The House System is thriving at Middlebury Academy. It is evident that this positive behavior initiative is intricately knitted into the culture of the school. Anyone who enters the building will immediately see and feel the energy of camaraderie and positivity. The Middlebury Houses have participated in a few

community projects this year, including Ronald McDonald House pop tabs collection, Penny Wars and a canned food drive. Principal Zografos and his leadership team are seamlessly implementing the House System, and it is making a positive impact at Middlebury Academy. Way to Go, Middlebury!



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