COLORADO LEAGUE of CHARTER SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Finance Community of Practice - Overview

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Afton Partners is an impact-driven consultancy that reimagines and implements systems, policies, and practices that improve lives.

Afton's work with charter schools builds strategic finance capacity. We support charter schools in understanding the future of your finances, illuminating the short & long-term financial implications of organizational decisions, like capital projects, expansion, instructional models, & compensation strategy.

We have partnered with close to 100 charter school networks of all sizes around the country including many here in Colorado.



Five Foundations for Charter School Financial Health

01

SUSTAINABILITY

To what extent can your school organization continue delivering on its mission over the long-term without structural strain?

02

RESILIENCY

To what extent can your school organization absorb financial shocks and adapt to change without destabilizing the organization?

03

ALIGNMENT

How well does the budget reflect your financial goals, school-level and organizational strategy, and academic vision?

04

GOVERNANCE

To what extent does your board have the people, structures, and culture in place to be responsible and accountable for the organization's financial health, integrity, and sustainability in fulfillment of its mission?

05

OPERATIONS

To what extent do you have the people, structures, and culture to enable sustainability, resiliency, alignment, and effective governance?

Who should join the CoP

- Roles – Finance Leaders / Executive Directors of existing charter schools
- Mental Framework – Growth Mind Set: Be a learner and contributor to the dialogue over time
- Engaged – Attend regularly (~at least 5 of the 6 virtual meetings) and be fully present in our meetings

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