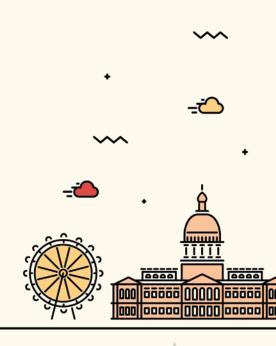


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# SCHOOL LEADERS TO AUTHORIZERS

SILKE BRADFORD, OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
LIZ WYNNE, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MINNESOTA



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#### **DISCUSSION QUESTION:**

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...THEN ANSWER OUR DISCUSSION QUESTION

### TODAY'S AGENDA

### Areas of Impact

- Accountability
- Timely and Straightforward Communication
- Professional Learning
   Communities
- Acute Monitoring
- School Site Visits



Overview and Introductions – 10 minutes

Areas of impact – 10 min/each

Q&A - 15 minutes

Wrap up – 10 minutes



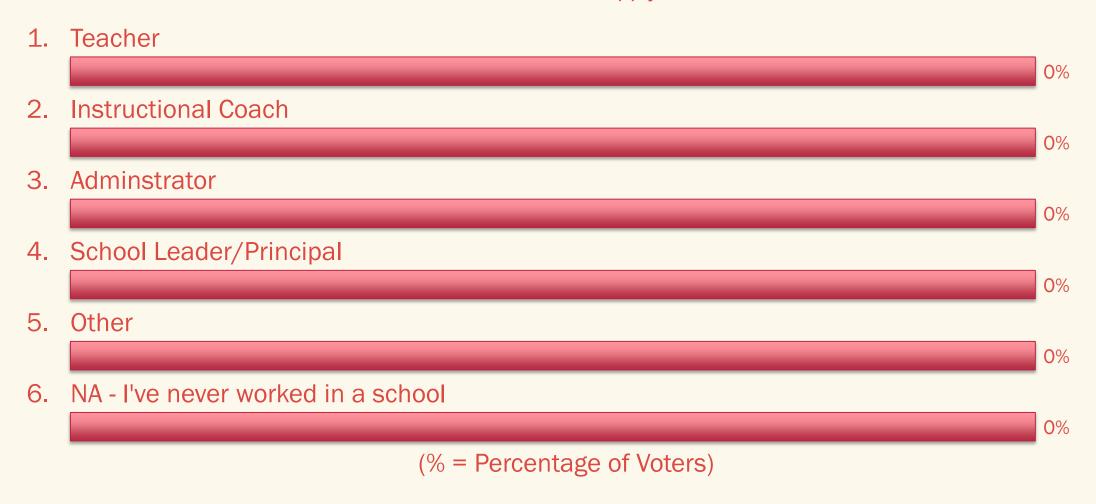
# How long have you been an authorizer or working in the authorizing space?

- 1. Less than 1 year
- 2. 1-3 years
- 3. 4-6 years
- 4. 7-10 years
- 5. More than 10 years



# Did you work on the "school side" prior to working in authorizing? If so, what role(s) have you had?

#### Select all that apply



# SILKE BRADFORD, OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Oversee 37 charters serving 13,000 students in Oakland
- Founding Principal of a Transformation MS in South LA with Green Dot Public Schools CMO
  - Compton USD Teacher and Administrator
- MS/HS Alternative Ed Teacher in Northern/Southern CA
- Doctorate in Ed Policy and Leadership with an urban school emphasis (UC Irvine)



# LIZ WYNNE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MINNESOTA

- Middle School and High School Charter School Director (Inner City)
- "District" Middle School Administrator (Suburbs)
- Educational and Charter School Consultant to Other MN Charter Authorizers
- Single Purpose Charter School Authorizer



#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Applying the Best Practice of Goal Setting for Continuous Improvement at School Sites to the Oversight of a Portfolio of Schools

- Working Groups- Common Goals
- Collective Measureable Pupil Outcomes with Core Values at the Center

<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>FOCUS</u>
Reclassification	ELs Advancing One Level	Long Term ELs
ADA	Chronic Absence	Most At-Risk Students
State Standardized Tests	Literacy Assessment	On-going Assessment
Purely Quantitative	Qualitative Outcomes	Survey Students/Families

# TIMELY AND STRAIGHTFORWARD COMMUNICATION

Applying Teacher Oversight Practices to the Oversight of Schools "Classroom/Teacher Observations and School Observations"

- Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!
- Transparency
- Understanding of expectations
- Feedback
- Significance of Documentation
- Effectiveness



# TIMELY AND STRAIGHTFORWARD COMMUNICATION

#### **Best Practices:**

- Timely and Direct Inquiries and Communications
- Check for Understanding
- State Statute (Dialogue and Written Communications)

#### Real Measure of Success:

- Healthy Relationships
- Advance Notification of Challenges and Concerns
- "Partner" Mindset; Advice/Expertise
   Sought





#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Applying Teacher Collaboration and Professional Development Practices to the Development of <u>PLCs</u> Across a Portfolio of Schools

## Spirit of Charter Law

- 1) Increased Innovation
- 2) Increased Competition= Improve District-Run Schools
- None of the above can happen organically
- Opportunities for authentic engagement between charterrun and district- run schools has to be explicitly created and fostered.

### ACUTE MONITORING

"Strong Performing Teachers; Strong Performing Schools" "Weak Performing Teachers; Weak Performing Schools"

- Watch, Observe and Listen
- Collect Data and Information
- Share Findings, Ask Questions,
   Seek Understanding,
   and Clarification
- Respond / Take Necessary Actions
- Reward High Quality Performances



## ACUTE MONITORING

#### **Best Practices:**

- Devise simple tools that will allow you to collect data in a timely and efficient manner
- Dialogue with administration and governing board about data/information captured
- Ask questions, seek clarification and understanding

#### Real Measure of Success:

- Highly knowledgeable about what's happening
- Schools informed and knowledgeable of their strengths and shortcomings





#### SCHOOL SITE VISITS

### Applying Effective Classroom Observation Practices to the Oversight of a Portfolio of Schools

- Annual Site Visits
- Progress Towards Goals (No visit needed)
- Compliance (Potentially No visit needed)
- Classroom Observation (Visit Required)





#### SCHOOL SITE VISITS

### Applying Effective Classroom Observation Practices to the Oversight of a Portfolio of Schools

- Effective Classroom Observation
- Leader Input (Working Group for Rubric and for Identifying Focus Indicators at Site Visit)
- High/Mid/Low Effectiveness Classroom Observation
- Feedback Provided





# Discussion







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