

BATON ROUGE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

A proposed tuition-free public charter school for the students of Baton Rouge



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*A journey of a thousand miles must begin
with a single small step.*

OUR MISSION

Baton Rouge College Preparatory Charter School equips all students in grades five through twelve with the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to excel in college and in life.

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Dear Friends of **Baton Rouge College Prep**,

Our Founding Team is pleased to announce a huge step forward on the journey to creating **Baton Rouge College Prep**. On March 7, 2014, we submitted our charter application to the Louisiana Department of Education.

In the next few months, we will continue to take steps toward charter authorization, including preparing the Founding Board for the authorizer interview, securing start-up funding, and engaging the greater community in support of **Baton Rouge College Prep - a high quality, college preparatory middle and high school for students and families** in North Baton Rouge.

Thank you for your continued support and for sharing this newsletter with your friends, family, and colleagues. We look forward to taking the next steps with you as we continue our work to bring **Baton Rouge College Prep** to life.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Rice
Founder, **Baton Rouge College Preparatory Charter School**

OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Baton Rouge College Prep is founded on the belief that all students can achieve at high levels. Our school design is grounded in eight core principles, based on the proven practices of the highest performing charter schools in the nation. Each month we will highlight one of the core principles and explain how it promotes student success. This month, we highlight the second core principle:

- 1) High academic expectations for all
- 2) Great teachers, great results**
- 3) Highly structured environment
- 4) Focused character development
- 5) Data-driven culture
- 6) Extended learning time
- 7) Seamless grade transitions
- 8) Family involvement



Great Teachers, Great Results

At **Baton Rouge College Prep**, we know that phenomenal teachers are the key to student success. We will recruit, select, train, and retain the best staff in the nation to serve our students.

We recognize that great teachers are made, not born. We will prioritize teacher development and support as the key lever to dramatically increasing student achievement. We will grow every one of our teachers, providing data-driven professional development on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual basis.

Teachers will have 17 days of training in the summer to build the school team, develop curriculum, and prepare for the upcoming year. Once the school year begins, teachers will have two and a half hours of targeted professional development each week, as well as nine professional working days per year, and daily common planning time with subject and grade level teams.

Frequent classroom observations and timely face-to-face feedback will provide a continuous learning loop for rapid teacher growth. Observations and feedback meetings guided by individual and school professional goals will ensure that our teachers, students and school grow strategically.

Every teacher will be deeply committed to fulfilling our mission, to eliminating excuses for underachievement, and to working as one team to craft the environment and instruction necessary for students to meet and exceed the higher expectations of college preparation.

Our supportive, collaborative, and professional environment will allow adults to thrive, leading to retention of effective educators and ultimately driving student success.

OUR PROGRESS

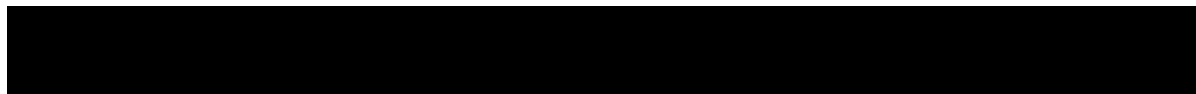
- The Founding Board is preparing for the next step in our charter application - the **Authorizer Interview** in May.
- Kathryn Rice, Lead Founder of **Baton Rouge College Prep**, is gathering **Letters of Support** from local organizations and community leaders that will partner with the school to ensure student success.
- Ms. Rice and the Founding Board also are collecting **Signatures of Support** from parents, community members, and leaders in business, non-profits, religion, and education.

OUR CALL TO ACTION

- **Attend an Information Session.** We are hosting Information Sessions in North Baton Rouge for families and community members to learn more about **Baton Rouge College Prep**.
 - **Friday, March 28**, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, Pizza in the Park at the BREC Cadillac Street Park
 - **Tuesday, April 22**, 4:00 - 5:30 PM, Scotlandville Library on Scenic Highway
 - **Monday, April 28**, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Eden Park Library on Greenwell Springs Road
 - **Tuesday, April 29**, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Delmont Gardens Library on Riley Street
- **Spread the Word.** Share this newsletter with your friends, family, and colleagues and ask them to subscribe. Invite a friend to our information sessions. Give your signature of support. Help us grow the network of support for **Baton Rouge College Prep**.
- **Suggest Community Connections.** We would love to

be involved in community meetings, churches, community organizations, or parent groups-anywhere that people want to talk about educational opportunities for their children. If you have ideas or connections, please email Kathryn Rice at krice@buildingexcellentschools.org.

- **Connect to Excellent Educators.** Great schools require great teachers. If you know an excellent teacher who would be a fit for **Baton Rouge College Prep**, please email Kathryn Rice at krice@buildingexcellentschools.org.



Support our efforts. Join us.

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