

Hot Topics: Charter Schools

COSA Law Conference

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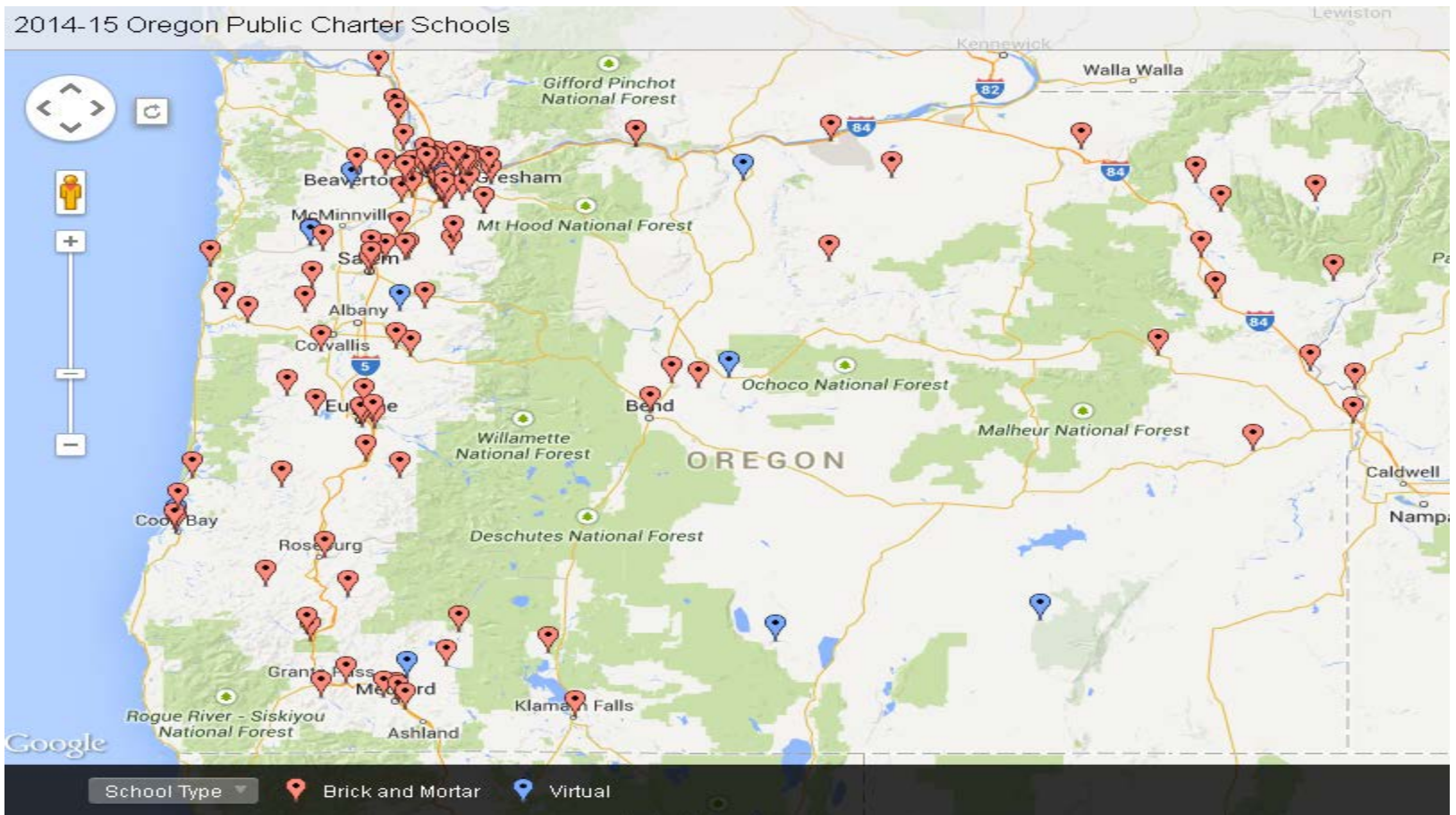
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Recent developments

- **Changes to ORS 338, new OAR (Division 26)**
- **Districts seeing first application, first renewal, first closure, etc.**
- **Likely to see charter school bills in 2015 session**
- **Work to pilot charter school performance framework that could be used by any district**
- **Work to develop and pilot an alternative accountability framework for charter schools serving students meeting certain criteria**
- **Increasing need for conferences, PD, support, and advocacy**

Where do districts get support?

- **National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)**
- **ODE**
- **OSBA**
- **Other districts**
- **...nowhere?**

New charter authorizers' group under OACOA

- **COSA agreed to house a charter authorizers' group under OACOA**
- **Steering committee is forming, has set purpose, mission, and is planning activities**
- **Met with legislative staff from COSA and OSBA**

Mission of the charter authorizers' group

To promote excellence, effectiveness, and efficiency of charter school authorizers in Oregon in order to create and maintain high-quality charter schools through quality oversight and support.

Support strong authorizing practices

Build capacity for the work of authorizing

Goals of the authorizers' group under OACOA

Be a formalized resource for districts

Increase the presence, visibility, and voice of charter authorizers in Oregon

What can you expect?

Professional development

- Conferences
- Networking
- Presentations
- Seminars

Resources

- Model documents
- Statewide data
- Opportunities for involvement

Support

- Promising practices
- Legislative advocacy
- Network of support for questions and concerns

Possible conference session topics

- Charter schools 101 (the basics of application, renewal, ORS 338, annual evaluation, etc.)
- Charter schools 201 (more in-depth examinations of charter school authorizing practices: daily oversight, relationships, contracts, etc.)
- Performance frameworks (building and implementing)
- Alternative performance frameworks for school serving at-risk youth
- Legislative updates and forecasts
- Charter schools and special programs: ESL, SpEd, TAG, etc.
- Many, many more!

Interested in learning more?

Please fill out our survey!

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