

**“State of Our Charter
Schools”**




STATE OF OUR CHARTER SCHOOLS

▶ Almost 17 years ago this spring, the Cape Coral Charter School Authority opened its doors to a community that valued, and desired new options for their student's K-12 educational experience. Since then, the Oasis Charter Schools has sewn itself into the fabric of the city, and has flourished in uncertain economic times, despite the relentless demands of technology and media influence, and even a global pandemic.

▶ Tonight I would like to share with you the status of our charter schools over the past 12-months, and highlight four major impacts our system is successfully managing, and in some cases enhancing, in order to support our sustainability. These impacts include:

- continued management of COVID-19 pandemic resources and mandates;
- COGNIA Accreditation Renewal Process,
- the design and implementation of specific Strategic Plan objectives,
- the development and funding of the Oasis STEM Makerspace Initiative, which is the system's official crossover into preparation for 21st century workforce readiness.

The background of the image is an abstract composition of geometric shapes. The top portion is a solid yellow rectangle. Below this, a large blue shape dominates the lower half, featuring several sharp, angular cutouts and indentations that create a sense of depth and complexity. The overall effect is modern and minimalist.

**“In the middle of
adversity lies
opportunity.”**

John Naisbitt

MANAGING COVID-19

The challenges and mandates of the COVID-19 pandemic, changed not only the way we provided health and safety services to our students and staff, it also fundamentally changed the way we educate our children.

Fall Reopening Plan:

- ▶ Develop OCS COVID-19 Employee Policy
- ▶ Create Student Transportation Protocols
- ▶ Student Screening – Monitor Return to Classrooms and youth teams/clubs
- ▶ Establish Campus Disinfecting Procedures
- ▶ Develop a Reporting and Monitoring Data System
- ▶ Instructional Continuity Plan Virtual/Face to Face

Spring Reopening Plan

- ▶ Identification of Regression in academic performance/progress monitoring
- ▶ Adequate reporting to FDOE student progress
- ▶ Supplemental Services plan for students



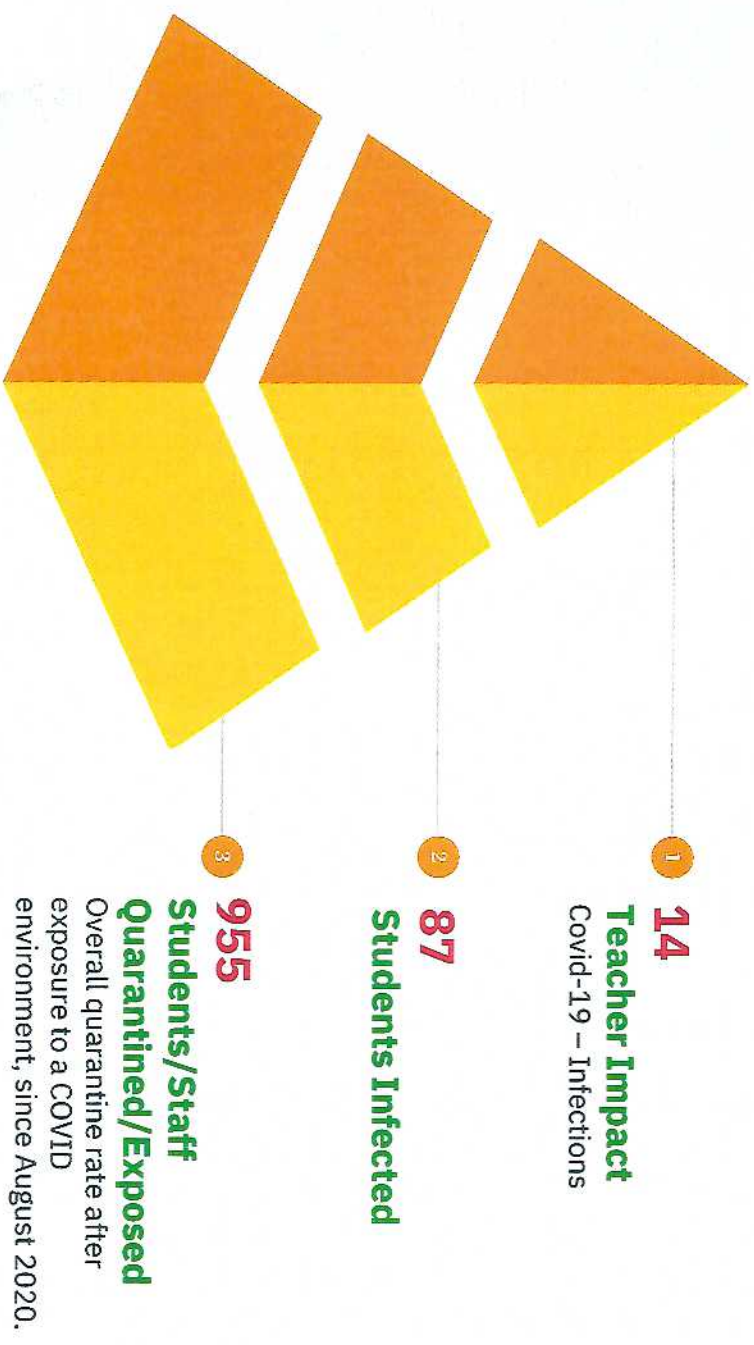


3,481

Is the total number of
Oasis Charter Schools
students, educators, and staff

OCS COVID-19 DASHBOARD

August 2020 - March 2021



LEARNING PLATFORMS: Face to Face, Virtual and Hybrid models.

Total student population: 3,135

1,959/1,195 (61%)

Face-to-Face/Virtual Qtr. **1 – Aug 2020**

2,338/806 (35%)

Face-to-Face/Virtual Qtr. **2 – Nov 2020**

2579/556 (18%)

Face-to-Face/Virtual Qtr. **3 – Feb 2021**

COVID-19 Mental Health Initiatives

JUNE-Health & Safety Task Force

Medical consultants and allied health teams established response teams and assessments for training and the collection and distribution of equipment and supplies.

JULY - OCS Mental Health Task Force

Mental health advisors, teachers, guidance counselors and staff meet to train specifically how to identify students struggling with mental health issues, parents who are stressed out, and even their own mental fatigue and stress-related responses to COVID-19 policies and procedures..

ONGOING

Charter School Social Worker develops individual and small group mental health assessment and support.

Charter School Mental Health Consultant meets with teachers and staff to support and monitor mental health related behaviors and offer professional guidance.

CONTINUED COVID IMPACT

C.A.R.E.S. ACT: \$673,000 allocated

Personnel

Long-term sub hiring

Sanitization

Purchasing cleaning equipment, disinfection solution and supplies

Health Monitoring

Insta-read thermometers

PPE

Plexiglas

Cots/clinic equipment

Hand sanitizer dispensers

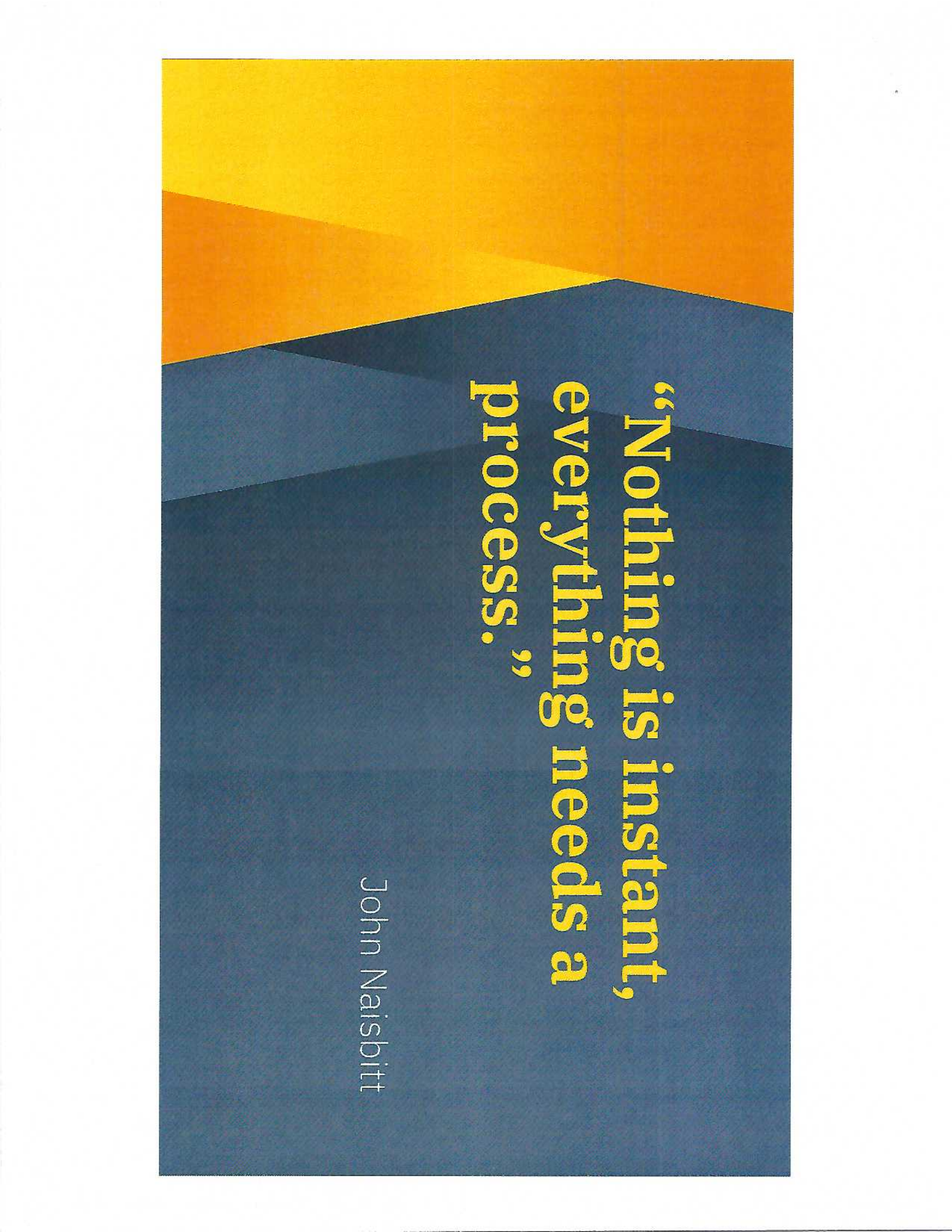
Extension of USSI contract duties and additional personnel

Technology

Learning Software for online instruction

Webcams and equipment

Chromebooks (one-to-one devices)



**“Nothing is instant,
everything needs a
process.”**

John Naisbitt



COGNIA ACCREDITATION

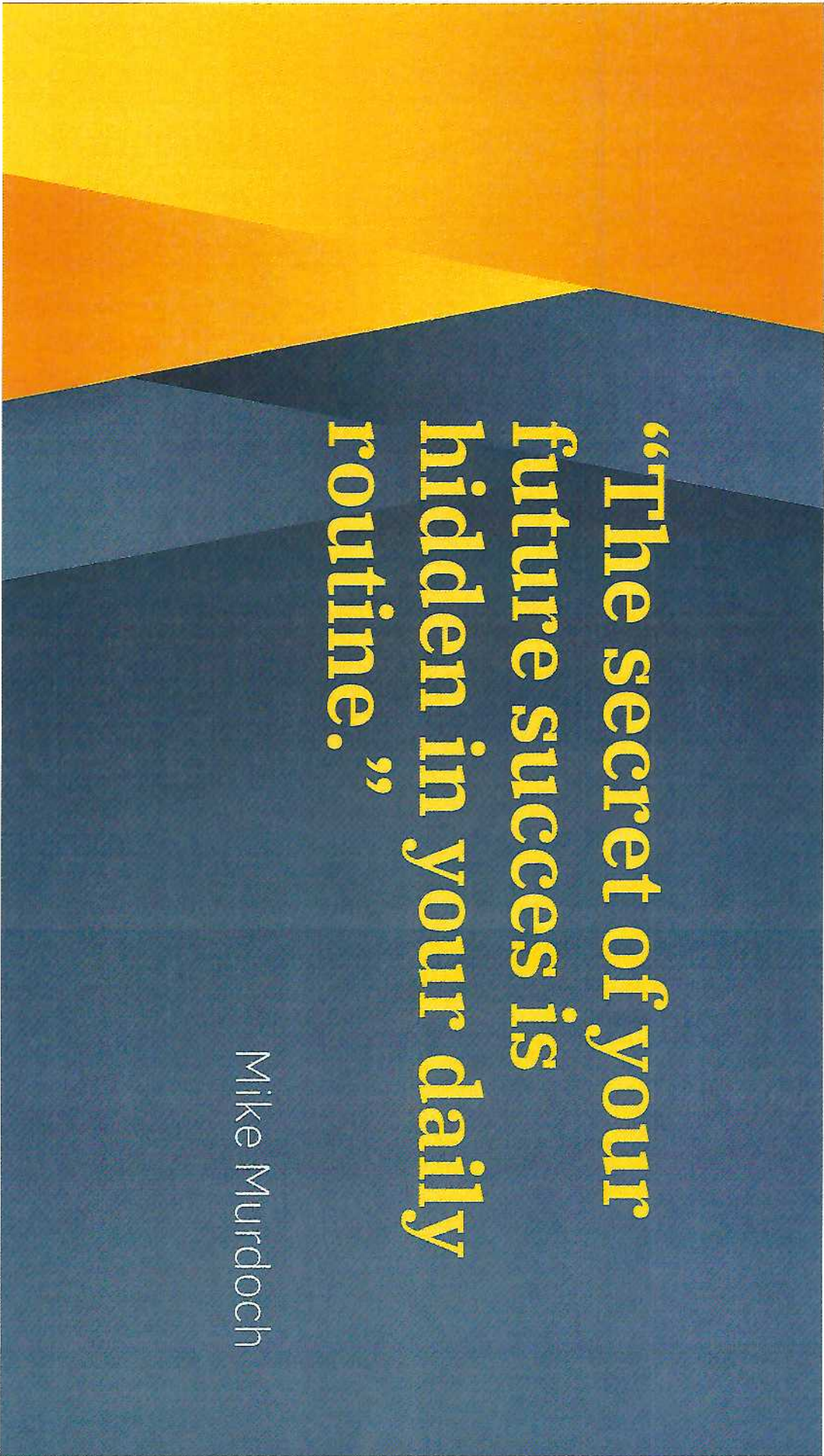
Focus on three domains:

- Leadership Capacity
- Learning Capacity
- Resource Capacity

Domains are defined by quality improvement performance standards.

Due to the overwhelming policies and procedures the COVID-19 pandemic presented to schools throughout the country, COGNIA Accreditation reviews and renewals have been extended through June 30, 2022.

The Oasis Charter Schools will select a new date in Fall 2021 for a system review by the visiting COGNIA team who will determine our accreditation renewal status.



**“The secret of your
future success is
hidden in your daily
routine.”**

Mike Murdoch

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

OUR VISION

We believe that everyone can succeed in a nurturing and secure learning environment that is supported by diverse and meaningful community partnerships.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to create a K-12 system that educates students to be responsible, critical thinkers who are prepared to successfully compete in a dynamic global workforce.

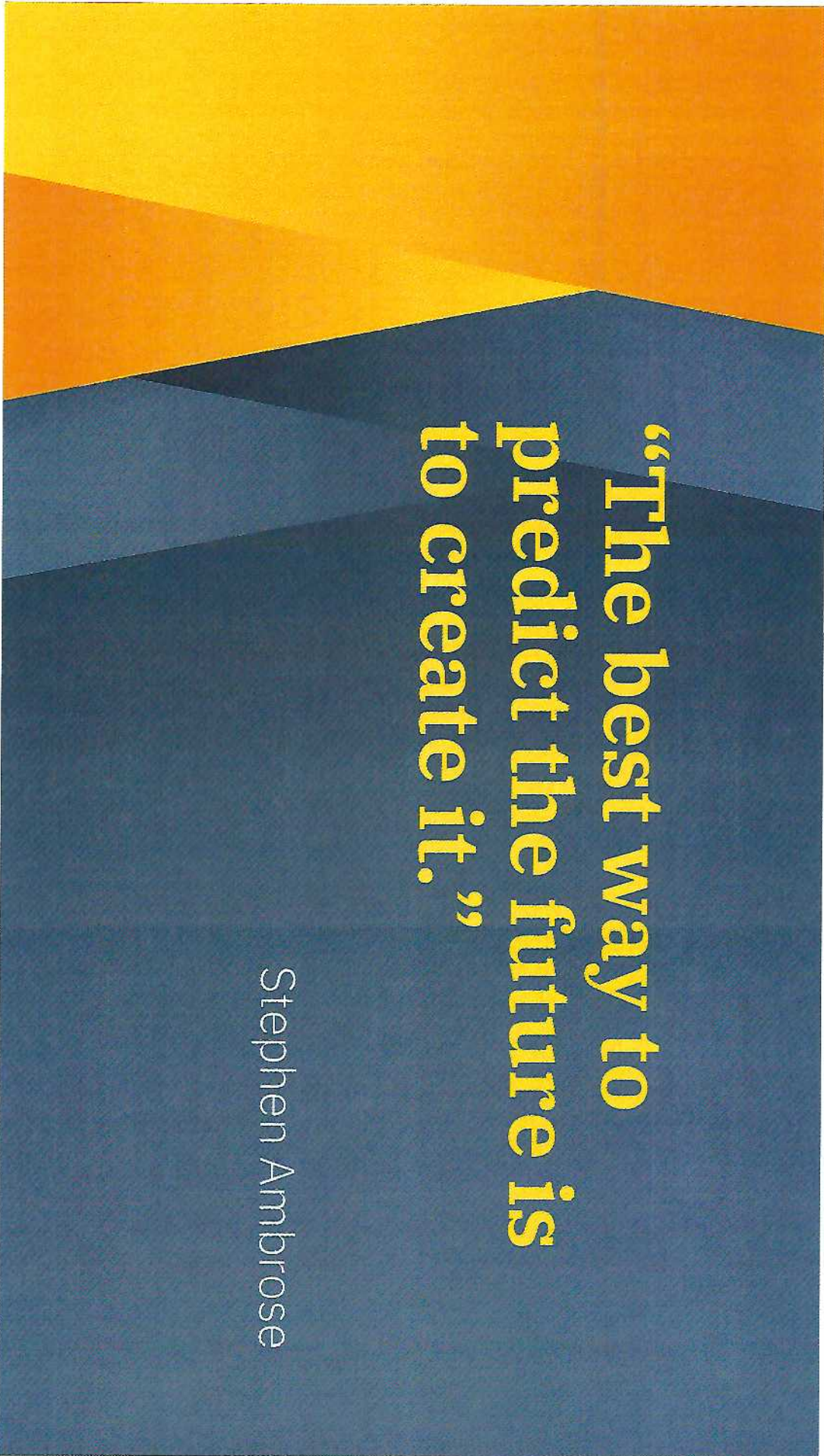
* Teacher Professional Development

* Teacher Pay - Governor's Allocation starting salary of \$47,500, Elementary Duty Compensation, Developed Hiring Schedules

* Operations: Streamline with comprehensive maintenance schedules, and addition of IT Network Security Specialist shared with City

* Governing Board Professional Development

* Branding/Community out-reach



**“The best way to
predict the future is
to create it.”**

Stephen Ambrose

OASIS STEM MAKERSPACE INITIATIVE

The Oasis Charter Schools firmly believe the impact Makerspaces have on the level and depth of the successful comprehension of STEM coursework is immeasurable, especially in combination with a robust curriculum which includes study in such fields as coding, biomedical engineering, green architecture, marine robotics, and cybersecurity, among other critical mass coursework.

Our goal is to expose ALL students in Oasis Charter Schools to a **STEM progression of pathways** that will excite and inspire their future endeavors.

HB 2707

Rep. Mike Giallambardo, Dist 77 introduced the *Oasis Charter Schools STEM Makerspace Initiative* to the Florida House in January. To date the proposed \$350,000 local funding initiative has been presented to the Florida House courtesy of Sen. Ray Rodrigues, Dist 27. The House has until July 1st to approve the Bill.

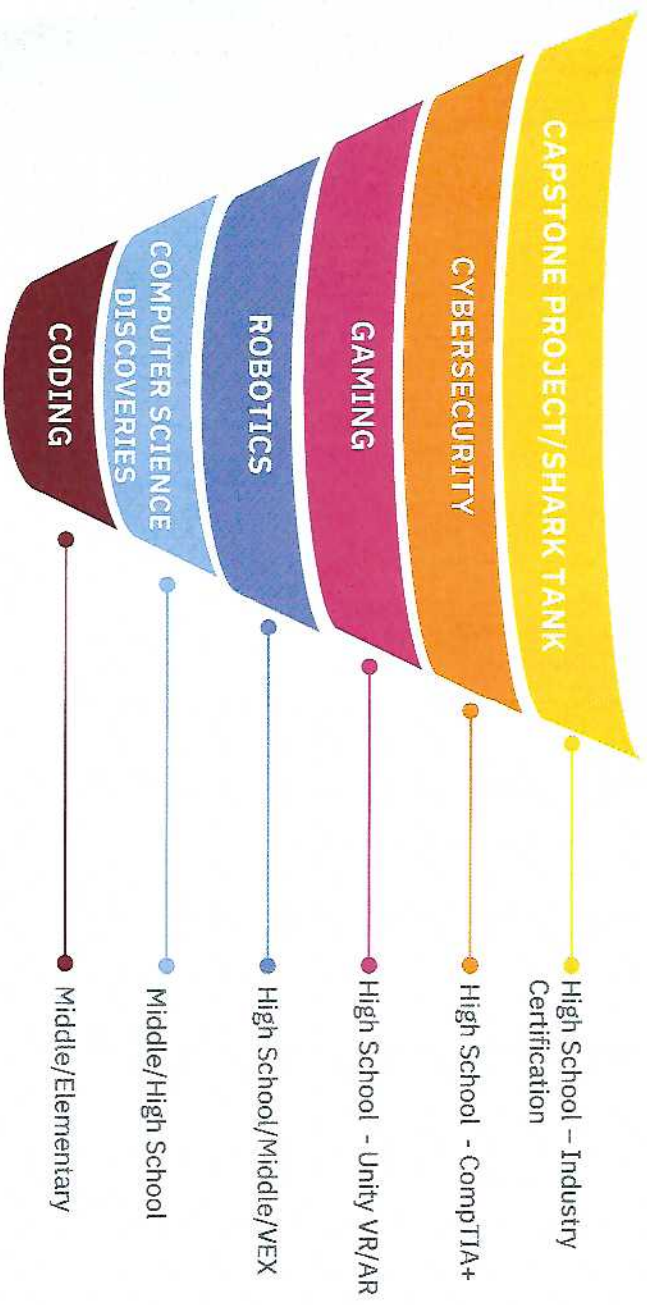
OCS STEM ADVISORY BOARD

Initial meeting February 18, 2021.
Next meeting April 12th

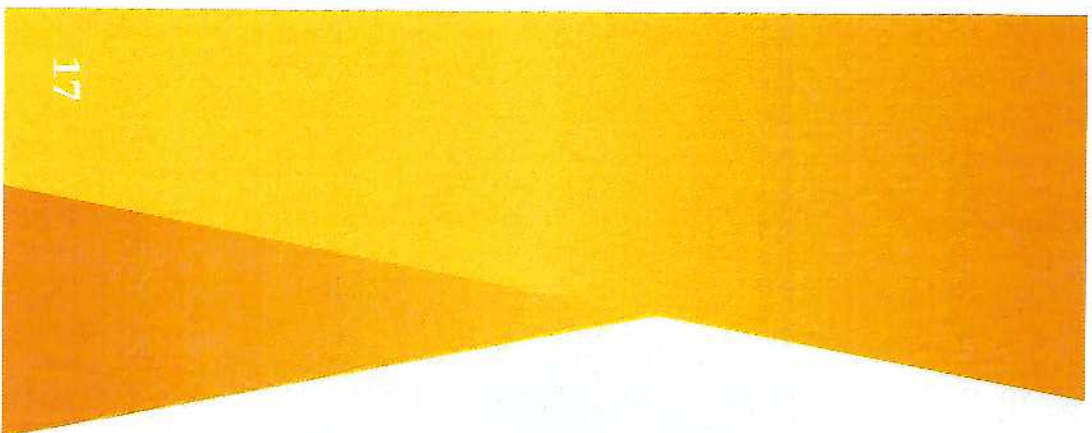
SME GRAD RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

Employment advertisements in the weekly Univ of FL College of Education Student Newsletter.

STEM Progression Pathways



Questions/Comments



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