Subject: Federal grants to support 26 new and expanding charter schools
From: "Bougie, Debra DPI" <Debra.Bougie@dpi.wi.gov>
Date: 6/28/2018, 1:04 PM
To: "MMSD--Rachel Strauch-Nelson, Public Information Officer"
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CC: "McCarthy, Thomas G. DPI" <Thomas.McCarthy@dpi.wi.gov>

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Additional information is available in the attached news item or on the Department of Public Instruction newsroom website.

News Release

Please direct comments or questions about this news item to Tom McCarthy, (608) 266-3559, or Thomas.McCarthy@dpi.wi.gov. (DPI staff members monitor calls and messages every business day.)

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dpinr2018-61 charter release w list.pdf 117 KB
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From: Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 8/29/2018, 3:18 PM
To: Latoya Holiday <lholiday@uwsa.edu>

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CC: Lynn Munsinger Brown <lmunsing@gmail.com>

Thanks for your response. I look forward to hearing from Melissa.

Best wishes,

Melissa

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Hi jen - I see what happened...We have the Wisconsin Collaborative Education Network here @UW-Madison SOE, and there is an Innovative Schools Network in WI. I am on the board of ISN...but I haven’t rejoined their conversations since returning from my sabbatical this summer. Is there anything I can do to help? Rich

On Sep 11, 2018, at 10:00 AM, Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Interesting...

I might be confusing myself then. She pointed to the "Innovative Schools Network" as a formal partner. I guess the word "Network" made me think of what you and Jack have been doing.

Jen

Jennifer Cheatham, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Madison Metropolitan School District
608-663-1607

On Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 8:57 PM, RICHARD R HALVERSON <rich.halverson@wisc.edu> wrote:

Hi Njen - good to hear from you! I don’t know about the Arbor Community School project...I don’t know who the authors are, and I haven’t been involved in the development. Are these the folks who were involved with Badger Rock? Can you share with me what you know?

I remembered that I wanted to introduce you to Sarah Hackett, who is the Director of the Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools. Sarah worked with ISN in the past, and is currently supporting new charter school initiatives across the state. Would you like me to make this connection?

The folks at American Family recently reached out to connect, and I’m looking forward to having coffee with them soon. Its a good time to be in the school improvement world!

Let me know what you think about Arbor...and I look forward to talking with you soon.
On Sep 10, 2018, at 6:12 PM, Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Hey Rich,

It was great seeing you the other week. I had lunch with Diana Hess recently and she was telling me more about the Teacher Ed Center re-design. Very exciting stuff! It’s going to be a blast partnering with you on this.

On a different note (and maybe related a little to our discussion about enrollment strategy over lunch), I finally got my hands on the Arbor Community School proposal through the Office of Educational Opportunity a couple of weeks ago. I didn't know this proposal was even happening so I was caught a bit off guard when I heard about it recently.

When I read it, I noticed that your team was cited several times as formal partner. Any chance you could give me some insight? The founder was prompted by one of our district partners to reach out to me directly so we are setting up some time. I just thought maybe you could give me a little perspective on it since it looks like you have been involved for awhile.

Let me know!

Jen

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Hi Ricardo,

I hope you are well and I hope the school year has gotten off to a great start over on Doyle Street!

Yes, Phase II of Arbor’s application has been approved and the school has been invited to begin contract negotiations with OEO. The school’s Phase I prospectus was approved in December 2017 and the school was invited to submit a Phase II application at that time. The school obviously submitted its Phase II application well in advance of the 9-7-18 due date for Fall 2019 starts. I assume this likely had much to do with the DPI’s planning grant timeline and requirements (schools must have authorizer approval before applying for a planning grant—that application was due in March 2018). As you know, Arbor’s approval pre-dates me—I can find out more details, if you’d like.

Thanks,
Latoya

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Hey Latoya!

Hope this finds you well on this sunny Thursday morning!

Finally had some time to dig into the Arbor info you sent on over (thanks again for doing that). I know you stated it in your original message, and I want to be clear on my end - phase 2 of their application has been approved right? I was trying to get a better understanding of the process on the OEO website, and I noted that the response by Charter School Selection team for Fall 2019 schools happens on December 7, 2018. Is that right?
I may have some more questions pop up as Jen and I continue processing. Hope it’s cool to continue sending them your way!

- Ricardo

On Aug 29, 2018, at 3:18 PM, Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Great, many thanks Latoya!

- Ricardo

On Aug 29, 2018, at 3:16 PM, Latoya Holiday <lholiday@uwsa.edu> wrote:

Hey Ricardo,

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Subject: Arbor Charter
From: Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/14/2018, 10:00 AM
To: Barbara J Osborn <bjosborn@madison.k12.wi.us>

Hey Barb -

You can find the docs here:

Attachments:

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Phase2-Application_for-web (002).pdf 3.9 MB
Subject: Invitation: Meet w/Arbor Community School @ Fri Sep 21, 2018 3pm - 4pm (CDT) (rjara@madison.k12.wi.us)  
From: Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us>  
Date: 9/14/2018, 4:43 PM  
To: rjara@madison.k12.wi.us

Jennifer P Cheatham has invited you to Meet w/Arbor Community School

Title: Meet w/Arbor Community School
Location: Supt. Office
When: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Organizer: Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us>
Description: Melissa Rosencranz  
Lynn Munsinger Brown.

MLL 9/10/18

Please do not edit this section of the description.

View your event at https://www.google.com/calendar/event?action=VIEW&eid=Mnlybzs3b3zMGxka2kzMWx1MnNwNFoCQjcmphh=mFAbWFkaXNvbi5rMTlud2zudXM&token=MyJmNoZWFQaGpTQG1hZGlzb24uazEyLndplnVzYBlkMzcwZjImMjRlMTQ5ZGNtZkNmZhZDE5ZmM3OW11YThjMWRIZn&ctz=America%2FCentral&h=en&&es=1.

Attendees: rjara@madison.k12.wi.us <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>  
Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us>

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Hi Melissa - We are located in the Doyle Administration Building, 545 W. Dayton Street, room 110. Thanks! -Melissa.

Melissa Loiselle  
Executive Assistant to the  
Superintendent & Chief of Staff  
Madison Metropolitan School District  
Office: (608) 663-1607  
Email: mloiselle@madison.k12.wi.us

On Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 10:42 AM, Melissa Rosenkranz <melissarosenkranz@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Melissa,

Can you please let me know where I should meet Jen on Friday?

Thanks much,

Melissa

Melissa A. Rosenkranz, Ph.D.  
Center for Healthy Minds  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
608.262.5050

On Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 12:32 PM Melissa L Loiselle <mloiselle@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Hi Melissa,

Jen is out of the office on Friday and her calendar is booked out for most of the following week. She could meet on Friday, 9/21 at 3:00 and I can certainly let you know if something opens up earlier in the week. I can offer a few times for the week of 9/24 as well, just let me know.

Thanks,

Melissa

Melissa Loiselle  
Executive Assistant to the  
Superintendent & Chief of Staff  
Madison Metropolitan School District
Re: Arbor Community School

Office: (608) 663-1607
Email: mloiselle@madison.k12.wi.us

On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 10:11 AM, Jennifer P Cheatham <icheatham@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Melissa,

Thank you for reaching out. Yes, I just learned about the existence of your school proposal about two weeks ago from Ray Cross. And yes, I was surprised not to have heard anything about it until then, which I mentioned to Becky when she called me yesterday. She wanted to know what I thought about your school and I told her I couldn’t give her an informed opinion. I think that is why she suggested that you reach out to me.

My assistant, Melissa Loiselle, can work with you to arrange a meeting. I look forward to learning more about it.

Take care,

Jen

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On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 9:39 AM, Melissa Rosenkranz <melissarosenkranz@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Superintendent Cheatum,

I am one of the co-founders of Arbor Community School, a public charter school that was recently authorized by the Office of Educational Outreach. As we work to secure community partners, it has come to my attention through Becky Steinhoff, that you are interested in meeting with my co-founder, Lynn Munsinger Brown, and I. We would be happy to do so. Friday 9/14 at 4pm or later, or early the following week would be ideal for us. Please let us know if this would work for you.

Thank you and kind regards,

Melissa A. Rosenkranz, Ph.D.
Hi Ed,

Here are the Arbor documents we got from OEO. They are internal documents, please do not distribute.

I'll get you a copy of Jen's final letter when it is complete.

Thank you,

Kelly

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 2:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: Follow up
To: Kelly M Ruppel <kmruppel@madison.k12.wi.us>

- Ricardo

Begin forwarded message:

From: Latoya Holiday <lholiday@uwsa.edu>
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Date: August 29, 2018 at 3:16:30 PM CDT
To: Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>

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From: Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/22/2018, 11:10 AM
To: Ed Hughes <edhughes9@gmail.com>
CC: Kelly M Ruppel <kmruppel@madison.k12.wi.us>

Good morning Ed -

I hope this message finds you well! My apologies for missing our meeting this past Thursday (Kelly may have mentioned that we were responding to some significant incidents). I still very much look forward to meeting you in person! I debriefed with Kelly yesterday and she noted that you’d like to see the letter and ACS charter application materials beforehand. I’ve attached all 3 to this message. Please do not hesitate to offer feedback and edits.

Thanks for your support Ed!

All my best,
Ricardo

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Thanks Jen

TJM
TJ Mertz
Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education, Seat Five
"Educate in order that your children may be free" --Irish Proverb

On Mon, Sep 24, 2018 at 2:13 PM Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:
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From: Ed Hughes <edhughes9@gmail.com>
Date: 9/24/2018, 9:20 PM
To: board@madison.k12.wi.us
CC: Kelly M Ruppel <kmruppel@madison.k12.wi.us>, Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>

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Ed
Subject: Re: Goodman Center and Arbor Community School
From: Kelly M Ruppel <kmruppel@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/24/2018, 9:22 PM
To: Ed Hughes <edhughes9@gmail.com>

Thank you

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From: Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/25/2018, 6:56 AM
To: Ed Hughes <edhughes9@gmail.com>
CC: board@madison.k12.wi.us, Kelly M Ruppel <kmruppel@madison.k12.wi.us>, Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>

Ed,

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Take care,

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: [board] Arbor Community School Update
From: Ricardo Jara <rjara@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/27/2018, 11:39 AM
To: Board <board@madison.k12.wi.us>

Good morning everyone -

Hope this finds you all well this morning. I have an update regarding Arbor Community School’s (ACS) attempt to secure a location for their charter at the Goodman Community Center. In short, the Goodman board denied their application, citing political concerns if they decided to approve it.

Given this outcome, we are currently not planning on sharing our concerns outlined in the letter to Ray Cross and the OEO more broadly.

I’ll be sure to provide any significant updates on this issue when they become available.

Thanks!
Ricardo
Subject: Fw: Arbor Community School
From: "Reyes, Gloria" <GReyes@cityofmadison.com>
Date: 10/7/2018, 2:26 PM
To: Jennifer Cheatham-Madison <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us>

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From: Tina Abert <tinamabert@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 7, 2018 11:53 AM
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From: Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us>
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I think you covered it, Jen.

I have a meeting with Latoya from the OEO this Friday and will follow up with any updates after then.

- Ricardo

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Hi Matt: Sorry – I’m not sure if the letter was addressed to Goodman or to someone at the UW System, but either way, I’d like a copy of it.

Thanks,

Chris Rickert
Urban affairs reporter and SOS columnist
Wisconsin State Journal
608-252-6198 (office)
608-692-8508 (cell)
@RickertWisSJ

Thanks, Matt.

Please consider this email an open records request for a different record (which I think does exist).

Former school board member Ed Hughes told me he took a letter from Jen Cheatham to a Goodman Community Center board meeting in late September regarding an application for a charter through the UW System’s Office of Educational Opportunity by Arbor Community School.

I’d like a copy of that letter.

Thanks again,

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From: Matthew W Bell (staff) [mailto:mbell@madison.k12.wi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com>
Cc: Rachel Strauch-Nelson <rmstrauchnel@madison.k12.wi.us>
Subject: Re: FW: Questions about Shabazz H.S.

Hello Mr. Rickert:

We do not have a record of a written response to Ms. Moffit.

Thank you,
Matt Bell

On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 8:12 AM Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com> wrote:

Matthew: Please consider this an open records request for any correspondence to Anna Moffit or anyone else in response to the attached email and letter, which she forwarded to you in June.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com>
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Questions about Shabazz H.S.

Thanks Chris. I will locate the requested record and get back to you shortly.

Take care,
Hi Matt: Sorry – I’m not sure if the letter was addressed to Goodman or to someone at the UW System, but either way, I’d like a copy of it.

Thanks,

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Thanks, Matt.

Please consider this email an open records request for a different record (which I think does exist).
Former school board member Ed Hughes told me he took a letter from Jen Cheatham to a Goodman Community Center board meeting in late September regarding an application for a charter through the UW System’s Office of Educational Opportunity by Arbor Community School.

I’d like a copy of that letter.

Thanks again,

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From: Matthew W Bell (staff) [mailto:mwbell@madison.k12.wi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com>
Cc: Rachel Strauch-Nelson <rmstrauchnel@madison.k12.wi.us>
Subject: Re: FW: Questions about Shabazz H.S.

Hello Mr. Rickert:

We do not have a record of a written response to Ms. Moffit.

Thank you,
On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 8:12 AM Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com> wrote:

Matthew: Please consider this an open records request for any correspondence to Anna Moffit or anyone else in response to the attached email and letter, which she forwarded to you in June.

Thanks,

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From: Chris Rickert
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 1:01 PM
To: 'Matthew W Bell (staff)' <mwbell@madison.k12.wi.us>
Cc: 'Rachel Strauch-Nelson' <rmstrauchnel@madison.k12.wi.us>; 'afralin@madison.k12.wi.us' <afralin@madison.k12.wi.us>
Subject: Questions about Shabazz H.S.

Hi Matthew: I’m forwarding you an email sent to you by former board member Anna Moffit and a letter she shared with me from a family whose child was denied entry to Shabazz H.S.
Anna didn’t get an answer to her inquiry, and so far I haven’t gotten answers to my inquiries to Alex Fralin and Rachel Strauch-Nelson to talk to Alex. I have some questions about Shabazz.

Shabazz principal Aric Soderbloom, however, has been very responsive.

Please let me know whether front-office officials are willing to answer my questions.

Thanks,

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From: Anna Moffit [mailto:anna@wifamilyties.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 11:59 AM
To: Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com>
Subject: Email
Here’s the email that I sent to John and Matt. I didn’t get a response.

Anna Moffit
Parent Peer Specialist Supervisor
Direct: 608-446-3290
Wisconsin Family Ties, Inc. | 16 N. Carroll Street, Suite 230 | Madison, WI 53703
608.267.6800 | 800.422.7145 | wifamilyties.org

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Subject: open records requests  
From: Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com>  
Date: 1/2/2019, 4:03 PM  
To: "Matthew W Bell (staff)" <mwbell@madison.k12.wi.us>  
CC: Rachel Strauch-Nelson <rmstrauchnel@madison.k12.wi.us>, "nenichols@madison.k12.wi.us" <nenichols@madison.k12.wi.us>, Mary Burke <mburke2@madison.k12.wi.us>, Jennifer P Cheatham <jcheatham@madison.k12.wi.us>

Hi Matt: Can you please give me an update on the open records request my colleague Chris Hubbuch made on Nov. 20? (It is attached.)

Also, please consider the following requests for district records under the state’s open records law. Two have previously been made -- as informal requests -- but I’ve not gotten responses from other district officials. (Related emails are attached.)


- The total amount spent on MMSD’s community schools initiative in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, broken down by district and non-district money.

- Ashley Van Ooyen’s complete personnel file with MMSD, including any letter of reference she may have received upon leaving the district.

- All accident/injury reports filed in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years under section 3.02 of the MMSD employee handbook.

- All emails sent or received by MMSD staff that reference the proposed charter school known as Arbor Community School.

Please provide the records as they become available, and please let me know if you need me to clarify any of my requests. If one or more of the requested records is expected to cost more than $100 in processing fees, please let me know before fulfilling it.

Thanks,
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Subject: FW: records request  
From: Chris Hubbuch <CHubbuch@madison.com>  
Date: 1/2/2019, 3:37 PM  
To: Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com>

Here’s the request.

I got an email from Matt saying it would require significant redactions for thousands of records. I tried to contact him to talk through it but he hasn’t responded.

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From: Chris Hubbuch  
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 8:58 AM  
To: ‘Matthew W Bell (staff)’ <mwbell@madison.k12.wi.us>  
Subject: records request

Matt,

Please accept this request for public records.

On behalf of the Wisconsin State Journal, I’m seeking electronic records from the “behavior” section of the district’s Infinite Campus database for the school years 2010-11 through 2018-19 to include all fields that may be legally released under Wisconsin’s open records law, including a unique student ID but not student names. I’m requesting this data in its native digital format, which could be delivered in common formats such as Excel or a comma-delimited text (csv) file.

If the file is too large to send through email I can provide access to an FTP site or arrange to bring over a portable drive.

Please let me know if any fees involved in accessing these records will exceed $100. And don’t hesitate to ask if you need clarification.

Regards and Happy Thanksgiving.

Chris

Chris Hubbuch  
Wisconsin State Journal  
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Injuries to staff caused by students. Do you track that specifically?

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From: Rachel Strauch-Nelson [mailto:rmstrauchnel@madison.k12.wi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com>
Subject: Re: injuries to teachers

Hey Chris, here's the process that is outlined in our employee handbook. Anything specific you're looking at?

3.02 Accident/Incident Reports All accidents/incidents occurring on District property, school buses or during the course of school-sponsored activities, including field trips and other away events, are to be reported to the principal/immediate supervisor immediately. Reports should cover property damage as well as personal injury. A completed accident report form should be submitted to the principal/supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours or the next scheduled District workday, as appropriate. In the event of a work-related accident or injury, please see the Worker's Compensation section of this Handbook on page 80. For additional information see: https://board.madison.k12.wi.us/mmsd-policies-and-procedures-4147

On Tue, Dec 4, 2018 at 12:04 PM Chris Rickert <CRickert@madison.com> wrote:

Hi Rachel: Does the district have a formal process for staff to report if they are injured on the job, and more specifically, injured by a student?

Thanks,
Hi Nichelle: You said Monday that I could get copies of the qualitative and quantitative evaluations of the district’s community schools program. Can you send those to me?

I was also hoping for totals on what has been spent on the initiative for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, broken down by district and non-district money.

Thanks!

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Sent: 12/5/2018, 12:01 PM
To: "nenichols@madison.k12.wi.us" <nenichols@madison.k12.wi.us>
CC: Rachel Strauch-Nelson <rmstrauchnel@madison.k12.wi.us>

Subject: community school evaluations

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