We recently discovered a situation where ODE had been listing Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) as the ‘sponsor’ of 54 community schools; however, the University of Toledo (UT) is in fact the sponsor of record. OCCS has a third-party relationship with UT, similar to the relationship Charter School Specialists has with St. Aloysius Orphanage.


As a reminder, per ORC 117.105 & ORC 3314.019, for any significant meetings with a community school we are required to notify the sponsor, and give them an opportunity to attend the meetings. In addition, the sponsor must be listed on the audit report recipient spreadsheet, to ensure they receive a copy of the audit report.

For community schools where the University of Toledo is the sponsor of record, please be sure to include UT in invitations to any significant meetings, as well as on the audit report recipient spreadsheet.