

### **November 2019 Newsletter**

Founding Executive Director, Dr. Sara Asmussen and Founding Principal, Dr. Lisa DiGaudio, traveled to San Diego, California this week to attend and present at the Alternative Accountability Policy Forum. This is an educational policy conference from SIA Tech and RASPA (Reaching at-Promise Students Association).

From AAPF, Dr. Asmussen will be addressing: "Measuring outcomes of transfer schools, that primarily serve students who are over-aged and under-credited, using traditional outcome measures paints an incomplete picture of the academic and developmental impact that these schools have on at-risk students. Traditional evaluative measures also pose difficulty for the schools and their authorizers. These schools receive negative ratings for the graduation rates and high school exit exam participation, resulting in them being labeled "failing schools." To tell the whole story, this session will feature measures and potential ideas for alternative accountability frameworks that accurately describe the progress of a transfer school's educational program and will discuss and seek feedback regarding national initiatives such as the "A-GAME" (Advancing Great Authorizing & Modeling Excellence) grant, funded through U.S. D.O.E. C.S.P. dissemination funds, that are bringing authorizers from around the country together to develop exemplars for alternative accountability performance frameworks."