



## Indiana Charter School Board Approves Three New Charter Schools

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**Indianapolis (May 25, 2016)** – Yesterday, the Indiana Charter School Board approved three charter school applications and concluded its Spring application cycle. The three schools approved are Circle City Preparatory Charter School, Civic Collegiate Public Charter School, and East Chicago FOCUS Academy. These schools are scheduled to open in the fall of 2017.

“The ICSB is excited to include these three schools as part of our overall portfolio,” said Executive Director James Betley. “We believe these proposed schools will provide another avenue of high quality choice to Hoosier students in their respective communities.”

Circle City Preparatory Charter School will be a Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade college preparatory school. The school will be located on the Far Eastside of Indianapolis and will be led by Building Excellent School’s fellow Megan Murphy. Their program is designed for students to excel through rigorous K-8 academics, critical and analytical thinking, and character skills.

Civic Collegiate Public Charter School will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school led by Building Excellent School’s fellow Luke Lennon. The school will be located in the center of Midtown on the Northeast side of Indianapolis in the 46220 zip code area and will focus on providing students with an education that includes three imperatives: college, character and citizenship.

East Chicago FOCUS Academy will be a 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school with a rigorous and individualized dual credit curriculum purposefully designed to serve students who have or are at risk of dropping out of high school. The school will be managed by the GEO Foundation.

The three schools approved will now begin working with ICSB staff on completing the Start Up Checklist prior to opening in the fall of 2017. Information on the ICSB Start Up Process can be found here:

<http://www.in.gov/icsb/2429.htm>.

### *About the ICSB*

The Indiana Charter School Board is an independent statewide charter school authorizing agency. The ICSB’s mission is to authorize and hold accountable a portfolio of high-performing charter schools in which students achieve high levels of growth and graduate prepared for college and careers. Each school authorized by the ICSB is subject

to a transparent and outcomes-oriented accountability system. To learn more about upcoming board meetings, application cycles, and charter schools authorized by the ICSB, visit the ICSB website at [www.in.gov/icsb](http://www.in.gov/icsb).

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