



# Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

## Quality Counts: Charter School Program Grant

### Indiana Authorizer Support Project

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is pleased to offer the Indiana Authorizer Support Project (IASP) to charter school authorizers through the Charter School Program grant to Indiana from the USDOE.

In order to promote high-quality charter schools and authorizing excellence in the state of Indiana, the IDOE has contracted with SchoolWorks, an education consulting group, to lead a multi-phase project consisting of the following:

- **Phase 1:** Establishing authorizing quality criteria that reflect local context
- **Phase 2:** Creating needs assessment framework and process
- **Phase 3:** Conducting needs assessments
- **Phase 4:** Providing technical support

Throughout this project, SchoolWorks will collect and consider information solicited from multiple sources including, but not limited to, surveys; documents; interviews; and focus groups. Authorizers will also be consulted for their input and feedback during each phase of the work. This project will culminate in the development of authorizing quality criteria that reflect local context and are based on the National Association of Charter School Authorizers' (NACSA) Principles & Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing; the creation of a needs assessment framework and process based on the established criteria; the administration of needs assessments (both individual and collective) of Indiana authorizers; and the use of results of the needs assessments to inform collective technical support for Indiana authorizers.

The needs assessment process serves to identify both individual and collective strengths and areas for improvement and will result in an evidence-based report for each authorizer identifying strengths and areas for improvement, as well as an anonymized, aggregate report of Indiana authorizers. The results of the individual needs assessments are private and will only be shared with the individual authorizer. The anonymized, aggregate report will be shared with authorizers and IDOE, but will not be publicly reported and will only be used to inform recommendations for technical support.

SchoolWorks is an education consulting company based in Beverly, Massachusetts. SchoolWorks' technical support engagement will span from October of 2018 through July of 2022.