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## Indiana Charter School Board Releases Fall 2015 Request for Proposals

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Charter School Board is issuing its [request for proposals](#) for groups seeking to apply to open high-quality charter schools.

“Every Hoosier child deserves the opportunity to attend a great school that meets his or her educational needs and can prepare them for success later in life,” said Dr. Michelle McKeown, Interim Executive Director of the Indiana Charter School Board. “In addition to great traditional public and private schools, public charter schools offer parents more choices where they can send their son or daughter to receive the education and skills to prepare them for college or a career.”

Applications must include the proposed school’s academic, operating, and financial plans. The application also encourages those seeking to open a public charter school to detail their plans to accelerate student success through innovative school design instructional strategies, uses of technology, family and community engagement, and other approaches.

Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by August 10<sup>th</sup> and a full application by September 9<sup>th</sup>. Each proposal undergoes a thorough review, an in-person interview, and a public hearing. Final charter school application decisions will be made by the Indiana Charter School Board the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> in a public meeting.

The Indiana Charter School Board portfolio currently includes fourteen public charter schools serving an estimated 3,200 students in Anderson, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette, Noblesville, Richmond, and South Bend.

### *About the Indiana Charter School Board*

The Indiana Charter School Board is an independent statewide charter school authorizing agency. The Board’s mission is to authorize and measure success of 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 Board 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 Indiana Charter School Board, visit [www.in.gov/icsb](http://www.in.gov/icsb).