



Indiana Charter School Board launches its Spring 2016 Application Cycle

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Indianapolis (January 8, 2016) – Today, the Indiana Charter School Board (“ICSB”) launches its Spring 2016 Application Cycle for charter school applicants interested in opening charter schools within Indiana. Information regarding the application process can be found at <http://www.in.gov/icsb/2418.htm>.

“We are excited to issue this RFP and look forward to providing Hoosier parents, students and communities with additional education options,” said James Betley, Executive Director of the ICSB.

Each year, the ICSB holds two application cycles to attract high quality charter schools to Indiana. During each cycle, the ICSB accepts applications from new operators wanting to launch a new charter school and experienced operators looking to open additional schools. It also accepts applications from existing charter schools seeking to switch authorizers.

To begin the application process, applicants must submit a Letter of Intent prior to submitting the full application. Letters of Intent are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on February 15th via email to the ICSB. Full applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on March 14th. Upon receiving full applications, the ICSB initiates the review process which includes external and internal reviews followed by in-person interviews. Prior to final decisions, public hearings are held in the proposed communities to give community members and parents the opportunity to share their perspectives. Final charter school applications decisions are made during a public meeting the week of May 23, 2016. Templates for the Letters of Intent are located on the ICSB website at <http://www.in.gov/icsb/2418.htm>.

To date, the ICSB has conducted nine application cycles. In the 2015-16 school year, the ICSB had a portfolio of 14 schools serving over 3,000 students in Anderson, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette, South Bend, and Richmond. Four additional charter schools are scheduled to open for the 2016-17 school year.

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.

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