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Indiana Department of Education
100 N Senate Ave 9th Floor
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Dear Indiana Department of Education,

The Mind Trust is proud to submit our proposal in response to the Charter School Incubator Request for Proposal. Since its founding in 2006 by visionary leaders Bart Peterson and David Harris, The Mind Trust has been at the forefront of educational innovation in Indianapolis. With a clear mission to inspire bold thinking and transformative change in education, we have surpassed expectations, helping to reshape the local educational landscape. Over the past 18 years, we have successfully supported the launch of over 50 public schools, serving more than 22,000 students at scale through our School Launch Fellowship and other school incubation programs.

Our organization is now poised to expand this mission statewide, supporting exceptional school and system leaders in developing high-quality, innovative charter schools across Indiana. With over a decade of experience in incubating and replicating successful schools—including our work with innovation network schools in collaboration with Indianapolis Public Schools, single-site charter schools, and replication of charter models—The Mind Trust has the expertise to make a meaningful impact and experience operating other statewide programs in partnership with the Indiana Department of Education.

We have extensive experience recruiting excellent school leaders and innovative entrepreneurs, providing them with personalized coaching and technical assistance to ensure the successful submission of high-quality charter applications and the launch of sustainable schools. Over the next five years, we aim to incubate 2-3 new or replicating schools annually, supporting fellows through the entire process—from school design and charter application to securing CSP grants—ensuring that innovative, sustainable charter schools can thrive and offer more high-quality seats across Indiana.

The Mind Trust is an active 501c3 not-for-profit organization and is in good standing with the Office of the Indiana Secretary of State.

The Principal Contact for the Proposal is Luke Lennon, Senior Director of Leadership and School Development, who can be reached via email at (llennon@themindtrust.org).

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal in hopes of ensuring more of Indiana's students, especially those from underserved populations, can meet Indiana's challenging academic standards.

Sincerely,

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