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New Tools for Strong Charter School Boards

Charter Board Partners Launches National Governance Support Program

Charter Board Partners (CBP) is pleased to announce the launch of [GreatBoards](#), a new online program that gives public charter school boards across the country access to the best-practice tools and templates they need to govern effectively.

“GreatBoards provides users with a clear framework and user-friendly tools to help them learn how to govern effectively, address thorny challenges, navigate opportunities for growth, and put in place the strong systems that are the foundation of every strong board,” said CBP President & Co-Founder Carrie Irvin.

In many ways, GreatBoards is a response to the growing recognition within the charter sector that strong governance is a critical and often overlooked component of high quality charter schools. Boards provide essential leadership, set strategic vision and direction, insist on results, and bring invaluable expertise, experience, and resources of all kinds to their schools. Yet there is very little in the way of high-quality training and top-notch tools available to charter school board members.

“Charter Board Partners is helping to solve a critical problem: most charter boards don’t have access to the help they need to govern effectively,” said Tom Vander Ark, CBP Board Chair. “Strong governance ensures school quality over time, and GreatBoards can give all boards the tools, training, and resources they need to exercise strong leadership. This is a major advance for the charter school quality movement.”

Boards that join GreatBoards receive unlimited access to tools, templates, and webinar trainings to guide them through everything effective boards need to do. In addition, GreatBoards users can request advice from CBP experts to help address specific governance challenges. Accessible through CBP’s website, GreatBoards is designed to help board members understand exactly what board leadership entails and to govern according to CBP’s acclaimed [Standards for Effective Charter School Governance](#).

“I know of no good charter school without a strong board,” said Scott Pearson, Executive Director of the Public Charter School Board, the sole charter school authorizer in Washington, D.C. “Charter Board Partners is providing an essential service to charter school boards in D.C., and we are seeing boards get better and schools get better because of their work. It is great news for the charter sector nationally that CBP’s governance expertise will now be available to all charter school boards.”

[Learn more about GreatBoards>](#)

About Charter Board Partners

Charter Board Partners (CBP) works with public charter schools to build strong and effective boards that help schools and students succeed. Founded in 2010, the nonprofit began implementing its model in Washington, DC to recruit and train board members; match board candidates to charter school boards; and provide boards with ongoing coaching, tools, and support. The organization opened a second office in Washington state in April 2014 and will select its third site in early 2015. Please visit www.charterboards.org for more information.

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