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Charter Board Partners and the Missouri Charter Public School Association Partner to Provide Governance Tools and Resources to Missouri Public Charter Schools

Charter Board Partners (CBP) and the Missouri Charter Public School Association (MCPSA) announce a new partnership with the goal of strengthening the governing boards of public charter schools across the state of Missouri. Through this partnership, charter schools, members of charter school boards, and other stakeholders will have greater access to tools and resources to support strong charter school governance and improve school quality.

This strategic partnership will help further the goals of CBP and the MCPSA to ensure that charter schools are providing high-quality educational options to families. The MCPSA is committed to advancing the quality, growth, and sustainability of charter schools in Missouri, and CBP focuses on helping the nation's charter schools build strong and strategic governing boards that help schools and students succeed.

"We are excited to have established this important partnership with Charter Board Partners helping provide quality resources to Missouri's charter school governing boards," said Douglas Thaman, Executive Director of MCPSA. "Primary to an effective, quality charter school is their governing board, which plays an important role in ensuring charter schools have high levels of accountability and oversight, and are always putting the needs of students first. I have been extremely impressed with the quality of Charter Board Partners resources and am pleased that our Missouri governing boards will now have this opportunity for excellent training available to them."

"Excellent public charter schools need excellent boards of directors," said Carrie Irvin, President and Co-Founder of CBP. "We are delighted to work side by side with MCPSA to raise awareness of the importance of effective governance and to ensure that charter school boards have the tools, resources, and information they need through our online governance support program, [GreatBoards](#). We believe this work to strengthen charter school governance is essential as the charter movement in Missouri continues to deepen its focus on quality."

About Missouri Charter Public School Association:

The Missouri Charter Public School Association is committed to supporting all charter public schools toward reaching levels of excellence through academic quality, responsible leadership and governance, organization sustainability and engagement within the school community. We believe quality charter public schools are a key ingredient in re-shaping Missouri's public education system and our strategic vision is to serve as the touchstone for quality charter public schools through service, support and advocacy. Our overall mission is to improve student achievement by increasing access to high quality charter public education options through Missouri. For more information, please visit our website at www.mocharterschools.org.

About Charter Board Partners:

Charter Board Partners (CBP) is the leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of public charter school boards. CBP's work includes strategically recruiting board members, providing board members with the tools and training needed to govern effectively, and guiding boards to prioritize academic achievement. Founded in 2010, CBP has offices in Washington, DC and Seattle, and will open a third office in 2015. Through its GreatBoards program, CBP also offers charter school boards nationwide access to its governance tools and templates. For more information, please visit www.charterboards.org.