

A-GAME Community Virtual Convening: The IOD Origin Story



Goals for Today

1	Welcome & Introduction	
2	The Origin Story	
3	Breakout Groups	
4	Authorizing & IOD	
5	Register for April & May!	





Coalition of Early Adopters











James Baldwin

Baldwin, an African American writer and social critic, who fearlessly navigated the turbulent waters of race, sexuality, and class in America, challenging us to confront these difficult issues head-on. Baldwin's open discussions about these difficult subjects, particularly in a time when such topics were often avoided or ignored, exemplify the concept of a brave space.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

- James Baldwin



THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A "SAFE SPACE" — WE EXIST IN THE REAL WORLD. WE ALL CARRY SCARS AND HAVE CAUSED WOUNDS. DOWN THE VOLUME OF THE WORLD OUTSIDE, AND AMPLIFY VOICES THAT HAVE TO FIGHT TO BE HEARD ELSEWHERE, THIS SPACE WILL NOT BE PERFECT. IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE WHAT WE WISH IT TO BE, BUT IT WILL BE OUR SPACE TOGETHER, AND WE WILL WORK ON IT



My Why...

- I am a "recovering" authorizer.
- I made decisions that I now realize were grounded in a system that disrupts lives of people who are at the margins of power... the families who chose to attend charter schools
- And I made those decisions without valuing their lived experiences.
- Through the A-GAME Community of Changemakers, I seek now to disrupt this very system.
- What we discuss and build together are called these NEXT practices—because they do not exist yet. They cannot exist yet.



Measuring Quality Schools

- NACSA calls it "Community Authorizing".
- Momentum Strategy & Research calls it "Student-Centered Goals"
- A-GAME calls it "Responsive Goals" and "Responsive Authorizing"
- All of us seek to put STUDENTS and FAMILIES at the epicenter of our work



Redefine the Charter Bargain

- The charter bargain: Autonomy + Accountability = Results
- Autonomy from what? How many charter schools must follow district mandates on the "science of reading" for example? Follow district standards? Use "researched proven"?
- Who defines Accountability? Accountable to Whom? Is a state test "accountability"? Performance out of Fear of Closure versus Innovation.
- The **NEXT** charter bargain:





Breakout Group #1: What is your Why?

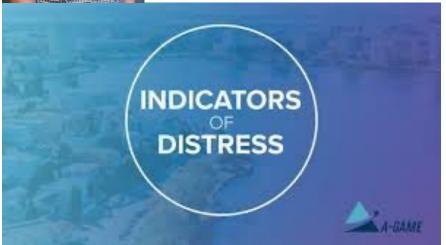








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Eve L. Ewing Ghosts in the Schoolyard





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Identifying Indicators of Distress in Charter Schools

Part 1: The Role and Perspective of Charter School Authorizers

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NCSRC – Identifying Indicators of Distress in Charter Schools: Part I

Identifying Indicators of Distress in Charter Schools

Part 2: The Roles and Perspectives of Charter School Leaders and Board Members

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NCSRC – Identifying Indicators of Distress in Charter Schools: Part II



Breakout Group #2: Reactions to Indicators of Distress







"We do not learn from experience. We learn from reflecting on experience." -John Dewey

Scan the QR code or use the link in the chat to share your reflections around the learning we have done together today.





2024 A-GAME Convenings





MAY 2-3

In-Person Convening

Join your peers in Chicago, IL, from 12:00pm May 2 through 3:00 pm May 3 (Thursday and Friday). NACSA will cover the registration cost for the first 50 NACSA member organizations. Sign-up soon!





We Can't Wait to See YOU in Chicago!









Thursday, May 2

12 pm	Registration & Snacks
12:45-1:15pm	Whole Group Welcome Ambassador Meeting #1
1:15-2:30pm	Whole Group Interactive Workshop: (continuation from virtual discussions)
2:45-5pm	Workshops
5:15-5:45 pm	Ambassador Meeting #2
6 pm	Reception
7:00 pm	Group Photoshoot & Dinner /Social





Friday, May 3

8:30 am	Breakfast with Ambassador Groups (Meeting #3)
9:30 am	Whole Group Kickstart Session
10am-12:15pm	Workshops
12:30-2 pm	Ambassador Meeting #4 (lunch served during session)



A-GAME Convening: Chicago, IL May 2-3, 2024





