



NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS
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PROGRAM

Letter of Support

About the Program

The National Charter Schools Institute's **#LEAD: Charter School Leaders Program** is an initiative to inspire, educate and equip charter school leaders to achieve their full potential and lead with excellence. #LEAD provides a broad overview of the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully lead a charter school in Michigan. Through participation in #LEAD, your school's leader, will be connected to other leaders, experts, resources, and organizations that will ensure your school's success.

#LEAD is designed to meet the unique needs of each participant and to build upon on the important work that is already being done in your school. All the activities that your school leader will be asked to complete are grounded in real-life work-based experiences. As part of this program, participants will be assigned a mentor who is an experienced school leader and will help guide your school's leader through their journey of leadership development.

The NCSI is currently accepting applications for #LEAD. Participants commit to completing 16 course modules, participating in 240 hours of field experiences and meeting with their mentor on a regular basis. The cost for participating in #LEAD is \$9850 if the program is completed within 18 months. Title II funds can be used to help offset the cost of participating in the program.

We understand that one of the factors that attribute to a candidate's success, in this program, is the support of their governing board. Therefore, we are asking each applicant to verify that they have their board's full support by having their board president complete and return the enclosed form.

We hope that you will support your school's leader as they take this exciting step to apply to participate in the #LEAD to improve their charter school leadership skills. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Once you have completed in the enclosed form, you may return it to the applicant who must upload it as part of the application process.

Thank you for supporting the important work of charter school leadership development in Michigan.



Letter of Support

Date:	
Name of Applicant:	
School Name:	
Name of Superintendent*:	
Name of Board President:	
<p>Please read each of the commitments that #LEAD participants are asked to make. Please indicate your support of your applicant's commitment to each portion of the program by checking the box next to each stated commitment and signing your name at the bottom of the form. Once you have completed the form, you may return it to the applicant who is required to submit it as part of the application process.</p>	
Support (indicate with a check mark)	Description of Commitment
<input type="checkbox"/>	I fully support the applicant's participation in #LEAD: Charter School Leaders Program offered by the National Charter Schools Institute.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the use of the applicant's time to complete tasks and projects related to #LEAD.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the use of the applicant's time to meet with their mentor on a regular basis.
<p>I fully acknowledge the financial investment of participating in #LEAD and will pledge to support it in the following manner: (check one of the boxes below)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The school will deem it to be an allowable expense and fully pay for the program.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will assist the applicant in securing funds to pay for the program from another entity or organization.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will discuss with the applicant a plan for them to personally pay for the program.</p>	
*Superintendent's Signature:	
Board President's signature	

*The school will likely use a different title than Superintendent, however, Michigan requires that each charter school identify a "Superintendent" in the Educational Entity Master (EEM) on the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI). It is that person identified in the EEM, and the Board President, who should sign this letter of support.