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CSP Fellowship application deadline April 18th

Charter School Partners launches new school leader fellowship

Minneapolis, MN. 3.23.11. Charter School Partners, a Minnesota-based non-profit charter support group, today announced that it is launching a selective, two-year school leader fellowship designed to prepare talented and passionate individuals to open two new high-performing, achievement-gap closing urban charter schools by August 2013.

"The CSP Fellowship seeks to recruit compelling, courageous leaders who will lead a core of revolutionary exemplar schools and change the character of the state's expectations about what schools are capable of doing for our neediest students," said Katie Barrett Kramer, Director of The CSP Fellowship.

According to Barrett Kramer, the Fellows will receive national caliber education and training from Charter School Partners, community partners, and school leader mentors from some of Minnesota's most effective charter schools. The program will also include positions of leadership in authentic urban school environments, travel to best-practice charters across the country as well as selective academic coursework through a partnership with the University of Saint Thomas.

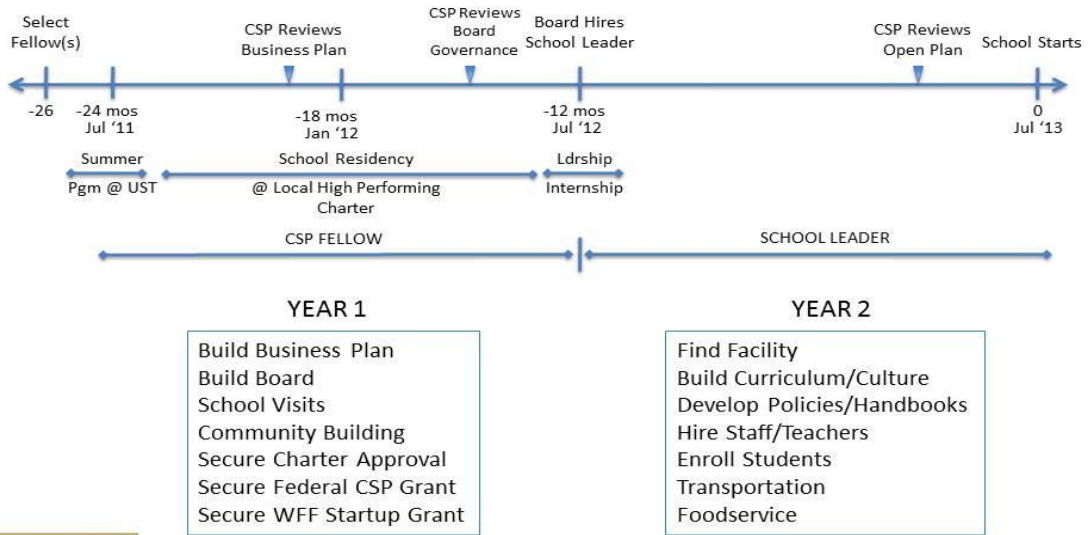
Using a highly selective process, CSP will invite a small number of talented school and community leaders annually to engage in the two year, experiential fellowship. For CSP's inaugural 2011-2013 cohort, applications for potential Fellows, which are available on-line at charterschoolpartners.org, are due April 18th.

The CSP Fellowship was developed after extensive research of similar fellowship models including KIPP's Fisher Fellowship and similar programs at New Leaders for New Schools, Building Excellent Schools (BES) and New Schools for New Orleans (NSNO), among others. In addition, training programs tied to several prominent national and regional universities were studied.

According to Barrett Kramer, between the CSP Fellowship and CSP Charter Start (charterschoolpartners.org), a separate CSP initiative, Charter School Partners is projecting that it will help launch 10 to 15 new, high-performing, close-the-gap schools in the next five years.

Charter School Partners has recently joined a national initiative called [Cities for Education Entrepreneurship Trust \(CEE-Trust\)](#), a group of sixteen organizations throughout the nation focused on increasing public education achievement in urban areas. Ms. Barrett Kramer stated that many of these organizations, including New Schools for New Orleans, have extensive charter school incubation programs similar to the CSP Fellowship. In addition, CSP is a signator to the Gates Foundation District-Charter Collaboration Compact to encourage increased cooperation between Minneapolis district and Minneapolis charter schools.

CSP Fellowship Program Timeline



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