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LEAD Public Schools: A Music City Partnership – Scaling District Charter Conversions

Abstract

LEAD Public Schools (LEAD) is a non-profit charter management organization located in Nashville, Tennessee. LEAD operates 4 charter schools that currently serve 1,600 students in grades 5-12, including two district/charter conversion campuses. The goals of this project are to address educational inequity in Nashville by transforming chronically low performing schools into high performing charter schools. The project is an extension of existing school transformation partnerships with the local district, Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS), and the Tennessee Achievement School District (ASD).

Expected Outcomes: The project will create/transform 5 schools and serve 3,000 students with a rigorous college preparatory education.

Project Contributions: The project is expected to serve as an example of district charter collaboration that can be replicated in other districts.