



INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

MEDIA ADVISORY

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SUBJECT: Indiana Charter School Board Approves the Early Career Academy to Open Fall 2014
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The Indiana Charter School Board ("ICSB") approved the application for one new charter school at its Board meeting on Friday, May 24.

The Early Career Academy, opening in Fall 2014, will offer 11th and 12th graders the opportunity to earn an associate's degree from ITT Technical Institute ("ITT Tech") in Network Systems Administration or Software Development while working toward their high school diploma. The school, to be located on ITT Tech's campus at 9511 Angola Court in Indianapolis, will partner with ESI Service Corporation ("ESI"), a new education service provider operated by ITT Educational Services, Inc., for support and resources.

"The ICSB is pleased to authorize an innovative public high school model that allows students to simultaneously earn a secondary and postsecondary degree," said Claire Fiddian-Green, Executive Director of the ICSB. "The Early Career Academy aligns well with the ICSB's goal to grow the supply of high-performing charter schools from which students graduate prepared for college and careers."

To date, the ICSB has conducted four application cycles and approved applications received from ten different organizers. During each application cycle, charter school applicants must submit a letter of intent followed by an application detailing academic, operating, and financial plans. Each proposal undergoes a thorough analysis that includes external and internal reviews. In-person interviews are conducted with each applicant group, followed by public hearings around the state to allow local community members to share their perspectives on each proposed school. Final charter school application decisions are made by ICSB voting members in a public meeting that is streamed live on the internet. An archived copy of the May 24th ICSB meeting recording is available [here](#).

About the ICSB

Established in 2011 by the Indiana General Assembly, the ICSB seeks to grow the supply of high-performing public charter schools throughout the state, so that families have multiple options from which to select when deciding what schools best meet the needs of their children. Our focus is upon expanding quality options, so that students who enroll in charter schools receive a rigorous education that prepares them for college and careers. Each school authorized by the ICSB is subject to a transparent and outcomes-oriented accountability system. To learn more about upcoming board meetings, application cycles, and charter schools authorized by the ICSB, visit the ICSB website at www.in.gov/icsb.