

Provide an excellent teacher in every class, for every student, every year

Ensure that school leadership is focused on high student achievement and cultivating an environment that produces excellence for a diverse student body

Build and sustain effective and efficient systems to support finances, operations and the academic and personal growth of students

Charter Schools

The director shall make recommendations to the Board with respect to all charter school applicants. Further, with respect to charter school applications and monitoring of existing charter schools, the director shall not allow contracts to be recommended or continued if fiscal jeopardy or failure to make consistent progress towards their stated objectives is a likely outcome or is evident. In addition, the director shall not allow existing charter schools to operate in a manner that would jeopardize the learning or well being of their students.

Therefore, the director shall :

1. Provide the board with an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of each charter application.
2. Monitor the charter school environment and progress towards goals at least twice a year for the first 2 years and at least once a year for each subsequent year.
3. Require, review and analyze quarterly financial reports from each charter school.
4. Document, in writing, any discrepancies or deficiencies—whether fiscal, educational or related to school climate—and the steps and timelines for correction and additional monitoring. Copies shall be provided to the charter administration, the charter board chair, and the members of the Board.
5. Ensure compliance with the contract.
6. Inform the board annually of the student achievement attained by charter schools as well as regular public schools, using, where appropriate, the same statistical analyses.
7. Make all reasonable efforts to complete contracts with approved charter schools before the end of the current school year.
8. Have a vision for charter schools that includes use of charters as a district component of meeting district goals.

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9. Assure, for any new or renewed charter contract, that the MNPS Payroll Department not be used for payroll services.

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