



The Minnesota Association of Charter School Authorizers (MACSA) is committed to increasing the quality of charter school authorizing in Minnesota by identifying and developing practices and policies that ensure effective oversight and evaluation of Minnesota charter schools.

In 2019, the MACSA board approved and adopted the MACSA Principles and Standards for charter school quality authorizing. The Principles and Standards provide tools to develop sound practices and identify areas of improvement.

The MACSA board is committed to advancing the primary purpose of Minnesota charter schools, which is the improvement of student learning and achievement, as well as fulfilling the statutory purposes of charter schools as contained in chapter 124E of Minnesota statutes.

MACSA would like to announce that, under the leadership of the board, it has built a new online presence via a website to serve the purpose of increasing accountability. The website is: www.mncharterauthorizers.org.

MACSA 2020 Update

Public Policy

The 2020 legislative session will convene on February 11, 2020. For this session MACSA has adopted and will be pursuing the following stances with respect to policy:

1. Support amending the Charter school law to allow authorizers to assess additional charter school fees equal to 0.4 of the basic formula allowance for each additional operational school site.
2. Support amending the charter school law to add a section governing the charter school closure process to allow closing charter schools to stay accountable to the families served.
3. Support MACS's efforts to amend the charter school law to increase accountability and transparency.
4. Support efforts to attract and retain Native and Teachers of Color in public education, including supporting funding for programs that aim to create pathways for Native and Teachers of Color.

