



Supports for Authorizers

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SchoolWorks is a leading education consulting company with the mission of advancing all aspects of student learning and well-being by building the capacity of educators to assess, plan for and achieve student success.

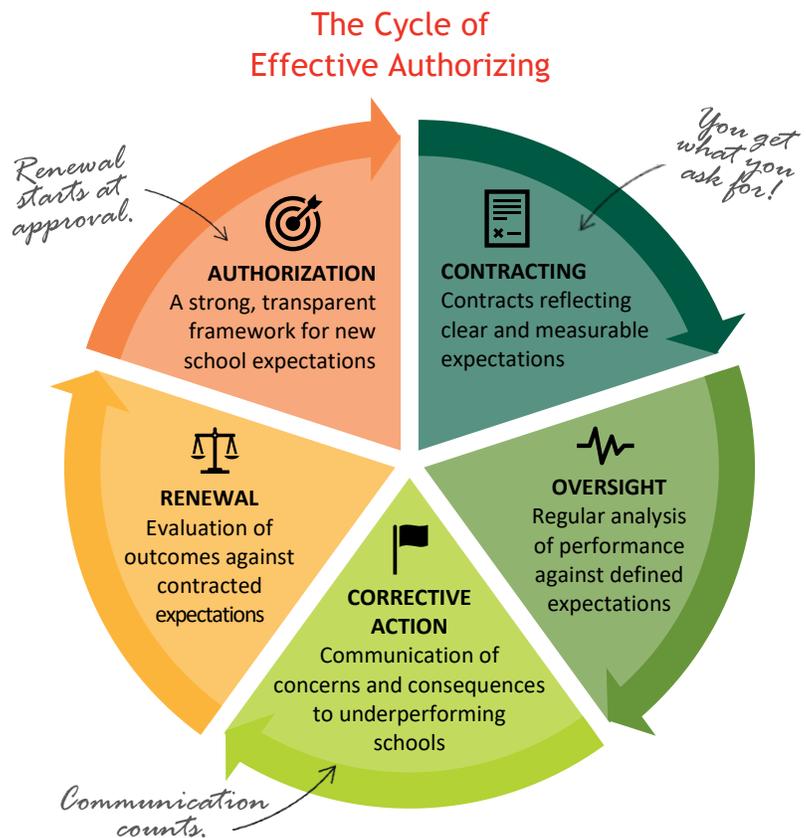
Our staff of former charter school authorizers and policy makers provides expertise, guidance, and support to authorizers nationwide—of all sizes and all stages of experience—to strengthen their internal processes and build their capacity to administer key practices. We adapt our strategies meet your needs, providing support that enhances your existing operations and acting as a high-functioning extension of your team.

Our Authorizer Clients



Successful schools begin with you.

Effective authorizing practices are critical to fostering high-performing charter schools. And the faithful execution of each practice within the cycle of the authorizer/operator relationship ensures that schools are better positioned to drive student success. Throughout the cycle, SchoolWorks offers thought leadership and capacity-building support to help authorizers get the job done right.



Talk to us! Our team is an extension of yours. For more information about our supports, contact Jennifer Strock at jstrock@schoolworks.org, or 978-921-1674.

SchoolWorks

We meet your needs *and* circumvent them.

SchoolWorks provides reliable experts to help you manage tasks during peak seasons of the authorizing cycle (such as new school application review); and we can also help you develop policies, tools, and resources to streamline those processes. Just think—how do the prompts within your application impact your evaluation process? How do the expectations outlined in your contract impact your renewal decision management? Investing in these processes can save your team time and protect your office from legal backlash.



Meet Our Experts

Kim Wechtenhiser
PRESIDENT

Former Associate Vice President of the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute, Kim served as an Independent Consultant for the National Association of Charter School Authorizers and numerous authorizers nationwide. Her expertise in setting and implementing accountability frameworks and defining standards for decision management pertaining to applications and renewals is renowned.



David Hartman
SR. PROJECT MANAGER

As former Supervisor of the Charter School Center at Minnesota's Department of Education, David designed, implemented, and managed the nation's first charter school authorizer certification process. He served as former liaison to authorized charter schools at Hamline University Graduate School of Education, and spearheaded state driven authorizer reviews in both Minnesota and Ohio.



Robin Coyne-Hull
SR. PROJECT MANAGER

A Massachusetts charter school leader for over 11 years, Robin began her charter school work in 1995 at South Shore Charter Public School and later served as head of school for the Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School— one of the highest achieving charter schools in the state. Robin has supported the application review process for the Louisiana State Board of Education.

Our Services

Accountability System Support

SchoolWorks works with your team to create and implement comprehensive oversight systems that establish clear, transparent expectations for schools and hold them accountable for action.

SYSTEM DESIGN

- Creation of rigorous oversight and accountability processes that incorporate quality control measures
- Development of tools and rubrics

SYSTEM UPGRADE

- Review and improvement of oversight processes and tools to tighten methodology, increase consistency, and create efficiencies

Application Decision Management

SchoolWorks helps your team manage and execute the cumbersome process of reviewing new charter school applications.

DECISION MANAGEMENT

Complete oversight and execution:

- Methodical review of new school applications in accordance with a defined protocol
- Facilitation by an experienced team, fully trained in guidance principles
- Creation of a summary of review with recommendations

TASK SUPPORT

A-la-carte, need-based support:

- Application review
- Background check/due diligence
- On-site or virtual capacity interviews

Renewal Decision Management

SchoolWorks supports renewal decision-making via outsourced process management or task support.

DECISION MANAGEMENT

Complete oversight and execution:

- Implementation of consistent, structured renewal processes in accordance with policy/protocol
- Facilitation by an experienced team; fully trained in authorizer guidance principles
- Creation of a summary of review with recommendations

TASK SUPPORT

A-la-carte, need-based support:

- Application/evidence review
- Renewal site visit facilitation

Additional Supports

SCHOOL QUALITY REVIEWS

School or network review at any stage of the renewal cycle:

- Diagnostic School Quality Reviews
- Formative School Quality Reviews with action-planning
- Renewal Site Visits

STRATEGY SUPPORT

Comprehensive organizational development support:

- Strategic planning
- Board training
- Coaching/thought partnership

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