



Arc Changers Webinar Series

Relationships Matter!



Welcome!



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THE 3 Legged Stool

WORKING TOGETHER
TO SUPPORT KIDS
& FAMILIES!



"Arc Changers"

noun

Anyone who sees a need for change and takes action to propel it to new heights.

How Do We Change the Arc of Education?

- Challenge the givens (existing norms, paradigms, systems).
- Introduce new ideas, approaches, practices.
- Transcend present limitations.
- Alter the direction, outcomes, trajectory of developments.
- Create enduring impact that fundamentally reshapes the world.

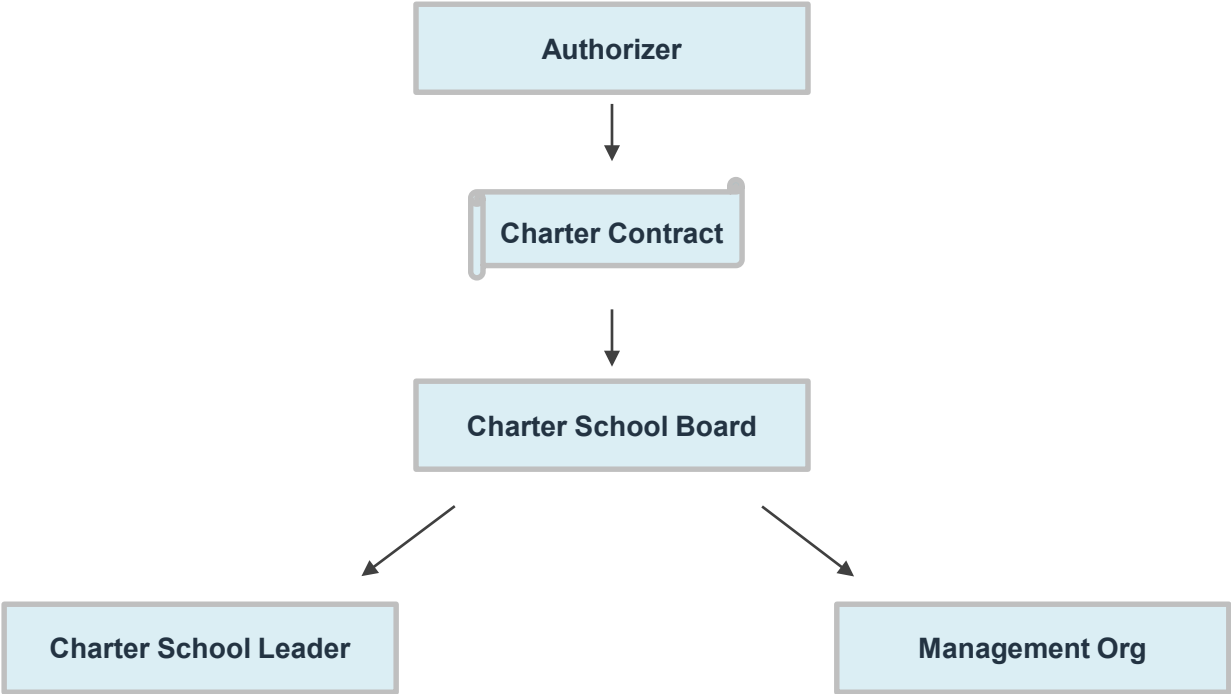


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Featuring:
Grand Valley State University &
Flint Cultural Center Academy

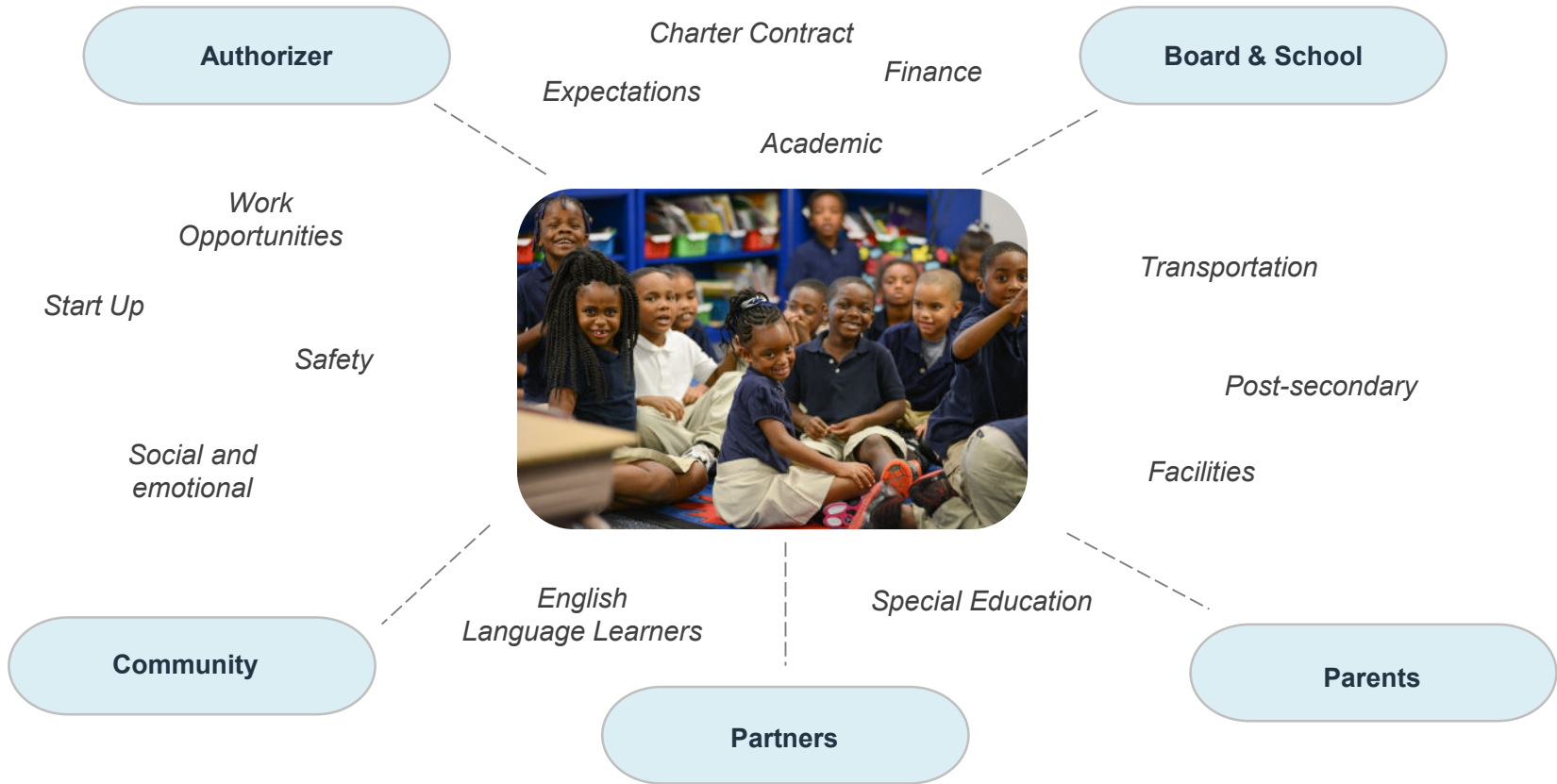


Traditional Authorizer-School Relationship



Student-Focused Authorizer-School Relationship

Working together for betterment of students



Authorizer-School Relationship Spectrum

One in the Same

- Authorizer is involved in operations
- Supporting everything
- “Friends”
- Looks more like authorizer is doing everything

Effective & Collaborative

- Quality Oversight
- Appropriate Support
- Follow the law and charter contract
- Clear Expectation
- Clear Processes

Authoritative

- Adversarial
- Lack of Autonomy
- Prescriptive
- Focus only on law and compliance



GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PORTFOLIO AT-A-GLANCE



79

SCHOOLS
CHARTERED



35,111

K-12
STUDENTS



16

MICHIGAN COUNTIES
WITH AT LEAST
1 GVSU CHARTER SCHOOL



76%

OF STUDENTS QUALIFY
FOR FRL PROGRAMS



1,220

STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN CYBER CHARTER



10%

OF STUDENTS RECEIVE
SPECIAL EDUCATION



9

SCHOOLS OFFERING
ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION



22

SCHOOLS
OFFERING HIGH
SCHOOL GRADES



555

STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING IN
EMC PROGRAMS



275

CHARTER HIGH
SCHOOL ALUMNI
ENROLLED AT GVSU



\$36.5 MILLION

EARNED IN COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS
(CLASS OF 2023)

Going Beyond Traditional Authorizing



Boards

- School Consultant assigned to every board
- Academic Grant based on performance and learning
- Core Values Award for furthering GVSU values
- Continuous in-person and virtual training
- Annual networking events
- Supplemental grants to support strategic initiatives
- Annual progress reports on charter contract goals
- Transparent charter renewal process



Educators

- Tuition reimbursement for GVSU graduate courses
- Conference sponsorships and registration waivers
- Free PD and SCECHs
- Scholarships for teachers-in-training
- Research on teaching and learning trends within portfolio
- Role-based networks (principals, special education, etc.)
- Relationships with additional GVSU faculty/staff
- Marketing support through media campaigns



Students

- Extensive on-campus programming
- College preparation camps
- Scholarships for charter high school alumni
- Select financial aid support opportunities
- On-campus events for charter alumni and families
- Tailored events focused on community service
- Partnerships with select GVSU departments
- Supports for virtual tutoring



Flint Cultural Center Academy

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER



Mission & Vision



Mission

At FCCA, we are family. We are adventure seekers who are rooted in CREW and empowered by the arts to create high-quality work. We are fearless and accept the responsibility to impact our community.

Vision

FCCA Cyclones clear the path for Connections, Contribution, Courage, Curiosity.



Flint Cultural Center Academy

Features & Facts

- Opened Fall 2019
- Serve K–8th grade
- Over 600 students
- 78,000 square-foot school
- 27 classrooms
- Gymnasium
- Cafeteria
- Collaborative Learning Spaces
- Exhibit Space
- Three Multipurpose Classrooms
- Direct Access to the Flint Institute of Music and Sloan Museum
- Access to Flint Institute of Arts, Flint Public Library, Flint Repertory Theatre, Longway Planetarium, The Whiting, Applewood

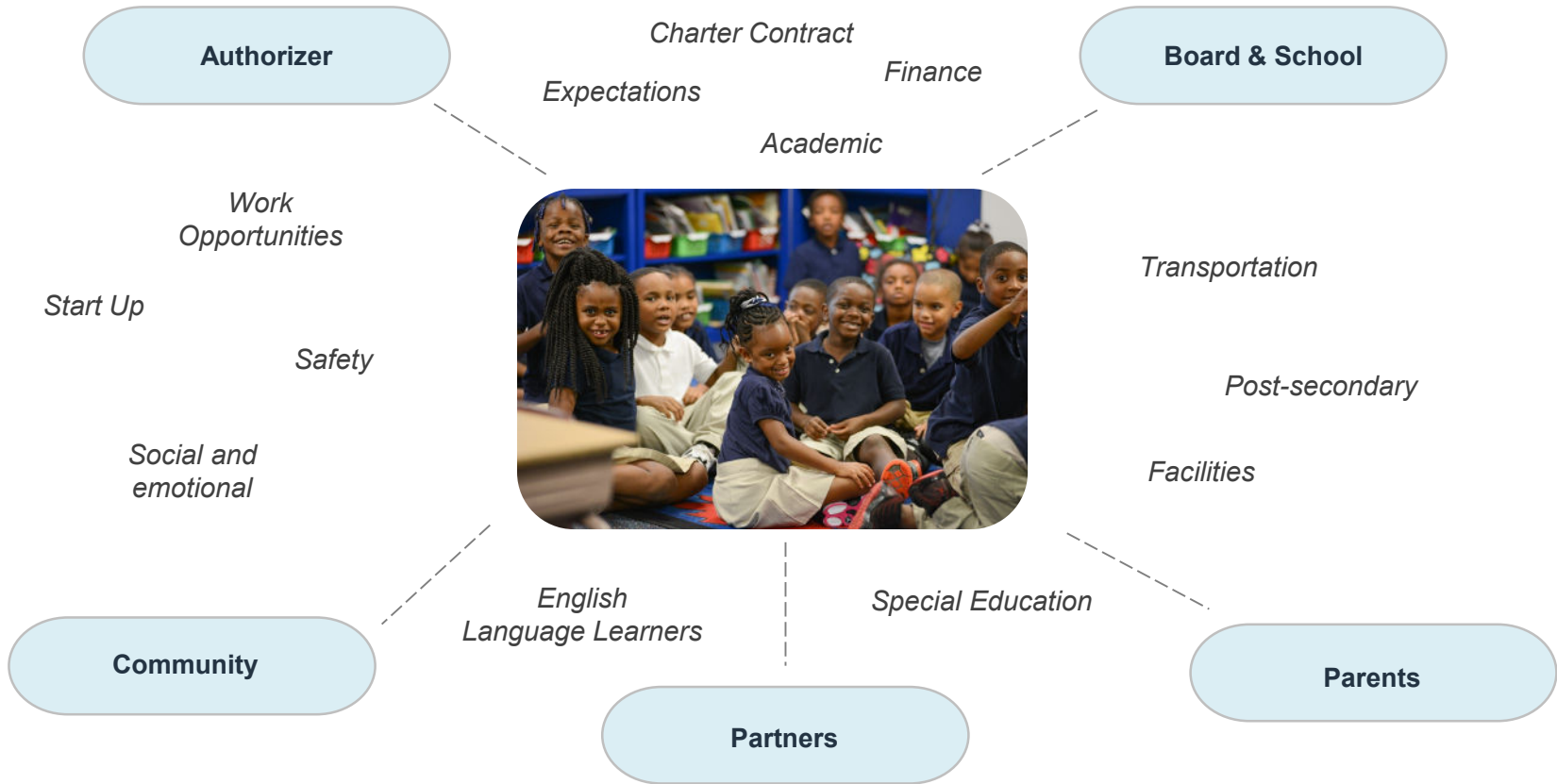
Partnerships & Relationships

- CS Mott Foundation
- Engineering Society of Detroit
- Flint Center for Educational Excellence
- Flint Cultural Center Corporation
- Flint Cultural Center Institutions
- Flint Farmers Market
- Flint Fresh
- Genesee Health Systems
- Grand Valley State University
- Kettering University
- Microsoft
- Mott Community College
- TNTP- The New Teacher Project
- University of Michigan–Flint



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So, what are the next steps??

For Charter School Boards and School Leaders

- How can you build stronger relationships with your authorizer?
Are there common goals? Ways to proactively communicate?
- What are ways you can collaborate with others to meet your goals and successfully serve students and families?
With your authorizer? Community? Partners? Parents?

For Authorizers

- Where do you fall on the Authorizer-School Relationship Spectrum?
Are there ways to improve?
- What are the biggest areas of need for your portfolio of schools? Do you provide the support or can others?



Leverage our experience & expertise!

- > Consulting, Coaching & Capacity Building
- > Authorizer, Board, & School Relations
- > Board Training & Policies
- > Personalized Performance Goals
- > Strategy & Systems Development
- > School Startup & Growth / Facilities Consulting



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Upcoming A-GAME Convenings

Learn more: Nationalcharterschools.org/agame

Register at: www.CharterInstitute.org/2024-AGAME-Convenings

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Virtual Convening *(Free)*

Meet with your peers online, Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 1:00 pm EST.

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In-Person Convening

Join your peers in Chicago, IL, from 12:00 pm, May 2 through 3:00 pm, May 3 (Thursday and Friday). NACSA will cover the registration cost for the first 50 NACSA member organizations.

Registration Deadline: April 5



Not Yet an A-GAME member? The A-GAME community is free to join. You can access valuable resources and tools!





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BOARD
NETWORK



A Community Designed to Elevate Your Boards

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