MAYOR’S DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION INNOVATION ELECTED TO NATIONAL EDUCATION BOARD

Mayor’s Office to Have Direct Voice in National Charter School Authorizing Policy

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard’s Director of Education Innovation, M. Karega Rausch, was elected to the board of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) by a unanimous vote of its membership at its annual meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz.

“Karega is an outstanding asset to our team and has done immeasurable work in improving our Charter Schools initiative throughout all of Marion County,” said Mayor Ballard. “This national recognition is much deserved and speaks volumes of his expertise and passion for improving the quality of education for all children.”

NACSA is a nonprofit membership organization devoted exclusively to improving public education by improving the policies, practices, and conditions of the organizations responsible for authorizing charter schools locally and nationally. With more than 90 authorizers around the country as members, its membership oversees more than half of the nation’s charter schools.

“Quality authorizing leads to quality charter schools,” said Greg Richmond, president and CEO of NACSA. “Mayor Ballard and his charter schools office are leaders in quality authorizing, and the addition of Mr. Rausch to NACSA’s board helps ensure we continue to realize the promise of outstanding charter schools for students and families around the country.”

NACSA solicited from its membership nominees for seats on its Board of Directors. Two seats were available for regular member directors for full three-year terms. A nominating committee comprised of four Board members and the organization’s chief executive reviewed the candidate qualifications, gathered additional background and conducted candidate interviews. Following the submission of the nominating committee's report, the Board recommended Rausch as one of two candidates for the membership to consider and Rausch was unanimously selected Tuesday evening.

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