Guiding Principles for Charter School Authorizing

1. **Communities have great ideas** about their kids’ educational aspirations and needs.

2. All communities — including those that have been neglected for decades — have **important untapped assets**.

3. **Families know their children the best**, including what learning environments will work for them.

4. Sustainable growth and effective, innovative ideas about what schools are and can do for students will come largely from **neighborhoods where students live**.

5. Acting on the aspirations and needs of local communities will require **fresh thinking and action**, inclusive of and beyond typical charter schooling and authorizing practices.

6. **Investments in policy, practice, and passionate people** are necessary to deliver on all good ideas communities have for educating their children.

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