## **ACE Prep Charter School Renewed**

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INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Charter School Board voted last week to grant ACE Prep a 5-year charter extension, showing trust that this K-5 school in midtown Indianapolis will continue to deliver a strong academic experience for its students. ACE Prep, with its "college begins in Kindergarten" approach, received its first 5-year charter in 2015 and was due for renewal this year.

"We set out to build a school option that was academically rigorous, focused relentlessly on literacy, and committed to character", said Anna Shults, the school's first and only Head of School since its founding. "I am thankful to the ICSB board for noting our success and believing in our future."

ACE Prep has seen enrollment increase annually since it was chartered, choosing to add a new grade level each year until it finally reached 5<sup>th</sup> grade in 2020-21. The school has operated in its own facility on Hillside Avenue, attracting students from Marion County as well as many neighboring counties.

"Word of mouth travels fast and far," Board Chair Shelly Thomas stated. "It is our students, and their families, who we are most thankful for and proud of."

Like every school, ACE Prep has had to endure changes due to COVID-19. "We feel unmatched in our ability to deliver a virtual education that is also rigorous and impactful," said Shults.

Students can still enroll at ACE Prep throughout the academic year. Families who wish to start their student at the school in the 2021-22 year should make sure to complete an application through Enroll Indy. A separate pre-k program, called Pre-K University, also operates within the school facility.