



TEXAS Charter Support Unit

The **TEXAS Charter Support Unit (CSU)** is a new program to provide **FREE support and technical assistance** to all Texas charter schools. Funded by the Walton Family Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education, and administered by nonprofit Building Hope, **Texas CSU brings significant expertise and experience** in charter school administration and operations to emerging schools with the goal of **creating well-run, high-achieving charter schools**.

Working in partnership with the Texas Charter School Association (TCSA) and other support organizations, **Texas CSU provides:**



Launch Year Support

In partnership with TCSA, we provide training, planning and technical support to newly approved charter schools in the year leading up to the first day of school with students.



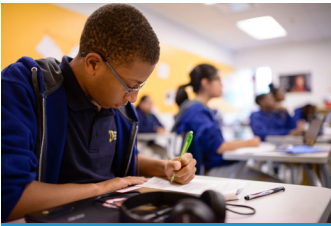
Emerging School Support

We assist schools with less than two years of operation through collaboration and thought partnership in charter school administration and operations.



Facilities Planning

We guide schools through the facilities planning process, focusing on feasibility, community demographics, budgeting, targets and potential cost calculations.



Document Review

We review policies, budgets, financial statements, & corporate documents to verify that they are complete and appropriate based on best practices.



Targeted Expertise

We are pros in finance & budgeting, facilities & real estate, grant management, compliance, procurement, and policy development & review.



Sustaining Quality

While initially focused on emerging schools, Texas CSU is happy to address questions from any Texas charter school.

All Texas CSU materials are available for FREE on our website:
charter.support/Texas

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OUR STAFF

The **Texas CSU** is staffed by experts from a wide variety of backgrounds in finance and education administration. When you face an issue you're not sure how to address, contact **Texas CSU** for guidance. If we don't have the answer, we'll work to put you in touch with someone who does.

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Mrs. Nyquist is responsible for leading Texas CSU by providing technical assistance to charter schools and building relationships and partnerships in the state to help charter schools be as successful in administration and operations as in the classroom. Prior to joining Building Hope, Lisa served two years as the Assistant Director of Special Revenue and Compliance for Northside ISD in San Antonio, the fourth-largest district in Texas. She also served four years as the Senior Compliance Manager for KIPP San Antonio Public Schools, where she managed all restricted funds and helped the organization develop several robust practices, policies, and procedures. Lisa also worked three years at DC Public Schools in Washington, D.C., in operations, procurement, and fiscal analysis. Lisa is a 2006 Terry Foundation Scholar and has a BA in economics and an MPSA in public service and administration, with a focus on education policy, from Texas A&M University-College Station. Lisa lives in San Antonio with her husband and two children.

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Mr. McCormack is responsible for providing financial and facilities expertise to charter schools, building partnerships with local foundations supporting education reform, and managing real estate development projects. Prior to Building Hope, Shawn was a Broad Resident in Urban Education and served for five years as the Director of Finance, and then Chief Financial Officer for KIPP San Antonio Public Schools where he helped grow the organization from three schools and 1,500 students to six schools and 3,500 students. Shawn started his career in Boston as a CPA with Pricewaterhouse Coopers and then became the Principal Accounting Manager for Peregrine Financial Corporation, a private wealth management firm. Shawn has a BS in finance and master's in accounting from Tulane University and an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin. He holds a master's degree in education leadership from the Broad Center for the Management of School Systems. Shawn lives in San Antonio with his wife and two children.

We look forward to supporting you in your work!

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