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THE AUTHORIZER’S ROLE IN CITYWIDE EDUCATION STRATEGIES
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Education Cities is a network of 32 city-based organizations ("harbormasters") providing strategic leadership in 25 cities across the country.
Harbormasters lead by pushing on four key levers in city education ecosystems.

An Education City is our vision of a future where every child can access great public schools. Leading city-based nonprofits - or what we call education “harbormasters” - can help make this vision a reality in their cities by focusing on the following four strategies:

1. **QUALITY SCHOOLS**
   - Replicate great existing district and charter schools, launch promising new schools, and improve or replace schools that are not serving students well.

2. **EFFECTIVE EDUCATORS**
   - Recruit, support, and retain great teachers and leaders.

3. **SUPPORTIVE POLICY**
   - Support policies that help great educators create schools that meet the needs of students and families.

4. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
   - Work with parents and other stakeholders to advocate for great public schools.
A harbormaster’s North Star is growing high quality seats in their city

**City/harbormaster capacity**

- Plan and capacity has been sustained with clear vision for next steps
- Plan being implemented and sufficient capacity present
- Plan developed but still building capacity
- No (or stalled) plan and limited harbormaster capacity

**Outcomes**

- HQ seat growth less than/equal to zero
- HQ seat growth on pace to serve 100% of students in XX years
Research and Policy Analysis Center
Develop, test and support evidence-based solutions
Every child deserves a school with:

*Rich and clear learning objectives, leaders who select and develop effective teachers, targeted, efficient use of money, time and talent, accountability to parents and the public.*
Recent Research and Policy Work:
EdPlex is a mission-oriented consulting organization that supports public school districts, state education agencies and other organizations in realizing the full potential of portfolio strategy.

EdPlex brings together talented professionals who have worked in portfolio districts and thus who understand the unique challenges of leveraging talented educators, managing different school types, supporting school choice and implementing transparent and rigorous accountability standards.

Our simple goal is to help districts and states align vision, policy, strategy and action so that all students succeed.
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Our current projects include...

Designing Turnaround Learning Academy targeting central admin leaders in 6 districts across Colorado

Creating national process guidance to support authorizers in approving charters as restart providers for failing schools

Zone Design Team member to guide school turnaround efforts

Authorizer evaluations