



The Charter School Board Draft is an opportunity to connect leaders in the community to promising Charter schools seeking talented and committed members to serve on their school boards. Modeled after the NFL Draft, which will be hosted in Kansas City in 2023, the Charter School Board Draft will provide an evening to celebrate our local Charter schools, their students, and current leaders serving on charter boards. Schools register to participate in the draft by emailing Dr. Cokethea Hill no later than **December 1, 2021**. All participating schools will go into a randomized lottery on July 30, 2022 to determine the order of draft picks.

**School commitment:** Charter school leaders will have an opportunity to highlight their school by hosting a school tour for candidates. School board members will have multiple opportunities to meet candidates via participation in the interview process, candidate “speed dating” events, and during charter school board governance training. Board Chairs will have the opportunity to meet individually with their top 2-3 candidates for lunch. Each board must designate a representative to select their candidate during the draft. School boards must commit to seating the selected candidate on the board within 8 months and must involve the candidate in ad-hoc committees if there is a waiting period to join the board.

**School Receive:** Schools receive access to a pipeline of quality school board candidates specifically trained on charter school governance. School logos will be featured on all paid and earned media highlighting the Charter School Board Draft. BLAQUE’s technology team will record a short promo video ( *school gives final approval* ) that will be shared on all social media platforms and with local news stations. Prior to the draft, School leaders will have an opportunity to highlight their school’s success as a guest speaker on our *Get Schooled* podcast. Additionally, each school will receive a designated table (10 tickets) to the Charter School Board Draft and the school’s logo will be featured on all event materials. Given this is the first Charter School Board Draft, all participating schools will be recognized by BLAQUE as an official founding school!

**Important dates to remember:**

- Deadline for schools to register for the school board draft: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
  - Email Dr. Cokethea Hill at [chill@BLAQUEKC.com](mailto:chill@BLAQUEKC.com) to register
- Applications for prospective board candidates opens February 1, 2022
- Candidate interviews begin March 1, 2022 with finalist announced by April 30, 2022
- All candidate events (governance academy, media day, speed dating, lunch and learns, and school tours will be scheduled May 2 - July 15th )
- **The Charter School Board Draft will be hosted July 30, 2022 at Arrowhead Stadium (cocktail attire)**