

Applicant: BRICK Education Network • [REDACTED]

Project Title: Building Responsible Intelligent Creative Kids: BRICK Replicates in NJ and NY

Project Director: Christopher Perpich, BRICK Chief Academic Officer

Competitive Preference Priorities Addressed: 1, 2, 3, and 5

Project Summary: BRICK seeks CSP funding to implement its proven academic model in four turnaround/replication schools in the Marion P. Thomas Charter School (MPTCS) network in Newark, NJ and three fresh start/replication schools to be launched in Buffalo and the Bronx, NY.

Project Goals: **1)** Replicate the BRICK model to turn around four elementary schools and one high school and open three fresh start charter schools; **2)** Improve student academic performance and acceptance to a 2-year or 4-year college/university or trade school; **3)** Improve and scale the BRICK educational model to enhance student achievement and build a sustainable organization.

Highlight of Project Features: BRICK implements a unique model for school, student, family, and community improvement in the South Ward of Newark. Since 2010, BRICK has successfully turned around student academic performance at two traditional public Pre-K-8 schools in Newark Public Schools, returning them to NPS as high-performing schools at the end of their contract. BRICK first open-enrollment charter school has been recognized for its unique combination of academics and support services. BRICK also operates the South Ward Children's Alliance, which focuses on early intervention through family-focused outreach programs that build family resiliency by addressing problems such as lack of health care, hunger, inconsistent housing, and parenting issues that impede academic performance. BRICK will bring these unique features to the chronically underperforming MPTCS system.

Students Served: 3,375 by the end of the CSP funding period; 4,275 by full school enrollment