

### **InspireNOLA Consortium: Replicating High Quality Education in Louisiana**

The mission of the InspireNOLA Consortium is to transform and inspire an educational movement. The InspireNOLA Consortium is made up of two charter networks currently operating a total of 7 schools in New Orleans: InspireNOLA Charter Schools and Edward Hynes Charter School. InspireNOLA and Hynes both share a common goal of providing a high-quality, rigorous education for all students and of preparing students to be productive citizens and future leaders locally, nationally, and globally. Of the 5,000 students that the InspireNOLA Consortium serves, 76% of students are low-income, 92% are minority, 9% receive special education services, and 7% are English Language Learners.

Though the vast majority of InspireNOLA students are educationally disadvantaged, InspireNOLA consistently outperforms the district and state on academic achievement measures. The overall InspireNOLA Consortium school performance score is a 77.6 (B letter grade), exceeding the district's 66.2 (C) and state's 76.1 (B) scores for 2017-18. InspireNOLA Consortium elementary students achieved an average state assessment proficiency of 35%, surpassing the district average by 8% and meeting the state average, all while serving comparable or greater number of educationally disadvantaged students in given subgroups.

The InspireNOLA Consortium requests \$12,749,163 of CSP funding over five years to expand the number of high-quality charter schools in the nation by assuming operation of six previously failing or low-performing district and charter schools, expanding one existing charter high school, and opening two fresh start elementary schools over the next five years. This expansion will provide an additional 5,107 high-quality seats to educationally disadvantaged students in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.