



EDUCATION REFORM LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN MEMPHIS, TN - THE BUILDING EXCELLENT SCHOOLS FELLOWSHIP

FOUND AND LEAD A SCHOOL IN MEMPHIS

The Building Excellent Schools Fellowship (BES) - Education Reform Leadership opportunity in Memphis provides an entrepreneurial education, business, or policy leader the chance to join the BES Fellowship to found a high performing, college preparatory charter school in Memphis and receive school design and leadership training and ongoing support from Building Excellent Schools.

HOW IT WORKS

Building Excellent Schools believes that dramatic student achievement in urban public schools is possible within a highly structured, no excuses, results-oriented school culture in which leadership drives, communicates, and supports instructional expectations in every class every day. Across the country there are proof points of urban charter schools that are producing game-changing results with students. At the helm of each school is a mission-driven founder willing to do whatever it takes to build a strong school from the ground up. The Education Reform Leadership opportunity provides a new founder the opportunity to study the strongest charter schools across the country and start a school that puts students on a path to college in Memphis, TN.

Take the Lead: You become the lead founder of a charter school in Memphis and build an independently managed school that you will lead.

Get the Training: Through 85 training days, an extended leadership residency in a high-performing urban charter school, 20 to 30 school visits and structured work in Memphis, the BES Fellowship teaches the essential practices to ensure your students succeed.

Get the Support: Your full-time job is to design, build, and lead your charter school with continued support from Building Excellent Schools.

THE MOMENT IN TENNESSEE

On March 29, 2010 Education Secretary, Arne Duncan, announced Tennessee as one of the two first-round winners of the national Race to the Top competition and Memphis stands at the forefront. Across the city and state, education reformers are working to close the achievement gap between low income students and their more affluent peers including three BES Fellows who have gone on to found Freedom Preparatory, Memphis College Prep and Veritas Preparatory. There is a need and incredible opportunity for the next BES Fellow to found a school in Memphis.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Building Excellent Schools is seeking an exceptional leader to start the BES Fellowship in September 2010 and work to found and lead an urban charter school in Memphis TN proposed to open in September 2012.

BES Fellows have: *An absolute belief that academic achievement drives everything*: leadership, school design, school culture, decisions, and governance and a *track record of exceptional impact*: in their professional pursuits and/or in their communities.

Building Excellent Schools Fellows are: *High-capacity*: strong communicators, strategic thinkers, highly flexible and urgent, *Relentless achievers*: They get the job done, no matter what, *Humble*: Always willing to learn, *Demanding of themselves and others*: Good is not good enough; only great will suffice and leadership experience that could include education, business, law, and/or public administration.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- An \$80,000 professional stipend with health benefits for the Fellowship year
- Travel budget and accommodations while in Boston for the 85 training days
- Eligibility to apply for start up money for your school

MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.buildingexcellentschools.org or contact Erica Antony, Associate Director of Talent at recruiting@buildingexcellentschools.org.

HOW TO APPLY

Start the Application at <http://www.besforms.org/app-step-1/>. Applications for the BES Fellowship are reviewed on a rolling and urgent timeline until July 14, 2010. The BES Fellowship begins in September 2010.