



## **Benefits of being part of the Get Smart Schools Network**

Get Smart Schools works with schools and school leaders that currently show a high level of academic success or a high-probability of success within the next two to three years. All of the schools in our network are located in the Colorado Front-Range area, and serve a high proportion of low-income students. Get Smart Schools offers a number of direct support services to these schools, including:

- Increased visibility along the Front Range
- Start-up assistance, including facility planning
- Increased voice in district-level decision-making
- Access to the GSS Board Bank, a group of professionals interested in joining charter school boards
- Professional development opportunities for school leaders, including a 9-month workshop series and access to a network of technical experts
- Regular events featuring local and national education experts
- Individualized health and wellness plan, including assessment, planning, funding opportunities, and implementation
- Access to health services, including mental and physical health, nutrition, physical activity, health education, healthy school buildings and staff wellness

Get Smart Schools also supports schools indirectly, by representing the GSS network in negotiations related to special education, marketing, and facility agreements. In addition, GSS regularly partners with other organizations to promote quality choice to parents through events, interviews and media.

### *Coming soon*

In the coming year, GSS plans to increase its support services to include providing high-level mentors and coaches to school leaders; and an increased focus on promoting choice among parents and students.