QUOTES ABOUT THE MIND TRUST

“Proposals for single-gender schools, boarding schools, year-round schools, and stem-focused schools were among those that rolled in last week as the deadline closed on an unusual competition to solicit innovative designs for creating a new crop of charter-like public schools in Indianapolis.”

– Education Week on The Mind Trust’s Innovation School Fellowship, June 6, 2014

“Carson will use the (Education Entrepreneur) Fellowship to launch her charter school, a task that involves everything from securing a building and hiring teachers to recruiting a board and attracting students. It’s a daunting task made easier by the long reach of The Mind Trust.”

– Indianapolis Star columnist Matthew Tully, May 15, 2014

“It was greatly encouraging to hear new IPS Superintendent Lewis Ferebee, Deputy Mayor of Education Jason Kloth and Mind Trust CEO David Harris talk not only about a shared vision, but shared resources. Their point of unity centered on a new state law that enables IPS to contract with local and national educators to launch schools that are independent of the district’s management and many of its rules.”

– Indianapolis Star, April 27, 2014

“The progenitors of mayor charter school sponsoring have since birthed another major new educational player in the city and state. The non-profit group, The Mind Trust, created a rare example of an education entrepreneur fellowship, which aims to fund the development of innovative educational ideas on the condition that the entrepreneurs try their new ideas first in Indianapolis.”

– Chalkbeat Indiana, Oct. 23, 2013

“Behind every successful student is a dedicated teacher. Behind many of the best teachers are results-based support programs. And in Indianapolis, behind these programs there is The Mind Trust, a clearinghouse for educational innovation.”

– Philanthropy Magazine, August 2013

“Give an apple to David Harris, founder and CEO of the Mind Trust, an organization launched in 2006 under former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson. The Mind Trust empowers talented people with innovative ideas for improving education to drive change in our city’s public schools.”

– Columnist Mickey Maurer in Indianapolis Business Journal, June 22, 2013

The Mind Trust “has singlehandedly changed the tenor of the debate surrounding the city’s schools and brought an army of education talent to Indianapolis in recent years.”


“The reform agenda proposed by the Mind Trust puts Indianapolis ‘on the leading edge of…efforts to redefine the school system.’”

– Paul T. Hill, Director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education, Education Week, Jan. 24, 2012

“The Mind Trust has done this city a tremendous favor with today’s release of its dramatic plan to overhaul Indianapolis Public Schools…This is the start of what needs to be a long conversation.”

– The Indianapolis Star editorial, Dec. 18, 2011

“If a meaningful turnaround in public education is going to happen here, it’s going to come from the fresh ideas and innovative thinking the grants are trying to leverage. Getting the desired results won’t be easy, but the odds improve when groups such as The Mind Trust make their bold moves.”