

## INFORMING DISTRICT PRIORITIES AND PRACTICE

- The Fund is partnering with City Schools to re-design its Charter School Application and scoring rubric. With 31 charter schools in operation, and another three slated to open over the next two years, City Schools is a leader in charter school authorization in Maryland. To improve the application and approval process, we are working together to develop a new review rubric that will assess quality in a more standardized way, and also align with the district's charter renewal and school effectiveness protocols. [Learn More.](#) ([link now provides an error message](#))
- We've played a lead role in bringing the nationally recognized **Chicago Parent Program** to City Schools' pre-K programs this Fall. As host for Baltimore's new ChiPP program and its partnership with The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, we are now providing strategic and grant management support for its initial three-year implementation in 6 to 10 pre-K programs annually. ChiPP is a 12-session evidence-based parenting program that uses video vignettes and group discussion to improve parenting confidence, promote positive discipline strategies, and reduce behavior problems in young children.

## SECURING AND MANAGING INVESTMENTS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- The Fund works closely with district and funder leadership to shape and evaluate innovative reform initiatives for potential private investment. Over the last two years, the Fund has secured over \$20M in private dollars for a variety of critical district reform efforts. As grant manager for these private dollars, the Fund ensures that implementation goals are met, funds are used in strict accordance with grant guidelines, and results are disseminated to appropriate stakeholders. [Read More.](#)