

IPS plans to make 9 schools Innovation Network Schools

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There are significant developments Tuesday to remake and improve failing schools in the inner city.

It's a partnership between Indianapolis Public Schools, Mayor Greg Ballard and Indianapolis-based Mind Trust.

The Phalen Leadership Academy, a charter school, will take over operation of an east side IPS elementary school in August that for years has failed to improve.

The Mind Trust selected three more groups of educators Tuesday to develop what are called Innovation Network Schools.

The students remain with IPS.

The district provides the building and buses.

But, the new leadership provides the principal, teachers and curriculum.

They're given the time and freedom to innovate, as well as expectations to improve student achievement beginning the first year.

The three candidates have a year to prepare.

If approved by the IPS school board, the three new schools will open next year.

IPS plans to convert to transform nine of its schools to Innovation Network Schools.

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