

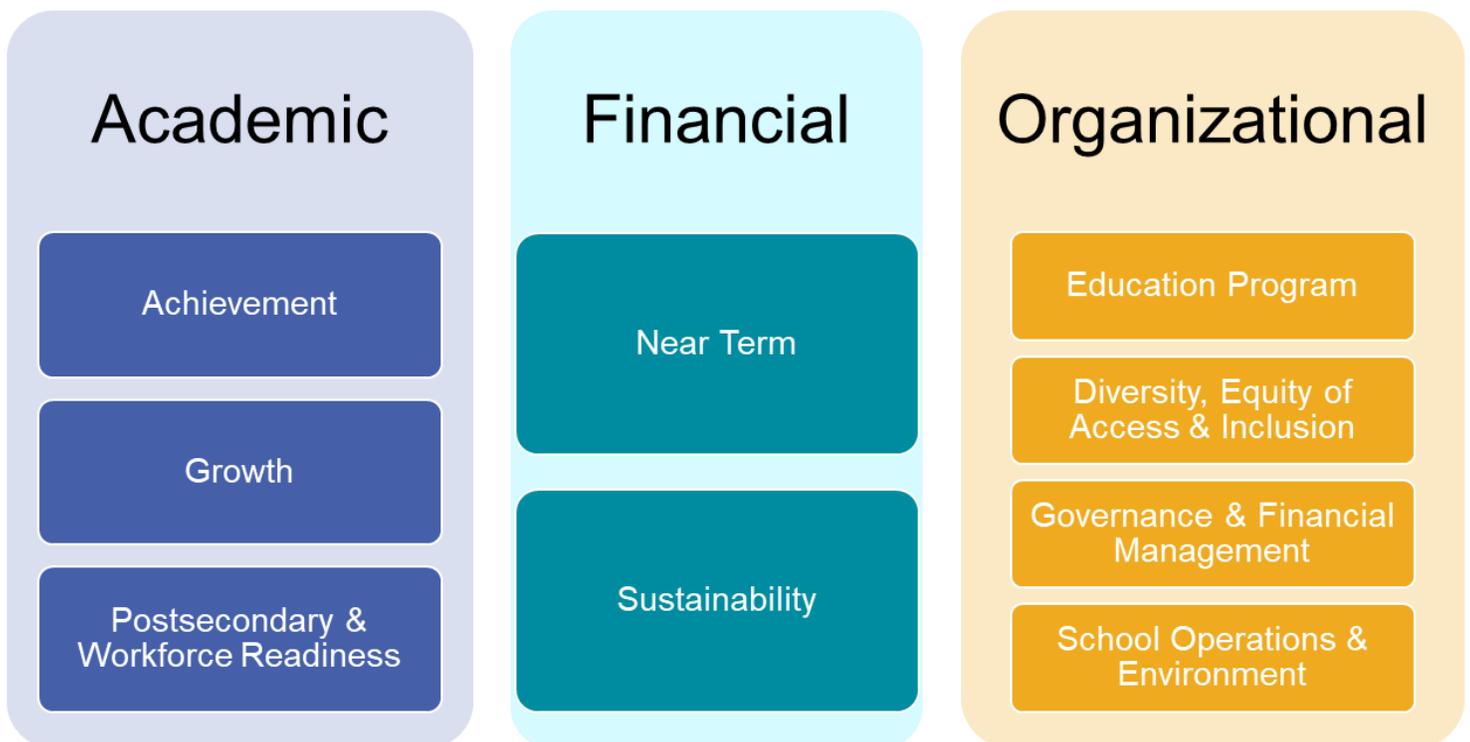
## Why Annual Reporting?

- An annual public report provides clear, accurate performance data.
- Evaluates progress toward meeting the standards and targets stated in the charter contract, including essential compliance requirements.
- Charter schools are built around the promise of greater autonomy in exchange for greater accountability, and the annual report provides an opportunity to review the charter school's prior performance.

**A strong annual reporting process is critical to protect charter school autonomy, student rights, and the public interest, and ensures that schools are held to high standards.**

## Performance Frameworks

CSI Annual Review of Schools (CARS) is the system used to annually evaluate and accredit its schools based on the CSI Performance Frameworks



## Quality Authorizer Practices

A quality authorizer designs and implements an annual report to support effective oversight, communication with charter schools, and public accountability and transparency. Annual reporting is a NACSA Essential Practice, and the NACSA Quality Standards include several standards that focus on charter renewal. Here are some of the critical practices CSI employs as part of its standard annual reporting process.

Communication	Transparency	Body of Evidence
<p>Quality annual reporting practices are essential for effective oversight, communication with charter schools, and public accountability and transparency.</p>	<p>Quality annual reporting practices help establish expectations, guide practice, assess progress, and inform decision making.</p>	<p>Quality annual reporting practices build a comprehensive body of evidence that support the authorizer's decision.</p>
<p><b>Improvement</b></p> <p>The annual report can be used by schools to look at trends in the data and use the feedback provided within the report as evidence of success, as well as to identify areas that may need the allocation of additional resources and attention. This can be a useful tool to use in conjunction with the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP).</p>	<p><b>Review</b></p> <p>The annual reports provides the school a meaningful opportunity to review and respond to the cumulative report, to correct the record, if needed, and to present additional evidence regarding the school's performance.</p>	<p><b>Evidence</b></p> <p>The majority of the renewal evaluation is based on the evidence of school performance over the charter term and the primary driver of the renewal evaluation is the CSI Annual Review of Schools.</p>
<p><b>Expectations</b></p> <p>The annual report summarizes the school's cumulative performance and compliance data from required and agreed-upon sources, as collected by CSI over the term of the school's charter. The data collected and presented within this report reflect outcomes along the academic, financial, and organizational measures outlined with the CSI Performance Framework.</p>	<p><b>Public Record</b></p> <p>The annual report is critical to protect charter school autonomy, student rights, and the public interest. The annual report is a part of the public record.</p>	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <p>Well-developed protocols and tools are used in decision-making. These tools assist, but do not dictate, decision-making. Renewal decisions are grounded in facts, data, and expertise from a robust body of evidence.</p>