



## 2015 Review Board

A review board of prominent education experts from across the country—many of whom also serve on the review board that analyzes the school districts that are eligible for The Broad Prize for Urban Education—reviews student achievement data received from the eligible charter management organizations and their states and collected by RTI International. The review board selects the winning charter management organization.

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