Overview
The League offers a Year Zero Consultancy program. This new program is designed to support school founders in the critical period between application approval and the day they open their school doors. Our research indicates that the business and non-profit aspects of running a school causes challenges, delays, and even closures. Barriers to school success include enrollment or other financial concerns, facility challenges, people operations, leadership, and level of board knowledge.

Benefits of Joining
Gain access to content experts who will guide you through each phase of opening. Extra time will be spent on areas that have been challenging for new school founding teams in the past. Additional benefits:
- 1:1 customized consulting
- Monthly check-ins with League staff
- Networking with other founding teams
- Cohort team stipends for mid-year progress
- Cohort team stipends for end-of-year progress
- Operations Grants

Audience
The Year Zero Cohort is focused on support for single-site schools that align with the League’s principles, and priorities. Cohort schools need to be focused on serving high-need students in high-need geographies around the state where quality choices or quality schools are less prevalent.

Cohort Size
Up to five school founding teams per year

Cost
- Free to schools accepted into the cohort
- Cohort members are eligible for two stipends based on progress
- Cohort members are eligible for operations grants

Time Commitment
While Year Zero school teams dedicate hundreds of hours per month toward opening their doors, the cohort commitment would involve a minimum of three hours per month of scheduled interactions and support.

Inquire Today
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Organization Information
School Name ____________________________________
Authorizer _________________________________________
Contact Name _____________________________________
Contact Email _____________________________________
Contact Phone _____________________________________
Opening Month/Year _______________________________
Application Approval Month/Year ____________________
(or expected)
School Model ______________________________________
Grades Served 1st Year ______________________________
Grades Served at full build out _______________________
Projected Year One Enrollment _______________________
Who is on your founding team and what is their role?
Name ____________________________ Role ____________________________
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Assessment of Progress
What is your current status in each of these categories:

Facilities
Do you have a facility identified? Y / N
Do you plan to lease a facility? Y / N
Do you plan to purchase a facility? Y / N
Have you secured the facility already? Y / N
Ex. Executed lease, letter of intent, paid a deposit, etc.
Explain:

Funding
Reminder: CCSP grant funds are reimbursable. (i.e. you have to spend money before you get reimbursed like with an expense report).

Bank account for the school established? Y / N
Bank Name: __________________________
Credit Line for the school established? Y / N
Creditor/Limit: __________________________

What is your current liquidity? Circle one:
$0 - $25,000 $25,000 - $50,000
$50,000 - $100,000 $100,000+

What is your primary source of funding?
CIRCLE ONE: Line of credit / credit card / grants, etc.
Explain:

Alternatively submit online:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/YearZeroConsultancy

Submit electronically to:
newschools@coloradoleague.org
Before you receive your CCSP grant, what funding sources are you going to be using? Explain the source and amount:

### Personnel & Service Providers

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<td>If yes, have they signed an offer?</td>
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<td>Have you hired any other staff?</td>
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<td>Have you hired any consultants?</td>
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<td>If yes, for what services:</td>
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<td>Have you hired an accountant?</td>
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<td>(or other financial provider?) Names:</td>
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<td>Have you hired an auditor?</td>
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### Student Enrollment

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<td>Have you done a market analysis (heat map) for the feasibility of your school? If yes, explain or attach.</td>
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<td>Do you have a current interest list?</td>
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<td>If yes, how many on that list?</td>
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<td>What methods of marketing have you used? Explain:</td>
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<td>What methods of marketing will you use? Explain:</td>
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<td>Do you have a marketing plan?</td>
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### Founders / Board

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<td>What areas of expertise are covered on your founding board? (Ex. Finance, Legal, Education, Real Estate, Community, Marketing, etc.) Please list:</td>
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<td>Are any of the members of the founding team related to each other? If yes, please explain:</td>
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<td>Are any founding team members planning to eventually work for the school? If yes, please explain:</td>
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Year Zero Consultancy — Application

**Narrative: Interest**

*What are your goals in joining the Year Zero Cohort?*

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*Why should you be selected to join the Year Zero Cohort?*

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*Please describe the geography/community where your students come from and all the demographic details of your school’s student body as you know them or anticipate them at this time.*