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Greg Richmond is the President and CEO of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA), a non-profit organization focused on advancing excellence and accountability in charter schools through improving policy and practice in charter school authorizing. Since Richmond took on the leadership role at NACSA in 2005, the organization has directly assisted school systems and authorizers around the country, including those in New Orleans, New York, Los Angeles, Georgia, Missouri, Wisconsin, Colorado, Indiana, New Jersey, Tennessee, Hawaii, and Minnesota, to improve authorizer practices and develop quality charter schools.

From 1994 to 2005, Richmond served in a variety of roles at Chicago Public Schools, including Chief Officer for New School Development, where he established the district's Charter Schools Office. Under his leadership, Chicago became the first urban school district in the nation to release an RFP requesting educators and community organizations to start charter schools. Richmond also established the nation's first district-funded capital loan fund for charter schools and developed model accountability and monitoring practices. Under then-CEO of the district Arne Duncan, Richmond led Chicago's Renaissance 2010 Initiative, working with charter schools, contract and traditional district schools.

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