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Brian Carpenter is CEO of the National Charter Schools Institute in Mount Pleasant Michigan where he leads a team of professionals nationally known and recognized for the quality of their work and their familiarity with the distinct issues facing charter schools. As one of those experts, Brian regularly speaks at conferences and provides consultation and training to individual charter schools across the country. In addition to *Charter School Board University*, he has published numerous commentaries and monographs.

Brian's leadership experience spans three decades, having joined the U.S. Marine Corp in 1977. Following seven years of active duty, Brian embarked on a career in the education sector that has included varied positions including community college instructor and counselor, Christian school superintendent, educational consultant, and charter school board member.

Brian is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Capella University, where he anticipates completing his dissertation by spring of 2007. He is listed in the Heritage Foundation's annual guide to education policy experts and is an adjunct scholar with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a think tank in Midland, Michigan. He is also an advisory board member at the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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