



TCSA Board Member

## **Matt Abbott**

Matt Abbott is the CEO of Wayside Schools, a fast growing college preparatory public charter school serving South Austin. Over the last five school years Matt has transformed Wayside Schools from a small single campus charter school of 240 students into a multi-campus charter district serving over 2,000 students in South Austin. Under Matt's direction, Wayside Schools is creating the only public and comprehensive International Baccalaureate (IB) college preparatory prek-12th grade education program serving the City of Austin.

Prior to joining Wayside Schools Matt most recently served as the Director of Training Services for the Texas Charter Schools Association (TCSA). At TCSA, he worked to develop, direct, and manage training and technical services programs in the areas of charter school growth, law, business operations, and academic programming. Matt also taught high school Social Studies before TCSA.

Matt holds a B.B.A. in Business Management from Saint Edward's University and a M.A. in Public Policy and Public Administration from the University of York, in the United Kingdom. He sits on the St. Edward's University School of Education Advisory Committee, is a member of TASBO, TCSA and a 2015 graduate of Leadership Austin: Essentials and received the 2015 Austin Under Forty Award (AU40) for his success in Youth and Education.