
[State] Charter Successes Celebrated During National Charter Schools Week

[Local event highlighted in subhead]

[City, State] – According to a 2018 EdChoice [survey](#), 61% of Americans support public charter schools, while only 29 percent oppose them. [STATE] is joining states across the country in celebrating National Charter Schools Week, May 12-18. [STATE]’s charter school movement – which serves XX students across XX schools – exemplifies the sector’s commitment to providing families with high-quality public-school options, implementing innovative schools that put students’ needs first, and achieving strong academic results for kids. Students served by [STATE]’s charter schools garnered [RESULTS/ACHIEVEMENTS].

To celebrate these dedicated administrators, teachers and the students they serve, [STATE] is holding [EVENT, DETAILS].

[Quote from Exec Director/President/CEO of organization]

A charter school is a beacon of hope for families who are earnestly seeking a local high-quality, public school option. Charter schools are community partners, founded and led by community leaders. They put students first by leveraging the flexibility and autonomy of their charters to establish schools and create school cultures that are designed to serve the needs of the community. Charter school educators are passionate about their professional and personal roles in the lives of their students, putting the needs of students above the agenda of the education bureaucracy. Charter schools function as a home-base for students and many of them provide wrap-around services such as food pantries, adult learning opportunities, and healthcare services to the students and families they serve. In fact, nationally, 55% of charter school students participate in a free and reduced-price lunch program. This week we applaud the elected leaders at the local, state and national level who stand up for their constituents and demand high-quality public-school options for all students.

Charter schools are unique public schools created to fill a need within a community, and as public schools, they are always open to all and tuition-free. National public charter school enrollment is now nearly 3.2 million students—XXX of whom are in our state, and XXX of whom are right here in our city. These schools provide essential educational opportunities to [STATE’S] students.

National Charter Schools Week is May 12-18, 2019. For information on charter schools in [STATE], please visit [HYPERLINK TO STATE CHARTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WEBSITE]. For national information on charter schools, please visit the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools website at www.publiccharters.org.

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