



# NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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## Sen. Michael Lee Honored as Charter Champion

**Wilmington, N.C.** – Sen. Michael Lee (R-New Hanover) yesterday evening received the "Charter Champion" award from the North Carolina Coalition for Charter Schools.

Lindalyn Kakadelis, Executive Director of the NC Coalition for Charter Schools, said, "**Sen. Lee is a leading voice in the legislature for charter school students, parents, and leaders. He understands that families deserve a choice in their public education, and because of that he's a Charter Champion.**"

Sen. Lee said, "**It's an honor to receive this recognition from the NC Coalition for Charter Schools. Public charter schools play a vital role in North Carolina's educational landscape by providing families a free alternative to traditional public schools. My family knows the benefits of school choice, so I will continue to fight for parents to have the same opportunities to send their children to schools that best fit their needs.**"



*Pictured above: Sen. Michael Lee receives Charter Champion award, August 17, 2022.*

The NC Coalition for Charter Schools presented Sen. Lee with his award at American Leadership Academy Coastal, a public charter school in Wilmington.

In the General Assembly, Sen. Lee was instrumental in advancing a bill ([HB 335](#)) to ensure public charter schools receive local funding in a timely manner. He's long been a fierce advocate for charter school independence, and for providing parents the freedom to choose an education option that's best for their children.

Public charter schools are a free, public alternative to traditional zoned schools and are available to all. They complement, rather than compete with, traditional public schools by offering innovative teaching methods and more flexible curriculum options. Students do not need to live in a particular zone, or even in the same county, to attend a public charter school.

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