



**NORTH CAROLINA
COALITION FOR
CHARTER SCHOOLS**

2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



SECURE FAIR FUNDING FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Support general teacher and principal pay raises for 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- Eliminate amendments reducing charter students' share of local funds.
- Support legislation allowing municipalities and county commissions to aid charters with capital expenses, at their discretion.
- Ensure payment of back-owed fines and forfeitures to charters on an equal, per-pupil basis.
- Secure lottery funding grants to help with charter facility costs in economically disadvantaged counties.
- Ensure Medicaid expenses are reimbursed.

ENSURE AN EQUITABLE, EFFECTIVE COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Seek legislation allowing charters to continue offering virtual education to students who prefer it.
- Permit COVID-19 funding to be distributed as flexible block grants.
- Ensure equitable COVID-19 grant funding for charters.
- Secure funding for student/staff mental health support services.

PROMOTE ACCURACY & IMPACT IN ACCOUNTABILITY

- Improve enrollment reporting of economically disadvantaged charter students.
- Clarify statute encouraging charters to reflect neighboring school demographics rather than district demographics.
- Support legislation limiting district impact statements regarding charter applications and expansions.

PROTECT AUTONOMY; STREAMLINE REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

- Remove hurdles to school construction by allowing all public schools to qualify as a permitted use in every zoning district.
- Ensure charter teachers' eligibility for the residency licensure program.
- Expand flexibility for disciplinary actions at a school/community level.
- Allow an enrollment preference for contract employees and grandparents serving on a charter school staff or board.
- Require state Pre-K programs to include charter schools when presenting public kindergarten options to families.
- Establish permanent, recurring charter data management system funding.
- Fund one additional position in the Office of Charter Schools.



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