



NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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Governor Roy Cooper
North Carolina Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Re: Proclamation of North Carolina School Choice Week (January 23-29, 2022)

Dear Governor Cooper:

I write to express appreciation for your January 13th proclamation, declaring January 23-29 as North Carolina School Choice Week and commending its observance to citizens across our state. On behalf of the Coalition's Board of Directors and 64 member schools, I thank you for this public declaration of support for school choice and its role in providing high-quality educational options to students and families.

As you know, North Carolina charter schools—as public schools of choice—are a vibrant and integral part of the overall school choice landscape in our state. During this 2021-22 academic year, more than 200 charter schools are serving over 130,000 students. Truly, charter schools are the very embodiment of the high-quality educational variety that your proclamation praises, providing students with a choice to pursue STEM or STEAM immersion, classical curricula, rigorous college preparatory programs, and so much more. We agree that educational variety makes for a more vibrant community and a more diverse economy, and we are proud that high-quality charter schools are helping to achieve both in North Carolina.

Thank you again for acknowledging the contributions of school choice to education in North Carolina, and for publicly commending the observance of School Choice Week to N.C. citizens. We look forward to celebrating school choice in the week ahead!

Sincerely,

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cc: State Superintendent Catherine Truitt, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Eric Davis, Chairman, North Carolina State Board of Education
Dave Machado, Director, Office of Charter Schools

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