NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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01 Mission & Vision

MISSION

The Coalition serves member schools by keeping charter school stakeholders actively informed of legislative issues, advocating for equal charter school funding, and seeking autonomy of schools at both statutory and regulatory levels.

VISION

The Coalition is the leading voice in North Carolina's school choice movement, while keeping charter school leaders apprised of policy and legislative issues affecting their success.

We work to:

Communicate **Educate** **Advocate**

02 Core Competencies



Advocacy

We lobby on behalf of North Carolina charter schools for fair funding, flexibility, and autonomy.



Education

We provide information and resources to charter leaders, and educate voters about pro-charter candidates.



Communication

We keep stakeholders, parents, and the public informed about North Carolina's public charter schools.

03 Membership & Reach

108

member schools

97,000

students represented through member schools

63%

of charter students attend a Coalition school

Share of North Carolina charter students enrolled in Coalition member schools



04 Impact: Legislative Achievements

Coalition advocacy at the General Assembly has secured major wins for the charter sector, helping build a nationally recognized pro-charter legal environment.

OVERSIGHT

Review Board

- Created the Charter Schools Review Board to streamline approvals and renewals, replacing outsized State Board authority
- Gave the Review Board authority over charter agreement terms and all rules or policies affecting charters
- Low-performing charters now report improvement plans to the Review Board, not the State Board

GROWTH

Room to grow

- Ended the 30% growth cap for charters in good standing
- Allowed remote charter academies
- Kept district “impact statements” out of applications and renewals
- Let charters relocate within 10 miles in their district without a charter amendment

FUNDING

Fair resources

- Made enrollment growth funding recurring
- Uniform benefits and funding for charter teachers, whatever their employment structure
- Fair, timely Exceptional Children funding from DPI
- Let local governments provide facility funds to charters

04 Impact: Bipartisan Recognition

“Some of the best environments for innovation that we’ve seen across North Carolina and across the country have been charter schools.”

HOUSE SPEAKER DESTIN HALL (R-CALDWELL)

“The Coalition has done an outstanding job. Their outreach efforts are tremendous. I know when I became a member of the General Assembly back in ’21, members of the Coalition were the first ones to reach out to me and to educate me on what impact the charter schools are having on our communities.”

REP. JAMES ROBERSON (D-WAKE)

05 Collaboration



Complementing, not competing

The Coalition views charter schools as complementing, not competing with, zoned schools.



Every political persuasion

Faculty, students, and parents come from all political persuasions.



Nonpartisan by design

Our goal is universal, nonpartisan support for public charter schools, their students, and their faculty.



HIGHLIGHT

Wake County Supt. Robert Taylor featured Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy's Dr. Jason Wray for a principal training session.

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05 Spotlight: Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy



BORDER BELT INDEPENDENT

K-12 EDUCATION

How One N.C. Charter School On the Brink of Failure Made a Massive Comeback

The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy in Bladen County was at risk of closure four years ago. Now the state board that oversees charters hails the school as a success story.

by **Heidi Perez-Moreno**

March 17, 2026

IN THE NEWS

“How One N.C. Charter School On the Brink of Failure Made a Massive Comeback”

Border Belt Independent
Heidi Perez-Moreno, March 17, 2026
borderbelt.org

2022: Facing possible closure, the school received the minimum three-year renewal.

Jan. 2026: The Review Board granted a 10-year renewal, the longest possible.

Leadership: Supt. Taylor credited Dr. Wray's leadership for the turnaround in results.

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Thank you

Questions and discussion

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