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N.C. Coalition Kicks Off National School Choice Week

Public charter schools offer parents another option for their children's education

Public charter schools complement, rather than compete with, district schools

Raleigh, N.C. – Today marks the beginning of National School Choice Week, an awareness campaign to celebrate the many options parents have in deciding the best educational environment for their children.

Public charter schools, which are tuition-free and open to everybody, have become an increasingly popular choice for parents. Just like different colleges have different strengths, different public charter schools can specialize in areas like STEM or the arts for students interested in those pathways.

Enrollment in North Carolina public charter schools is up 19.2% since 2019, and it has more than tripled in the past decade.

Hear for yourself the passion and commitment to education that charter school leaders hold. The below video is a short interview with Dr. JoAnne Woodard, who founded the Sallie B. Howard School in Wilson, NC, which earned **National Blue Ribbon designation for closing the achievement gap!**



Lindalyn Kakadelis, Executive Director of the N.C. Coalition for Charter Schools, said, **"Public charter schools are part of the public school family. This week is about celebrating the many choices parents have in finding the school environment that best fits their children's unique gifts."**

Senate Leader Phil Berger said, **"School choice gives parents the power to decide which school is best suited for their child's needs. The General Assembly recognizes how invaluable having a say in your child's education is, and has prioritized expanding parental choice in schools. This week highlights the importance of having a variety of educational options available to all North Carolinians."**

House Speaker Tim Moore said, **"Parents should be empowered to choose the best education for their children. Thanks to public charter schools and other alternatives for North Carolina families to choose from, students are presented with opportunities to succeed that they would not have otherwise had."**

State Superintendent Catherine Truitt said, **"Public charter schools are such an important way we provide choice to families and opportunity to North Carolina's students. This week, we celebrate National School Choice Week and the opportunity to empower parents and students as they make the decision that best fits their child's needs and educational journey."**

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