



## Our Mission

The Connecticut Charter Schools Association is a nonprofit membership organization that serves as a unified voice for the 21 public charter schools, representing their interests at the federal, state and local levels. Our work enables high-quality public charter schools to grow, promote what is effective, and share best practices across the sector in Connecticut.

## Our Work



### School Support and Policy

- ◆ CTCSA holds **Quarterly School Leader Meetings** to share resources, best practices, and updates on the charter school sector for school leaders
- ◆ Fosters engagement and collaboration through new **Leader Forums**, offering open discussion space to collectively navigate challenges facing schools
- ◆ Builds relationships through **School Support Visits** where CTCSA sits down with school leaders to directly address needs
- ◆ Operates Charter Schools Program subgrant competition through **Great Schools for Connecticut** for those opening, expanding charter schools in Connecticut



### Legislative Advocacy

- ◆ CTCSA uses **legislative engagement** and a strategic policy agenda to advocate for the public charter school sector, its schools, and its students
- ◆ We connect legislators with the work our schools are doing by arranging **legislative school visits** to share the innovative ways schools address needs of individual students
- ◆ We support members of the public charter school community in **testifying at legislative hearings** on issues that affect students
- ◆ Our **Advocacy Toolkits** make it easier for anyone to have their voice heard and make an impact



### Uplifting Schools and Students

- ◆ We work to **grow the sector** by supporting new charter schools in soliciting and cultivating applicants while supporting schools through their charter drafting process
- ◆ Students Shaping CT program offers **student trips to the State Capitol**, connecting them to the process and to their elected officials
- ◆ By helping public charter schools **share their story**, our communications team works to elevate students, staff, and families
- ◆ CTCSA is **forming partnerships** with the state's leading education-focused organizations and collaborating on making a difference for students

## Our Vision

A growing, more effective public charter school sector will significantly increase student outcomes throughout the state. We envision a future where every child in Connecticut has the opportunity to attend a great public charter school.

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**Public charter schools in CT serving nearly 11,000 students**

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**New public charter schools funded and preparing to open**

\$24.5 million

**Funding from Charter Schools Program grant available to new and expanding schools**

