

# ANNUAL REPORT

2024



Listen, Learn, Grow!



**Arizona State  
Board for  
Charter Schools**

# Leadership Letter



As we approach our 30th year of operation at the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, we reflect on 2024 as a year marked by significant growth, learning, and engagement. Our dedication to serving students, families, and charter schools has been the cornerstone of our efforts, and this year has been no exception.

We are pleased to report that the Board successfully completed a performance audit and sunset review conducted by the Arizona Auditor General, securing an additional 8 years to continue our mission of providing quality educational choices across Arizona. In response to the audit's recommendations, we engaged stakeholders to develop and implement enhanced solutions. A notable example is the work of our financial framework subcommittee, which actively collaborated with charter school operators to refine our financial practices. This collaboration highlights our commitment to stakeholder engagement, ensuring that our improvements are both informed and effective.

We are inspired by the ongoing achievements of our schools and their dedication to delivering high-quality educational options. Congratulations to the charter school community for fulfilling their mission and continuing to serve their communities with excellence. Our data indicates that charter schools are successfully closing the learning gap, particularly among Arizona's at-risk student populations. With over 20% of Arizona's public school students enrolled in charter schools, we are witnessing increases in both enrollment and diversity of models resulting in more educational options.

To better advance our portfolio, we have expanded our team to 23 members, enhancing our capacity to provide comprehensive assistance and improve communication with charter holders. Our dedicated Board staff play a crucial role in maintaining the Board's efficient operations and aiding our schools.

As we look forward to 2025, we are excited to celebrate 30 years of authorizing charter schools in Arizona. We invite you to join us in commemorating this significant milestone. Your ongoing efforts to serve students is invaluable, and we look forward to continuing our role in ensuring the highest quality of educational choices to all students within the nation's largest charter school portfolio.

Sincerely,



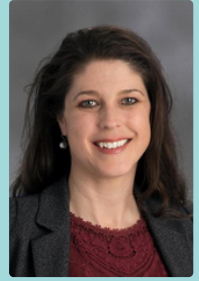
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Berg".

Ashley Berg  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hans Dieter-Klose".

Hans Dieter-Klose  
Board President

# OUR BOARD

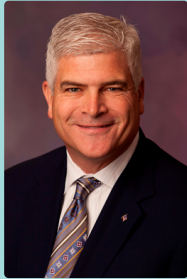


**Hans-Dieter Klose**  
President  
Reservation Member

**Jessica Montierth**  
Vice President  
Charter School  
Operator

**Tom Horne**  
Superintendent

**Wendy Miller**  
Superintendent  
Designee



**Carol Crockett**  
Public Member

**James Swanson**  
Business Community  
Member

**Stephanie Bahr**  
Charter School  
Teacher

**Christina Foster**  
Public Member



**Carlos Ruiz**  
Public Member

**Tim Stratton**  
Business Community  
Member



# OUR WORK



Our team has diligently worked to incorporate feedback and enhance efficiencies for charters, enabling us to better support them and strengthen our quality portfolio. We deeply appreciate their dedication and commitment to our nearly 30-year mission!

**740**  
Amendments  
Processed

**408**  
Financial Audits  
Reviewed

**498**  
Student Records  
Requests  
Processed

**108**  
Virtual  
Reviews

**11**  
Training  
Sessions  
Offered

**140**  
In Person  
School Visits

**10,541**  
Student seats  
created over the  
next 4 years

**203**  
Social Media  
Posts

**50+**  
Outreach  
Opportunities

Emma Belanger  
Ashley Berg  
Shannon Black  
Daniel Cobin  
Hayley Curran  
Gina Denny  
Megan Enbring  
Patricia Gale  
Rachel Hampton  
Rachel Hannah  
Andrea Leader

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Alyssa McDonald  
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Reagen Poteat  
Ashley Pires  
Mary Quaranta  
Faith Schwenning  
Jordan Swenson  
Rebecca Weinhold

*Thank You, Staff!*



# OUR PORTFOLIO



**550+**  
Schools

**400+**  
Charter  
Holders

**10%**  
Students Identified  
with Disabilities

**30%**  
Free & Reduced  
Lunch

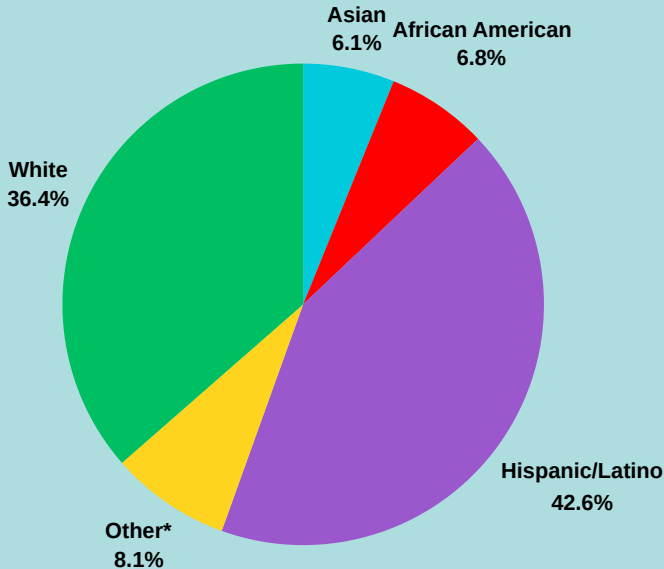
**8%**  
English  
Language  
Learners

**11,000+**  
Teachers

**76%**  
Received A or B  
letter grade in FY  
23

**90%**  
Met Financial  
Performance  
Standards

**98%**  
Met Operational  
Performance  
Standards



# YEAR IN REVIEW

Last fiscal year, we set goals to achieve in fiscal year 2024. We're thrilled to share the milestones we've reached along the way!

Increased number of Staff to 23

Increased communication with schools through newsletters and positive touchpoints

Added a northern Arizona team to increase quality of support

Increased social media presence

Established Financial Framework Subcommittee to enhance our financial framework

# CHARTER RECOGNITION

This year, we asked our schools to share their stories. We're proud to highlight their achievements and celebrate their commitment to providing quality education for Arizona students. We look forward to sharing more stories next year!

Envision High School completed murals showcasing Chicano themes, now displayed in their hallways



Paragon Science Academy's Science Olympiad team won the 2024 Arizona Middle School Science Olympiad championship

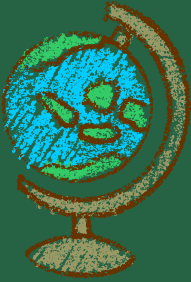
Mexicayotl Academy of Excellence was awarded a \$120,000 grant from the South32 Community Fund



Arizona Autism Charter Schools was selected as a National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Distinguished School

Highland Prep Academies became the first school network globally to earn Cognia STEM Systems Certification

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