



A Letter from ASBCS

Brought to you by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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Important Dates

- **April 19, 2018:**
Soft Deadline for 2019-2020 New Charter Application
- **May 14, 2018:**
Next Regular [Board meeting](#). Deadline for FY19 expansions to be considered by the Board.
- **May 25, 2018:**
Final Deadline for 2019-2020 New Charter Application.
- **June 18, 2017:**
Regular [Board Meeting](#).

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Governor Ducey plans to increase teacher salaries.

View his [plan](#) online.

If you wish to support, here is the link to [Co-sign](#) the plan.

Message from the Charter Board

Dear Charter Community,

Each of the members of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools stands proud to serve in a state where providing a quality education for all K-12 students is a top priority for communities, schools, educators, parents and our state leaders. In charter schools, as in district schools, exceptional education relies on exceptional teachers – engaged career educators with the experience and the expertise necessary to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Arizona’s students.

We applaud charter school teachers' hard work and their years of academic excellence. We applaud, too, Governor Ducey’s efforts to permanently provide these teachers more money and more classroom resources to better educate Arizona’s K-12 students at every level and in every school.

Arizona’s charter schools have consistently been among the nation’s leaders when it comes to academic performance. In fact, Arizona’s charter school students routinely outperform students across the country on standardized tests and other measurements of educational success. Earlier this month the results for the 2017 NAEP Mathematics and Reading Assessments, better known as The Nation’s Report Card, were released. Arizona charter schools have made tremendous gains for all students and are showing the nation what a choice environment can do for student growth. Much of the credit for this exceptional performance goes to Arizona’s charter school teachers. Without their dedication and commitment our State would not be among the national leaders in student gains as we are today.

Great teachers are a foundational requirement for our students to succeed, whether that success happens in a charter school or a district school. As a Board, we support Governor Ducey’s effort to significantly increase education funding in our state. Supporting our teachers and our schools through a meaningful and sustainable financial commitment is not only good for our students but it’s good for our State. We know what our teachers have accomplished to date with limited resources, imagine what they will do when given the recognition and the support to do even more. The sky is the limit for Arizona students.

Sincerely,

Members of the Charter Board