



# Arizona Charter Schools Association Update

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# MARY ELLEN'S STORY

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changing lives*

## EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN CHARTER STUDENT-TURNED-TEACHER

Mary Ellen Lee knows firsthand about the flexibility and innovation that have become a hallmark of charter schools. Lee is the daughter of a charter school principal, a product of choice as a charter school student, and now is an innovative charter teacher who provides her students with the same high quality education she had as a child.

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# NEW CHARTER APPLICATION

## COLLABORATION WITH THE CHARTER BOARD AND THE FIELD

- ✓ Actively coached and provide feedback to dozens of teams over the last seven years.
- ✓ The biggest sticking point: curriculum samples.
- ✓ The Association worked collaborate with Board staff to update curriculum samples that would translate well into the classroom.
- ✓ 2017-18 New Charter Application recommendations will now have a meaningful impact on charter operation.

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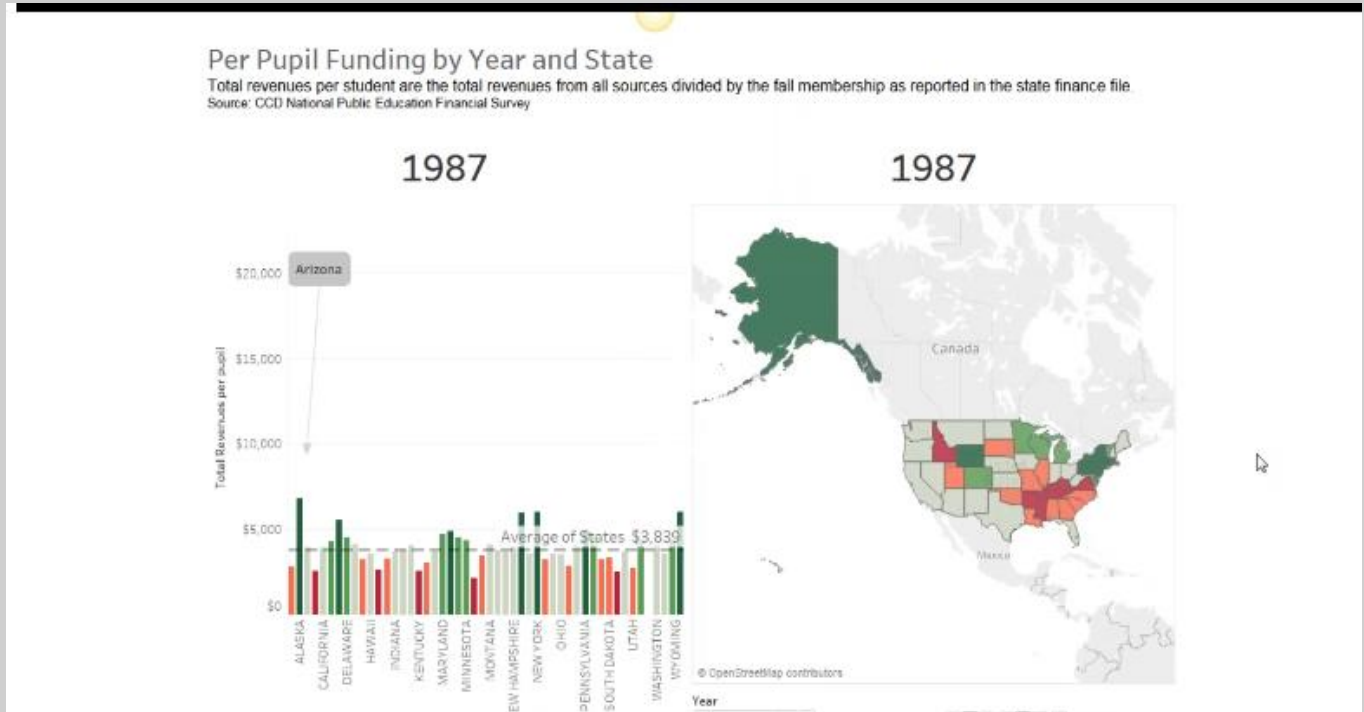
## COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE BOARD AND THE FIELD

- Our work guided by our 2017 Policy Positions – created from stakeholder feedback and vetted and approved by our Advisory Council and Board of Directors.
- Our primary goal is to ensure the accountability system reflects the impact teachers and leaders have on students rather than the demographics of their schools.
- We are one of the few charter voices on the technical advisory committee, and are working make sure all of our diverse charter schools across the state are represented.



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