

2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



THE ASK:

Support the Governor's budget proposal for \$24.9 million in supplemental aid to NYC charter schools.

BACKGROUND:

Charter schools in New York City are underfunded in comparison to district schools. The Governor's one-time \$24.9 million appropriation for charter schools in NYC is a step in the right direction; funding between charter schools and district schools should be equal, no more and no less. Even with this increase, charter schools will continue to receive thousands of dollars less in funding. **The Legislature can help by supporting this proposal and working to narrow the funding gap between public charter schools and traditional public schools.**

CHARTER SCHOOLS REMAIN UNDERFUNDED IN COMPARISON TO DISTRICT SCHOOLS

NYC's Independent Budget Office¹

CHARTER SCHOOL'S BUILDING STATUS	\$ UNDERFUNDED IN COMPARISON TO DISTRICT SCHOOLS
Co-located in city owned school building	\$1,145
Privately owned building, school receives public \$ as rental assistance	\$2,057
Privately owned building, school does not receive public \$ for rent	\$4,863

THE ASK:

Support the Governor's proposal to allow previously issued or revoked charters to be re-issued.

BACKGROUND:

NYC is out of charters. The Governor's proposal would not raise the cap, but would provide for the re-issuance of already closed charters (numbering now at 18) through the statewide authorizers (Board of Regents and SUNY Board of Trustees). Both SUNY and NYSED are including preference scoring for the 11 charters that applied last year.

While we appreciate and support the proposal, this is not a sustainable pipeline for the charter sector. On average there are only 1-3 charters closing a year, far less than needed to meet parent demand.

¹ <https://ibo.nyc.ny.us/iboreports/with-state-formula-for-charter-school-funding-likely-to-change-city-costs-to-grow-more-than-budgeted-march-2017.pdf>