

LETTERS TO LAWMAKERS — WHY I ♥ MY CHARTER SCHOOL!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATOR & PARENT LETTERS TO LAWMAKERS

Hand-written letters and emails are a great way to connect with your state lawmakers, and our plan is to gather as many personal connections from charter students, parents, and educators as we can! We will then hand deliver them to as many of the lawmakers' offices as possible.

Follow these quick instructions to participate! Be sure to submit all letters by Thursday, April 16, 2026.

EDUCATOR & PARENT TEMPLATE: PRINT & DISTRIBUTE.

Complete your letter by following instructions on page 2. Why not use a portion of your next staff, board, or PTA meeting to email your lawmakers! It takes 5 minutes or less! Don't forget to BCC grassroots@charterschools.org

STUDENT TEMPLATE: GET CREATIVE!

For students too young to email: Students of ALL ages are encouraged to participate! Download and print page 3. Have students write a few sentences, include a drawing, use bright colors - just make sure they share one reason why they love their school!

SEND YOUR LETTER(S) TO MAPSA!

Once the letter(s) are complete, send them to MAPSA. Follow these quick tips:

- For direct emails make sure to BCC: grassroots@charterschools.org
- Send student letters, by scanning and email to 📧
- For large files, you can send them to MAPSA:
 - Upload your letters to [MAPSA's DropBox](#)

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LEARNER CHOICE STORYTELLING CAMPAIGN

2026

**RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR
LEARNER CHOICE!**



WHY NOW?!?

Lawmakers are negotiating the 2027 budget NOW, making decisions that shape learner choice, funding, and innovation. They need to hear from their constituents why learner choice matters. This is in place of our traditional activations we've done in the past.



ONE STUDENT. ONE STORY.

Here's where you come in! Learner Choice is as simple as one student, and one story, where learner choice made a difference.

Copy This Prompt into Your Preferred AI Tool ↓

You are a communications assistant helping me prepare a short advocacy email to my Michigan State Representative and State Senator during the state budget cycle.

Please refine the story I provide into a clear, professional, nonpartisan message that:

- Focuses on one student, family, or educator
- Briefly describes the challenge or need
- Explains what changed and why
- Shows measurable or meaningful impact
- Connects the success to the importance of equitable, weighted funding that reflects student needs
- Highlights the value of learner choice and student-centered education
- Maintains a respectful tone appropriate for bipartisan legislative audiences
- Avoids jargon, acronyms, or political attacks
- Does not include full student names or confidential details

Please provide:

- Two subject line options
- A ready-to-send email (150–250 words) OR a 30–45 second video script (ask my preference)
- A brief closing sentence encouraging continued support for learner choice

After I provide my child's school name and city, and my home address (in case it is in a different legislative district), look up the school's official physical address and identify the current Michigan State Representative and State Senator for that school location. If my home address falls in a different district, also identify the State Representative and State Senator for my home address. Provide each lawmaker's full name, district number, and official legislative email address. Do not ask me to look this up or leave the chat.

Remind me to BCC: grassroots@charterschools.org

EASY WITH AI

Use the provided AI prompt to make emailing your lawmaker as easy as possible. We tested and it takes 5 minutes tops!

WOULD YOU RATHER VIDEO YOURSELF?

Use the AI prompt to create a script, and face a window, use something to steady your phone, and hit record!

DONT FORGET TO BCC: grassroots@charterschools.org

Our goal is to track 50 unique emails sent to lawmakers by May 15.

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MY NAME & GRADE: _____

MY SCHOOL: _____

Instructions: Write or draw a picture.

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