

LETTERS TO LAWMAKERS — WHY I ♥ MY CHARTER SCHOOL!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATOR & PARENT LETTERS TO LAWMAKERS

Hand-written letters are a great way to connect with your state lawmakers, and our plan is to gather as many letters from charter students, parents, and educators as we can! We will then hand deliver them to as many of the lawmakers' offices as possible. Don't forget to make them personal - help your lawmaker get a sense of why your school is so important to your community. 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 on page 2 by filling out the fillable PDF or printing and handwriting your letters at your next staff meeting or PTA meeting!

STUDENT TEMPLATE: GET CREATIVE!

Download and print page 3. Students of ALL ages are encouraged to participate! Next, have students write a few sentences, include a drawing, use bright colors, be creative - 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:

- Email to mapsa@charterschools.org
- Subject line: "CSW26 letters: [school name]"
- IMPORTANT - In the email message, include your school name and the grade/ages of the students who completed the letters
- For large files, you can send them to MAPSA:
 - Visit wetransfer.com. Drag and drop any PDF letters where it says "Upload files." This is a safe and secure website to send large files.
 - OR
 - Upload your letters to [MAPSA's DropBox](#)

CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK '26

WHY I ♥ MY CHARTER SCHOOL!

MY NAME & TITLE: _____

MY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MY SCHOOL: _____

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES:

Who are the students & families your school serves daily?
How do you uniquely support them?

OUR MISSION & VALUES

When students leave your school, what tools or knowledge do you hope they've gained?

WHY WE'RE PROUD

What are you most proud of at your school - academic or otherwise?

CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK '26

WHY I ♥ MY CHARTER SCHOOL!

MY NAME & GRADE: _____

MY SCHOOL: _____

Instructions: Write or draw a picture.

WHY I ♥ MY CHARTER SCHOOL:

CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK '26

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Dear Lawmaker,

May 11-15, 2026 marks National Charter Schools Week, and with nearly 300 charter public schools serving communities across Michigan, there is a lot to celebrate!

Charter public schools continue to meet the needs of today's K-12 students through innovation, flexibility, and strong school communities. Across the state, these schools are creating learning environments where students can grow, thrive, and succeed.

To celebrate this week, we invited charter educators, students, parents, and advocates to write personal letters to their local elected officials. Enclosed, you will find letters from voices in your district, sharing why their schools matter and how they make a difference in everyday lives.

Serving more than 150,000 students statewide, charter public schools provide families with meaningful choices and opportunities. We hope these letters offer a window into what sets these schools apart and help put real stories behind the policies that shape public education. As you consider decisions that impact charter schools and the students they serve, we encourage you to keep these perspectives in mind.

We also invite you to join the celebration. Consider sharing a photo with your letters on Facebook, X, or Instagram to wish your constituents a Happy Charter Schools Week, or reach out directly to the schools that submitted letters. If you need contact information for any school, please email us at mapsa@charterschools.org, and we will gladly assist.

Thank you for your service to Michigan and for taking the time to read these messages. Happy Charter Schools Week.

Sincerely,
The MAPSA Team