

# Legislative Priorities

## Texas Public Charter Schools



### **End Municipal Discrimination**

Public charter schools are targeted with discriminatory fees, zoning, and permitting schemes that divert state funding from the classroom.

**Proposal:** Enforce the SAME municipal rules for ALL public schools.



### **Equalize Charter Facilities Funding**

Qualifying public charter schools share a fixed \$60M charter facility appropriation rather than receiving a per-student facilities allotment.

**Proposal:** Provide a per-student facilities allotment, as is available to all other public schools.



### **Raise the Bar for SBOE to Veto TEA's School Recommendations**

TEA maintains the most rigorous vetting process nationally, yet the SBOE still vetoes the vast majority (80% in 2022) of new schools recommended by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposal:** Raise the bar from a simple majority to a super-majority for the SBOE to reject the Commissioner's recommendations.



### **Allow Earlier Application & Notification for Charter Expansion**

Charter schools must apply for expansion approval and notify districts within 18 months of a new school opening. Districts deserve more advance notice and charters deserve more time to plan.

**Proposal:** Allow expansion requests and notification up to 36 months before opening a new campus, instead of the current 18 months.