

CHARTER SCHOOL FACTS

CHARTERS HURT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

\$3 BILLION

ANNUALLY



UNLIMITED FUNDING

Charter funding has doubled in the last 5 years, yet many charter school financial dealings are not disclosed to the public and are not available for public review.

CHARTER FUNDING ADVANTAGE

\$882

MILLION

If charters were funded in the same manner as public schools, the state of Texas would save \$882 MILLION in taxpayer dollars.



95%

PER-PUPIL FUNDING ADVANTAGE



Charter schools receive more per-pupil funding than the public schools that educate 95% of Texas public school students.



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Every time a student leaves a public school to attend a charter in a recapture district, the local tax dollars the community must send to the state goes up and state funding simultaneously drops. This is often the cause of school district budget shortfalls in recapture or "Robin Hood" districts.

Taxpayers and public schools can't afford unregulated charter school growth!



TELL ELECTED OFFICIALS IT'S TIME FOR A TIME OUT FOR CHARTERS

CHARTERS HURT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The rapid expansion of charter schools is part of a well-coordinated wave of attacks to privatize public education. Unelected charter boards control more per pupil tax dollars than our democratically elected school boards!

UNLIMITED GROWTH

400 NEW CAMPUSES

The Commissioner of Education has sole authority to approve charter amendments, approving 400 within the last six years. Charters can open an unlimited number of new campuses anywhere in Texas with virtually no public notice.



DISCRIMINATION



TX charter schools can legally discriminate against students in admissions based on discipline history. Charters serve fewer Special Education students and fewer English Language Learners than public schools.

CHARTER PER-PUPIL FUNDING ADVANTAGE

Austin ISD.....	-\$1,740
Dallas ISD.....	-\$1,895
Houston ISD.....	-\$1,806
San Antonio ISD.....	-\$1,411



The same student who leaves Dallas ISD to attend a charter is worth \$1,895 more at a charter school located down the street!

SOURCE: TEA SB 1882 RUNS, AUGUST, 2018.

BEWARE OF CHARTER "PARTNERSHIPS"



Recent state legislation, SB 1882, championed by public school privatizers, creates a lucrative incentive for underfunded districts to receive the charter per-pupil advantage only if the democratically elected board hands over governance to a privately operated charter school.



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