

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?

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**MY NAME & GRADE
(OR "PARENT")** _____

MY SCHOOL: _____

WHY I ♥ MY SCHOOL:

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Dear lawmaker,

May 8-12, 2023 is National Charter Schools Week, and with nearly 300 charters across Michigan, we've got a lot to be proud of! From our passionate, talented educators, to our resilient, amazing students, and our adaptive families - our people continue to rise to the challenge of meeting modern K-12 education needs.

We asked charter educators, students, parents and advocates to share a special letter to their local elected officials, which MAPSA would pass on during Charter Schools Week, to show their love for their school. Enclosed, you'll find copies of all the letters submitted by charter school stakeholders in YOUR district.

Serving over 150,000 students statewide, we know that our schools offer an incredible choice to many families as they pursue the best education option for their learners. We encourage you to read these letters to learn more about what sets our schools apart - and to think back to these words when you're making important decisions that affect charter public schools and the public school students they serve.

We also encourage you to help us celebrate National Charter Schools Week by posting a selfie with your letters to Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, wishing your constituents a Happy Charter Schools Week, and/or emailing the schools from which these letters came. If you don't have the contact info for a school(s) - please contact us at mapsa@charterschools.org, and we'd be happy to share an email address.

Thank you for your work in the legislature, and Happy Charter Schools Week!

Sincerely,
the MAPSA team

#CHARTERSLEAD LETTERS: INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRINT VERSION

Hand-written letters are a great way to connect with your local legislators, and our plan is to gather as many letters from charter students, parents and educators as we can - then deliver them to the offices (or to the inboxes) of as many lawmakers as possible. These letters should be personal, and should help your lawmaker get a sense of why your school is so important to your community. Follow these quick instructions to participate!

1 - DOWNLOAD & PRINT YOUR TEMPLATE

Educators are encouraged to complete their own letter to lawmakers by following this link. Older students can also complete a fillable form by following this link. The downloadable print version is designed for younger students who can hand-write their letters. Once downloaded, simply print as many copies as desired, and distribute to participating students.

2 - HAND-WRITE YOUR LETTER

Students of ALL ages are encouraged to participate! They can write a few sentences, include a drawing, use bright colors, etc. - just make sure they share one reason why they love their school!

3 - SEND YOUR LETTER(S) TO MAPSA!

Once students have completed their letters, scan them and send the PDFs to MAPSA using WeTransfer. This free online file transfer platform enables you to attach many PDFs all at once. Follow these quick instructions:

1. Visit wetransfer.com. Drag and drop any PDF letters where it says "Upload files." You can add many files all at once, but you may encounter a file limit - in this case simply do more than one transfer.
2. In the "Email to" field, enter kbiscarner@charterschools.org
3. In the "Your email" field, include your email address.
4. In the "Title" field, please type "CSW23 letters submission"
5. IMPORTANT - In the message field, include your school name and the grade/ages of the students who completed the letters.