

Educational Opportunity. Equal Funding for All.

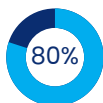
More than 20,000 students across Michigan attend full-time online charter public schools because they provide the quality education they deserve and meet their unique, personal needs.

Governor Whitmer's budget proposal would ***slash thousands of dollars per student*** from these public school children who need our help the most.

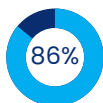
The Legislature needs to support educational opportunity and deliver equal funding for all children.

Michigan students and parents choose full-time online charter public schools for unique reasons, from the quality of the education to accelerated learning, serious health challenges, chronic bullying, the schools' support for LGBTQ students and more.

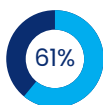
- 72 percent of students in full-time online charter public schools are economically disadvantaged – far more than the 52 percent statewide public school average; [1]
- Full-time online charter public schools serve a higher percentage of African American and students of color than traditional public schools;
- Full-time online charter public schools serve a nearly identical percentage of students with disabilities as traditional schools.



80 percent of voters support the opportunity to send students to the school that is best for them. [2]



86 percent of Michigan voters believe that all students should be funded equally, regardless of which public school they attend.



61 percent of surveyed voters believe the State Legislature should reject the Governor's proposed cut to full-time online public charter schools and fund all children equally.

Full-time online charter public schools have different but equal educational infrastructure demands to provide everything their students need, including dedicated and fully certified educators, one-on-one time with teachers, community with other students and families, textbooks, in-person testing sites, computers and Internet access.

Instead of cutting funding for full-time online public school teachers and learners, lawmakers – Democrats and Republicans – need to stand together to fund ALL children equally.

[1] Michigan Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), "MI School Data."

[2] WPA Intelligence Research, Survey of Michigan parents, Feb. 1-4, 2023