

The Charter School Commitment to Quality

A joint commitment to hold high
standards for all schools

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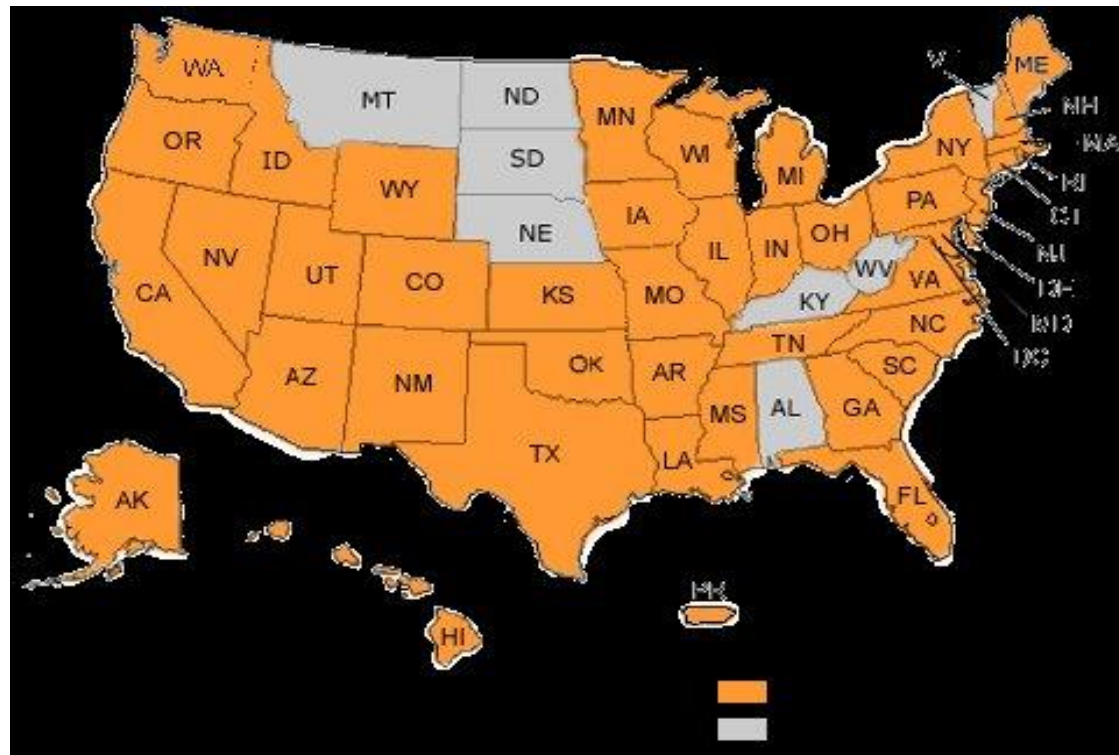




National Charter Quality

As Movement Grows, A Heightened Focus on Quality

- 43 states now have charter school laws
- 35 of those states have a statewide charter advocacy organization like INCS
- NAPCS is leading an effort to create a national quality statement for all states



Lessons on Quality

Over the past twenty years, several quality trends have emerged:

1. States with thoughtful charter authorization and slow growth have higher performing charter movements
2. Cities with the best charter performance have systems to grow their high performers and close/reconstitute low performers
 - Boston; Washington D.C.; Newark; New York.
 - Chicago
3. Charter schools looking to expand across regions look for: (1) adequate funding; (2) access to affordable facilities; (3) a supply of great teachers/talent; and (4) leadership/political stability



National Charter Quality Statement

Commitment Statement

- ❖ **Theory:** Those of us with stewardship responsibilities for the movement should work to increase the number of high-performing charter public schools and reduce the number of underperforming charter public schools
- ❖ Accordingly, we agree:
 1. To use a pre-existing system to identify the performance of charter public schools
 2. To support the renewal, expansion, and replication of those schools that are meeting performance expectations
 3. To advocate for the closure, non-renewal, or reconstitution of those public charter schools that are not performing
 4. To commit advocacy and lobbying resources toward these efforts
 5. To offer transition assistance to the students, families, and employees whose lives are disrupted whenever a public charter school is closed.

Questions?

