

NEVADA CHARTER SCHOOLS: SUCCESS THAT MERITS FUNDING EQUITY

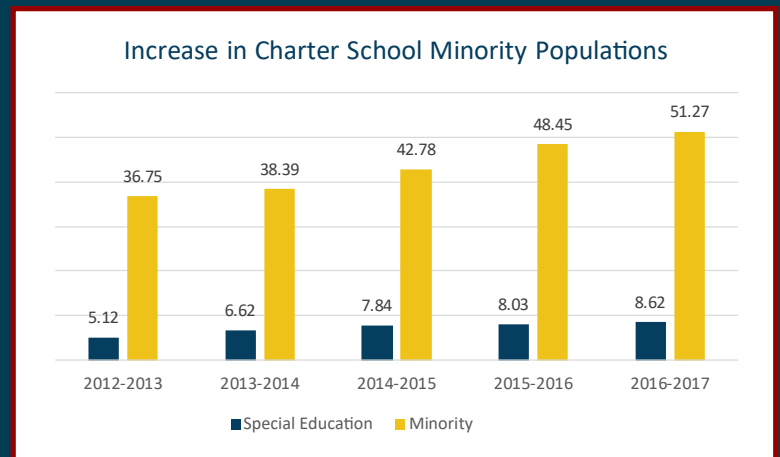
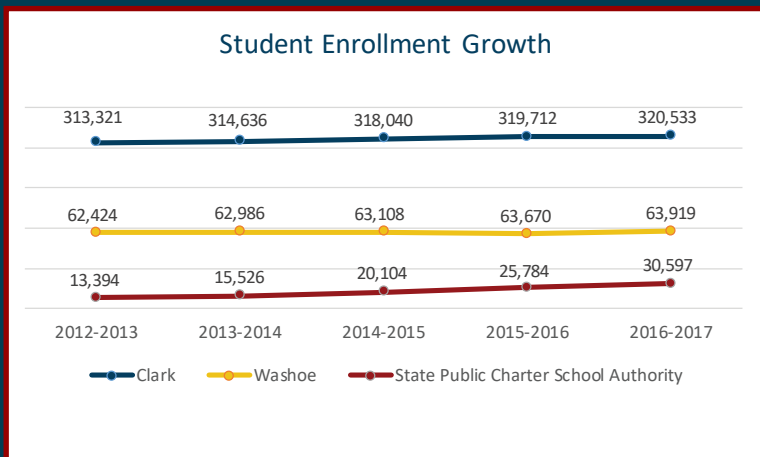
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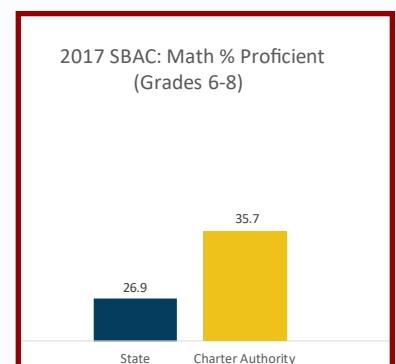
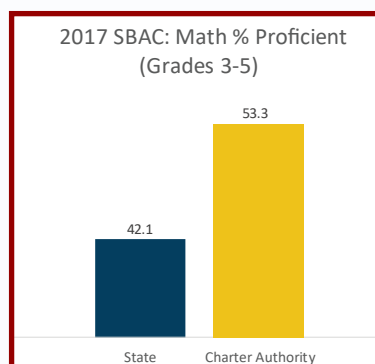
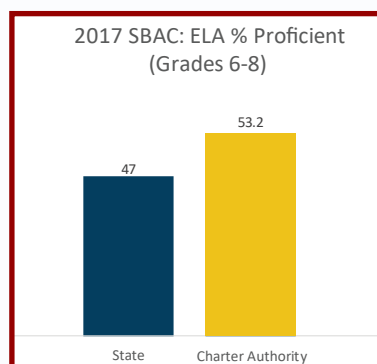
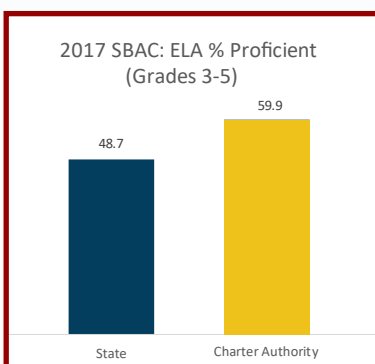
Ryan Reeves has lived in Las Vegas for the last 15 years, and has three children attending public schools in Nevada. He first relocated to Nevada to attend the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV and later began practicing law in Las Vegas after completing his legal studies. In 2010, Mr. Reeves was invited to serve on a committee to form a new public charter school, where he experienced first-hand the challenges of trying to open a new public charter school. Shortly thereafter, he accepted a position with Academica, a charter school service company which is focused on providing legal, accounting, finance, human resources and facility support services to public charter schools to help them open and succeed.

Mr. Reeves is now the COO of Academica Nevada, proudly supporting the operations of Doral Academy of Nevada, Somerset Academy of Las Vegas, Mater Academy of Nevada, Pinecrest Academy of Nevada, and SLAM! (Sports Leadership and Management) Academy. These public charter schools are currently serving more than 18,000 students on 20 campuses in the Las Vegas Valley and two campuses in Reno. In addition, Mr. Reeves currently serves on the Board of Directors of two not-for-profit organizations dedicated to supporting school choice through public charter schools, the Charter School Association of Nevada (CSAN) and the ACE (Achieving through Choice in Education) Foundation.

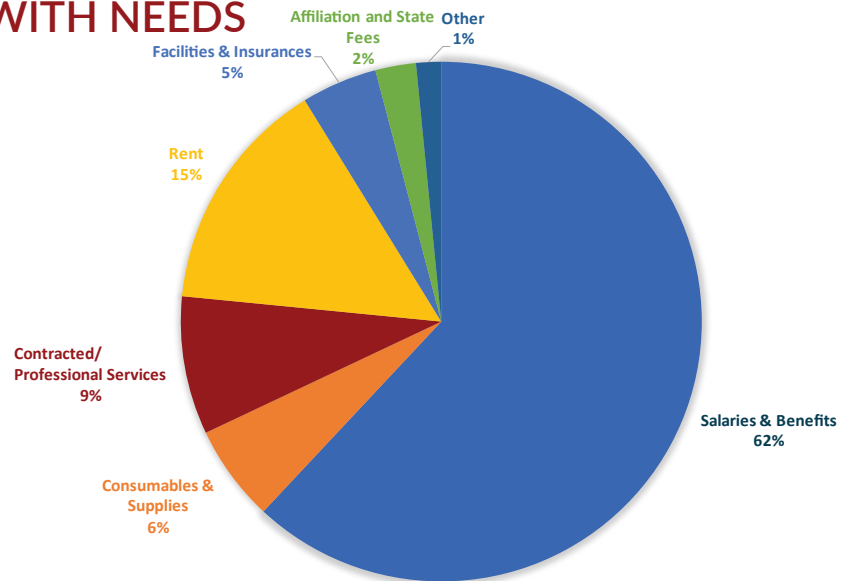
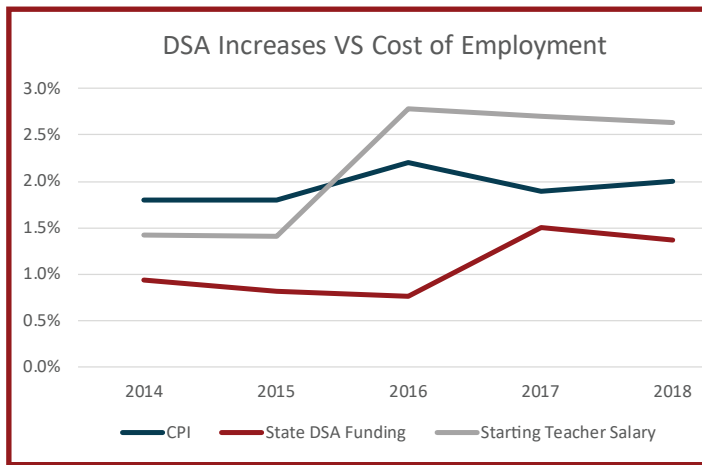
GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS IN NEVADA



ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS IN NEVADA



DSA FUNDING FAILING TO KEEP UP WITH NEEDS



CHARTER SCHOOLS LACK OF FACILITY FUNDING

While Nevada's Charter Authorization and Accountability laws have improved in recent years, moving Nevada to a ranking of 11th in the most recent National Alliance of Public Charter School's ranking of State Charter Laws, the areas that remain in need of improvement are, "Equitable Operational Funding and Equal Access to All State and Federal Categorical Funding" and "Equitable Access to Capital Funding and Facilities."

Source: <https://www.publiccharters.org/publications/measuring-model-ranking-state-charter-public-school-laws>

As stated by a Guinn Center report, Nevada's "charter schools do not have access to facilities funds, which are generated by property taxes. The average capital revenue source in 2015 was \$1,288 per pupil in school districts. Charter schools did not receive these funds. Consequently, charter schools must use their operations funding to meet their facilities needs."

Source: <https://guinncenter.org/as-charter-school-enrollment-rises-in-nevada-need-for-more-funding-becomes-apparent/>

This results in an unjustifiable inequity for the parents of charter school students in the State of Nevada.

WHAT IS NEEDED: RECURRING PER PUPIL FACILITY FUNDING

District Schools receive large one-time funding blocks to complete large-scale construction projections. This is not the model that best meets the needs of the diverse charter school community, and charter schools have no desire to remove funds from the sources that growing school districts rely upon to meet their facility needs.

Charter Schools have shown great flexibility and innovation in utilizing a variety of facility options; short-term leases of commercial property, long-term leases of new construction, leases of shared facilities with churches or other educational institutions, and bond issuances resulting in 'mortgage' payments towards the eventual ownership of property. All of these models are best supported by the creation of a recurring, per-pupil funding amount that would allow a school to progress and grow from short-time leases, to long-term leases, to possibly bond-payments and building ownership. Nevada has multiple sources of new revenues which have been created in recent years, with some of those funds remaining unallocated. Funds should be allocated for public charter schools to receive per-pupil funding for facility costs. Equity, fairness, and the proven success of the charter school model merit this legislative action.

2018 CHARTER SCHOOL & DISTRICT ENROLLMENT (LARGEST 25 SYSTEMS)

	District	Enrollment
1	Clark	334900
2	Washoe	67569
3	Elko	9935
4	Lyon	8986
5	Carson	8184
6	Somerset Academy	6689
7	Douglas	5813
8	Nye	5442
9	Doral Academy	5173
10	Pinecrest Academy of Nevada	4126
11	Humboldt	3584
12	Churchill	3424
13	Nevada Connections Academy	3199
14	Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas	3002
15	Nevada Virtual Academy	2097
16	White Pine	1955
17	Mater Academy	1756
18	American Preparatory Academy	1554
19	Legacy Traditional School	1258
20	Democracy Prep	1114
21	Lincoln	1107
22	Lander	1027
23	American Leadership Academy	1007
24	Equipo Academy	759
25	Sports Leadership and Management Academy	738

