

LEAGUE & CHARTER SUCCESSES 2024

League Facts

League Membership: **90%**
Member Satisfaction: **94%**

2x League advocacy spending is over two times the League Member dues: Making your investment go further.

10+ Learning Communities / month

10+ Cohorts meeting regularly

31 Public Relations Wins

5 & 8 5 Town Halls &
8 Regional Gatherings

#2 Colorado has the nation's 2nd-best public charter school sector (*Ed Next, 2023*)

Charter Facts

15.3% Of all Colorado public school students attend charters

135,000+ Colorado's public charter school students. That's **50% more** than Colorado's single largest school district (DPS).

+13 Colorado charter school students gain **13 extra days** of reading instruction per year and **15 extra days** of math instruction compared to non-charter students.

+15

(Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) at Stanford University, 2023)

261 
Number of charter schools in Colorado, a **50% INCREASE** over the past decade

2024 LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES SUMMARY

• Defeat of Historic Anti-charter Bill

The League successfully beat back HB24-1363, which would have gutted the gains of the last 30 years.

• Full Funding Equity for CSI Schools

We secured full funding equity for CSI schools and the more than 20,000 students they serve in HB24-1394.

This means a total of **\$49 million** in funding towards Colorado Charter School Institute equalization next year, 2024-2025.

• Facilities Funding Hits \$44.2 Million

Funding towards Charter School Capital Construction within HB24-1448, will rise by \$65.5 million over the next five years to supply critical charter school facilities resources.

• Per Pupil Revenue Continues Trend

A Per Pupil Revenue increase of 7.3% bolsters the average per-pupil funding to a record high of **\$11,450**.

LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES 2024

The Details

New Public School Funding Formula

The passage of HB24-1448 adds to the long list of accomplishments we were able to secure for our schools during this legislative cycle:

Big Defensive Win

The decisive defeat of the very damaging and anti-charter HB1363 in its first committee hearing;

Full Funding Equity for CSI Schools

The signing of legislation (HB24-1394) that finally equalizes MLO funding for CSI schools and their students;

PPR Increases Once Again

Another historic increase in education funding (7.3%) that once again raises PPR to its highest level ever (\$11,450 per student next school year);

Facilities Funding Increases

The investment of \$65.5M (via HB24-1448) in the Charter School Capital Construction fund over the next five years that could help us secure approximately \$30M in additional federal matching funds over that same time period;

And More

The passage of a bill (SB24-132) that extends educator evaluation privacy protections to encompass unlicensed charter school educators and administrators;

The passage of HB24-1454 Grace Period Noncompliance Digital Accessibility provides a one-year extension to July 1, 2025, of immunity from liability for failure to comply with the digital accessibility standards for entities that demonstrate good faith efforts toward compliance or towards resolution of any complaint of noncompliance;

The passage of legislation (HB24-1154) that will hopefully catalyze more districts to share local bond revenue with CSI schools in their boundaries; and

The passage of a bill (SB24-232) that makes critical statutory clarifications to last year's problematic SB23-111 (Public Employees' Workplace Protection) ensuring public employers, such as charter schools, can still serve students well and fulfill their public duties effectively.

Taken together, this ranks as one of our best sessions ever, and we did it all in the midst of a very contentious environment for our schools.

What Didn't Happen

In addition to defeating HB24-1363, here are some of our other "defensive wins:"

SB24-049 Content of Material in Libraries

This bill would have created a process allowing students, parents, or community members to object to a library resource (library books) in school or public libraries. Among other things, it would have prevented charter schools from ever pursuing a waiver from its provisions.

HB24-1221 Income Tax Credit for Eligible Teachers

This bill would have created a refundable state income tax credit intended to offset the various expenses teachers often incur throughout an academic year for classroom supplies, professional development costs, etc. While admirable, the bill's sponsors repeatedly refused to incorporate our request to include unlicensed teachers.

HB24-1310 School Safety Measures

The bill needlessly limited the circumstances under which an individual could become a school security officer. This was a problem for smaller schools, especially in rural communities, where schools needed the flexibility for part-time school security officers.



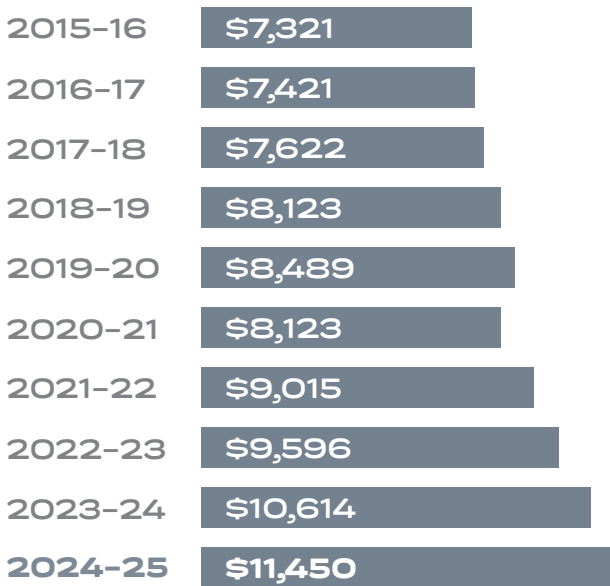
2024 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING PROGRESS

51%

Members reporting that funding and funding equity for charter schools should be top League policy priorities.

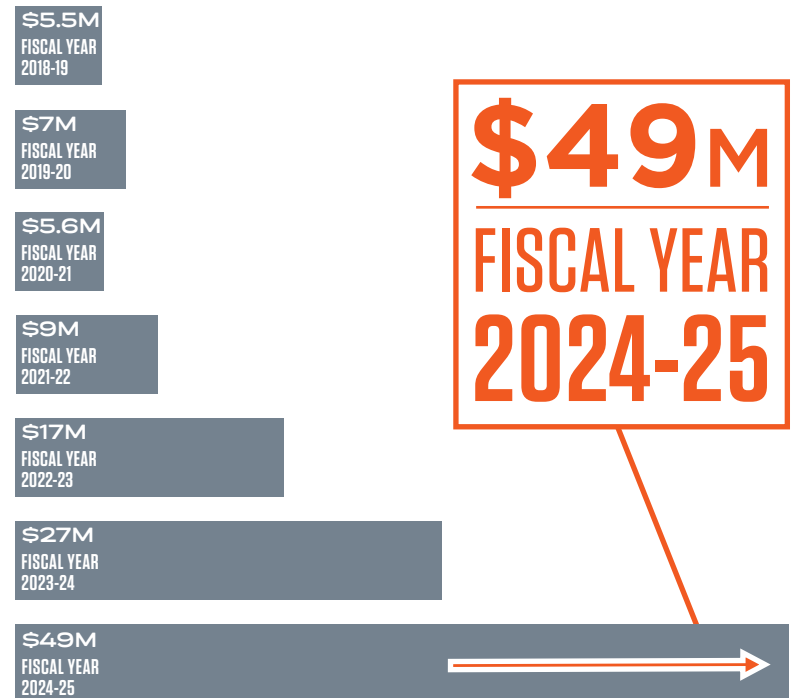
Here are three datasets from the last few years that demonstrate our track record.

1 School PPR in Colorado



Percentage of increase over ten years: **56%**

2 CSI Equalization Fund



3 Charter School Capital Construction Fund

Overall growth between 2014 and 2024 represents more than a 500% increase.

