Charter schools are meeting a community need.

Charter schools in Colorado are tuition-free public schools that are open to all students and have been given the flexibility to be more innovative than traditional public schools.

In Colorado, they must be run as nonprofits.

134,000+ students
attend 256 Colorado charter schools. That's 50% more than the 89,000 students in DPS, the largest district.

They are working for all students.

Charter school students in Colorado are more diverse on average than our traditional public-school peers.

And they have more English Language Learners (ELLs).

They are delivering on their promise.

7 of our top 10 public high schools are charter schools.¹

9 of our top 20 public middle schools are charters.²

Denver charter schools deliver a 55% greater learning advantage.³

On average, each $1 invested in a child in K-12 public charter schools yields $8.72 in lifetime earnings, compared to $5.46 for each $1 invested in a child in traditional public schools – a 46% public charter school “return on investment” advantage; in Denver the advantage was 59%.⁴