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Tennessee Charter School Center 2023-24 Impact Report Shows Accelerated Growth and Success of Public Charter Schools

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - (Thurs., June 6, 2024) - Today, the Tennessee Charter School Center (TCSC) released its <u>2023-24 Impact Report</u>, highlighting successes of the organization and innovative excellence at public charter schools across the state, as well as ongoing efforts to ensure all students in Tennessee have access to a high quality public education that will provide the foundation for future success and growth.

TCSC recently celebrated 20 years of public charter schools in the state. Since the beginning, TCSC has united its efforts and resources to create a local and statewide policy environment that enables the creation and growth of more high-quality public charter schools. Today, the state has 115 charter schools serving more than 44,000 Tennessee students, their families and communities.

"We are proud to play a part in ensuring that Tennessee continues to be an environment where public charter schools and the students who attend them can succeed," said Elizabeth Fiveash, TCSC Interim CEO. "Our goal is that within 10 years, Tennessee will be the best place in the country to launch a public charter school - and we are right on track."

Each year, the <u>TCSC Impact Report</u> celebrates the stories and impact of Tennessee's public charter schools on students across the state. The TCSC team is proud to support public charter schools in various ways, from board training to public policy advocacy, helping to ensure Tennessee's students have access to excellent public school options.

In our continuous work, Tennessee's public charter school students have emerged as national leaders in academic growth and innovation.

According to a <u>recent national charter school study</u> conducted by Stanford University's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO), despite often serving students with greater needs, Tennessee's charter schools have demonstrated one of the highest average academic growth rates in the nation.

Among economically disadvantaged students, the CREDO study shows much stronger academic growth, resulting in 28 additional days of learning in reading and 34 additional days in math compared to non-charter peers.

More information about the organization's work and the 2023-24 Impact Report are available on

the Tennessee Charter School Center website: https://tnchartercenter.org/

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The <u>Tennessee Charter School Center</u> (TCSC) is the first charter school support organization in the country that simultaneously creates and advocates on behalf of high-quality charter schools and the students and families they serve. Its vision is for all students in Tennessee to have access to a high-quality public education. Regardless of where they live, Tennessee students must have the opportunity to attend a public school that prepares them for success in the post-secondary education, college, or career of their choosing. Learn more at <u>tnchartercenter.org</u>.