

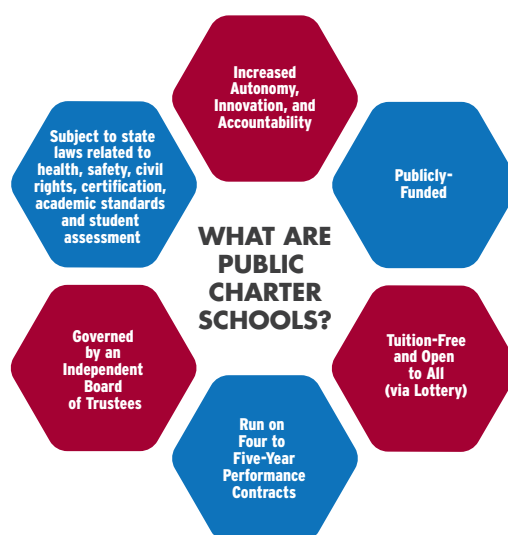
# CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY IN NEW JERSEY

**FACT:** CHARTER SCHOOLS are THE MOST HIGHLY ACCOUNTABLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS in the state of New Jersey

1. Charter schools run on performance contracts that **focus on student outcomes**.
2. Charter schools receive **annual audits conducted by NJDOE and an independent fiscal auditor** based on the Performance Framework.
3. If charter schools **fail to provide a quality education** to students, they are **forced to close**.
4. If traditional districts were measured against the standards within the Performance Framework, **dozens of struggling districts would be forced to close**.

## NEW JERSEY CHARTER SCHOOLS BASICS

Charter schools **are** public schools



## DISTRICT VS. CHARTER ACCOUNTABILITY

### DISTRICT (QSAC)

- Oversight Every 3 Years
- Focused on inputs/compliance
- Consequence of failure: submission of improvement plans (failing districts are never closed)

### CHARTER (PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK)

- Oversight Annually
- Focused on student outcomes
- Consequence of failure: school closure (more than 20 since 2010)

*Note: QSAC and the Performance Framework are formal oversight tools required by NJ statute and regulation.*