



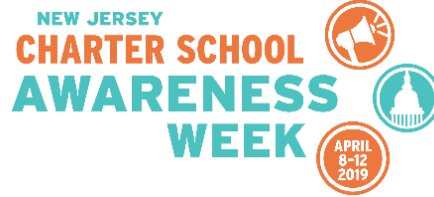
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## **Public Charter School Parents and Advocates Take Action During New Jersey Charter School Awareness Week (April 8-12)**

During New Jersey Charter School Awareness Week (April 8-12), parents, board members, school leaders and education advocates are meeting with members of the Legislature throughout the state to show their public charter school pride, educate these elected officials on the value of public charter schools and to ensure their support in fair funding for public charter schools.

“Charter schools are public schools and are changing the lives of tens of thousands of students and families throughout the Garden State,” said Harry Lee, interim president of the New Jersey Charter Schools Association. “We are using this week to celebrate the educational opportunities parents and families have because their children attend public charter schools and advocate for fair funding to ensure that these schools can continue to flourish, particularly in our most underserved communities.”

Public charter schools throughout the state will be conducting a social media campaign and sharing photos and sending messages to our elected officials to provide the facts about public charter schools and ask for their support.

There are currently 88 public charter schools in New Jersey serving nearly 52,000 students with 35,000 more students on charter school wait lists.

