

# **Speak Out For Charter School Students**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



#### **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**

- Serve 272,685 Texas students across the state
- Receive about \$1,400 less per student than your traditional public school
- Have 141,000+ Texas students on waiting lists for a seat in their classrooms
- Must use classroom dollars for brick & mortar
- · Pay property taxes on leased school buildings
- Have additional, stricter accountability because they could be closed if there are academic and financial problems 3 years in a row

#### YOUR STUDENT IS NOT WORTH LESS!

Charter schools *are* public schools. Your child should receive the same amount of funds as any other public school student. Your family shouldn't be punished for choosing a public charter school.

## You need that money in your child's school to:

- Pay for a gym, science lab, library or playground
- · Buy textbooks and technology
- Pay great teachers a competitive salary
- Update old school buildings

### 141,000+ STUDENTS ARE WAITING — YOU CAN HELP!

- · One-size-does-not-fit-all in education
- For public charter school parents: You found it, researched it, applied, won a lottery and got in
- You were lucky, but others are not
- More than 141,000 students are stuck on waiting lists trapped in a system that isn't the best fit for them. You know best what that feels like and you can describe how important your charter school is to your student and family. Tell your story!

