



Strategic Plan Update

As a trusted partner, the Charter Commission provides access and support to excellent charter schools through rigorous oversight, transparency, and accountability. This document outlines the progress of the Commission on the Strategic Plan.

Strategic Priority #1: High Quality Charter Schools: Authorize high-quality and high-performing charter schools that improve outcomes for Tennessee students.

- Updates
 - **Annual Authorizer Report:** The Commission published its [2024-25 Annual Authorizer Report](#), highlighting continued growth and achievement. Key accomplishments include earning a Level 5 TVAAS score for the fourth consecutive year, five schools being named Reward Schools, which doubled last year's total and now represents about 30% of the portfolio, and receiving an "exemplary" district rating, ranking in the 92nd percentile statewide.
 - **New Charter Agreements:** The Commission negotiated charter agreements with three new schools authorized by the Commission: The Rock Academy, Jackson Museum School, and Rocketship TN #4.

Strategic Priority #2: Strong Operational Effectiveness: Achieve student success by providing effective operational support in addition to rigorous oversight and guidance.

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 - **Continuous Technical Assistance and Support:** The Commission provided ongoing technical assistance to schools by hosting SPED, EL, and Title I subgroup check-ins, supporting tiered interventions for priority schools, and responding to requests for enhanced security and safety training.
 - **School Site Visits:** This quarter, Commission staff completed seven site visits; each including classroom observations and stakeholder interviews. Visits thus far have been positive, and findings were shared with the respective school boards following each visit.
 - **2025-26 School Year Trainings:** The Commission launched a series of training sessions designed to support school staff in the 2025-26 school year. At this time, twenty-three of twenty-five training sessions have been completed, and we are exploring ways to expand and revise the trainings for the 2026-27 school year.

Strategic Priority #3: Community and Stakeholder Engagement: Build and cultivate strong relationships with schools, operators, and communities.

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 - **Improved Complaint Process:** The Commission continues to utilize its online system for families and community members to submit grievances and complaints. This system has enhanced our ability to connect with schools and the community, allowing us to resolve complaints and issues more effectively and track issues.
 - **Community Engagement Highlights:** This quarter, Commission staff participated in a variety of events, including school governing board meetings, the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) conference, and the grand opening of Libertas Middle School. The Executive Director served as a panelist at the League of Women Voters event, and staff also volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank.

Strategic #4: Agency Oversight: Maintain excellence in functions as a state agency by ensuring prudent fiscal management, transparent operations, and strong engagement with the administration and Tennessee General Assembly.

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 - **Authorizer Fee Report:** The 2024-25 school year [Authorizer Fee Report](#) was published on the Commission's website. This report shares the total amount of authorizer fees collected in the previous school year and the authorizing obligations fulfilled using the fee.
 - **FY27 Budget:** Commission staff submitted its budget request to Finance and Administration, and it will participate in upcoming budget hearings before the House and Senate.