MCPSA
Legislative Priorities - 2019 Legislative Session

Charter School Funding:
• Ensure that all public schools (district and charter) are funded equitably.

Charter School Weighted Lottery:
• Allow a charter school to establish in their charter the use of a weighted lottery based on student free and reduced lunch qualifications to ensure socioeconomic diversity of the student population.

Charter School Enrollment of Employee Children:
• Allows a charter school to enroll nonresident pupils as long as the school is not denying a resident pupil of a seat (this would include children of the charter school’s employees).
• Establishes the provisions of receiving payment for nonresident students.

Charter School Expansion:
• Allow charter schools to open in any charter county or city with a population of 30,000 or more citizens.
• Allow the local school district board the right of first refusal to sponsor a new charter school.

Charter School Accountability:
• Clarify that a charter school is eligible for a 5-year renewal period unless the school underperforms for two of the three consecutive years immediately before a decision to renew in which case they are eligible for a 3-year renewal. If the charter school again underperforms for two years of the three year term the school’s charter shall not be renewed.
• State that if a charter school is not renewed due to the provisions outlined above the sponsor is ineligible to sponsor any new charter schools until such time as an evaluation by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education determines the sponsor to be in good standing.
• Requires all charter schools to post their annual independent audit on their school’s website.