



## New Hampshire Senate News Release

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### **Senate Republicans announce Fiscal Committee will take up \$46M federal charter school grant**

*Grant is largest of its kind in the country stalled by Democrats last session*

**CONCORD, NH** -- The Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee will take up a federal charter school replication grant on Friday, December 11. The \$46 million grant, the largest of its kind in the country, is designed to build on New Hampshire success with public charter schools, providing start-up funds for new public charter schools and expansion of existing public charter schools. The grant has been stalled by Democrats on the Fiscal Committee since last year.

On December 11, the newly constituted Fiscal Committee will take up the first round of \$10.1 million under the competitive charter school replication grant. Current New Hampshire public charter schools have been anticipating the funding since the grant was awarded in August 2019, including five public charter schools that have already been approved by the State Board of Education for up to \$1.5 million each:

- **Heartwood Public Charter School**, K-8, Lancaster
- **Kreiva Academy Public Charter School**, K-8, Manchester
- **Northeast Woodlands Public Charter School**, K-8, Conway
- **Spark Charter Academy of Advanced Technologies**, 9-12, Manchester
- **Windham Academy Public Charter School**, K-8, Windham

Gathering Waters Chartered Public School, K-12, in Keene is seeking approval from the State Board of Education to enroll students in Fall 2021 and would be eligible to apply for \$1.5 million in grant funds. North Country Charter Academy in Lancaster and Littleton and Academy of Science and Design in Nashua would seek replication grants of \$1.2 million each. 20 additional public charter schools would be eligible to apply for grants of up to \$600,000 each.

"We've had schools waiting for this money for over a year, and it's been held up for partisan reasons," said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley. "With the disruption from COVID, parents are looking for new ways to provide the best education for their children. This grant will open up options and give our successful public charter schools the ability to expand their programs."

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