

## OVERVIEW

The Freedom Coalition for Charter Schools (FCCS) is a national advocacy organization dedicated to championing the self-determination and parent choice of Black and Latino leaders and families in public education. We believe that every low-income and working-class Black and Latino family should have the power to choose the best educational environment for their children.

### POLICY PRIORITIES:

- **Teacher Diversity**
  - Diversifying the teacher pipeline to reflect the communities they serve. FCCS supports initiatives that focus on building stronger teacher pathways, including incentivized recruiting processes, targeted outreach, and support within the most vulnerable communities.
- **Equitable Funding**
  - Addressing inequities in funding, facilities, and access that disproportionately affect leaders of color. FCCS supports fair and equitable distribution of educational funding, ensuring that resources are allocated to schools in Black and Brown communities to address the historical underinvestment and provide equal opportunities for all students.
- **Authorizing Accountability and Equity**
  - Advocating for laws that ensure fairness in school approval, renewal processes, and access to public buildings. FCCS focuses on the responsibilities and standards for charter school authorizers, including equitable practices for renewals and equitable metrics indicators.
- **Student-Centered School Choice and Accessibility**
  - Expanding quality public school options that meet the diverse needs of Black and Latino communities, particularly for schools led and founded by Black and Latino leaders. FCCS also supports initiatives that provide key funding and resources directly to schools, supporting the mental health of students