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## **NJPCSA Statement on Governor Murphy's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Message**

**NEW JERSEY – February 26, 2025** – Today, Harry Lee, President and CEO of the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association, issued the following statement reacting to Governor Murphy's FY 2026 Budget Address:

*"The New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association and the 63,000 students we represent immensely appreciate Governor Murphy's continued commitment to fully fund New Jersey's education formula. His efforts to bolster education funding go a long way towards ensuring every student, regardless of their zip code, receives a top-notch education. Governor Murphy's budget proposal is a great starting point and we look forward to working with him and the Legislature to further refine New Jersey's spending priorities. Providing public charter schools with critical facilities funding is paramount. Public charter schools represent 1 in 5 students in New Jersey's most underserved communities. Increasing funding for facility upgrades like new boilers, windows, doors, and roof repairs is necessary to guarantee all students have safe, secure and modern school buildings."*

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### ***About the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association***

*The New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association (NJPCSA) is the non-profit membership association that represents the state's charter school community and, by extension, charter school students and their parents. There are currently 86 charter schools in New Jersey serving more than 63,000 students. We are committed to advancing quality public education for New Jersey's children through the cultivation of excellent public charter schools. The Association seeks to influence legislative and policy environments, leverage collective advocacy, and provide resources to support our members in developing and operating high quality, public charter schools.*