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NJPCSA Statement on Governor Murphy's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Message

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY - Thursday, February 27 -- Harry Lee, CEO and President of the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association issued the following statement reacting to Governor Murphy's FY2025 budget proposal.

"On behalf of New Jersey's public charter schools and the 62,000 students we represent, I applaud Governor Murphy's continued commitment to education. His efforts to fully fund New Jersey's education formula, including the proposed \$11.7 billion in his FY2025 budget plan, have gone a long way towards meeting the educational needs of students across the state. Despite his dedication to significantly investing in education, New Jersey has yet to achieve equity in educational funding. Public charter schools, which serve 1 in 5 students in the Garden State's most underserved communities, are in desperate need of facilities upgrades and renovations. We look forward to working with the Murphy Administration and the Legislature throughout the budget process to ensure public charter schools receive vital facilities aid through the Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program and the Emergent and Capital Maintenance Fund."

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About the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association (NJPCSA)

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 85 public charter schools in New Jersey serving more than 62,000 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.