



February 17, 2023

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of Georgia
206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
Sent via electronic mail and postal service mail

Dear Governor Kemp:

I am pleased to provide you with the FY2022 annual report from the State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia (SCSF), pursuant to the requirements outlined in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2092. The SCSF was founded in 2015, to support charter schools authorized by the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia.

We are particularly proud of the work we have done to establish the Georgia Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative, which was made possible with a GEER II grant. Since the end of FY2022, the Foundation was awarded a Charter Schools Program (CSP) State Entities Grant of \$38,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Education to continue and expand this initiative. We are very grateful for the investment you made in charter schools through the GEER II grant, which enabled us to secure additional funding to support charter school growth in Georgia.

We look forward to continuing our mission of helping schools launch, build capacity, and grow so that more of Georgia's families have access to high-quality public school choices across our great state. Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele J. Neely".

Michele J. Neely
President & CEO
mneely@scsfga.org

cc:

The Honorable Burt Jones, Lieutenant Governor of Georgia
The Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Clint Dixon, Chairman, Senate Education and Youth Committee
The Honorable Chris Erwin, Chairman, House Education Committee

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*Supporting charter
schools to launch, build,
and grow*



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History: The State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia (SCSF) was founded when SB156 gave the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) the authority to create a charitable foundation (2015). The SCSF supports the mission of the SCSC and schools authorized by the SCSC. For a list of state charter schools, visit scsfga.org.

Our Mission: We support high-quality state charter schools serving children throughout Georgia by leveraging resources to help schools launch, build capacity, and grow.

How We Do It: We provide technical assistance, grants, access to donations, and other support to state charter schools. We also offer enrichment, support, and recognition programs for school faculty, staff, and students.

The SCSF receives financial support from the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia, donations from individuals and businesses, and other grantmaking entities.





Impact by the Numbers

- Over \$430,000 in product donations to more than 30 charter schools
- Book vending machines granted to 2 schools
- 800+ books delivered to students by the *Book Wagon*
- 220 pieces of student art showcased in the *Art of Connection – Exhibition of Student Art*
- 28 educators honored through the *Shining Star Teacher* program
- 256 dozen donuts given to schools
- 15+ training sessions

A Bold Vision for the Future: In January 2022, the SCSF was awarded a \$4.1 million grant by the Office of Governor Brian Kemp as part of the Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II) to establish the Georgia Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative, a partnership between the State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia, the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia, and the Georgia Charter Schools Association. The Initiative will include intensive technical assistance and subgrants to new, replicating, and expanding charter schools in Georgia. In addition to the goal of 10 new or expanded high-quality charter schools in priority communities by 2024, the coalition will engage in



public awareness activities about charter schools. More information is available on FindaGaCharter.org. The SCSF was recently awarded a FY2022 Charter School Programs (CSP) State Entity Grant totaling \$38,295,000, which will continue and expand the initiative for five years.

Financial Supporters FY2022:

\$100,000+
State Charter Schools
Commission of
Georgia

\$75,000+
State of Georgia,
Office of Planning and
Budget (GEER II)

\$10,000+
Next Generation
Foundation (Bradley
Turner Foundation)

\$2,000+
Georgia Power
Reading is
Fundamental

\$1,000+
FEV Tutor
Lauren Holcomb
Erika Mitchell

\$500+
Adria Welcher
Jonathan Tugman
International Charter
School of Atlanta
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Chris Sears

\$250+
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PNC Foundation
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\$100+
Fitz Johnson
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Up to \$100
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Jessica Cork
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Yamrot Degefu
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