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We want to thank everyone that could join us this week for the 2021 Kick-Off Event. It was very well attended and provided a platform for participants to hear timely state and national level updates. We understand that life happens and schedules can sometimes present challenges, so if you were unable to attend live you can plug-in by listening to the recording: **The State of Charter Schools**

During the presentation, the NCAPCS outlined our legislative agenda for 2021. These are the areas in which we will focus our lobby resources during this legislative session:
1. Allow Charter Schools to continue to offer virtual instruction.
2. Increase parity of Charter Schools in grant and funding opportunities, including COVID19 funding.
3. Restrict districts' request for sensitive student information, and impose a penalty to districts for late payment of local funds.
4. Allow Charter Schools to directly bill Medicaid for reimbursement of eligible expenses.
5. Allow counties the option of providing capital funding to Charter Schools.
6. Clarify statute to guarantee Charter Schools' eligibility for teacher Residency licensure

We have several more informational sessions planned for those that would like to learn more about the benefits charter schools provide to the local economy and communities. With educational choices and options, all communities can be stronger and thrive. Our goal is to help expand awareness so that informed choices can be made.

Charter School Myths: Setting the Record Straight with Corey DeAngelis
(January 19th, 3 PM)
School Choice Has Racist Origins, School Choice Siphons Money from Public Schools, and Only Rich Parents Can Make Good Choices...all myths Corey DeAngelis takes on in his new book, School Choice Myths.

Join us to hear Corey shatter the mythology that pervades opponents' arguments against charter schools.

Corey DeAngelis is an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute's Center for Educational Freedom. He is also the director of school choice at the Reason Foundation.

School Choice, Neighborhood Improvement, and Economic Development
(February 25th, 1 PM)
North Carolina has 201 public charter schools, serving over 125,000 students. The benefits to students and their families are undisputed, but what about the benefits to the communities where charter schools are located? Dr. Bartley Danielsen of NC State University will break down the numbers for us in this informative, thought-provoking webinar.

Dr. Danielsen teaches graduate and undergraduate corporate finance courses, and he is a co-author of "Foundations of Financial Management", an international best-selling textbook now in its 14th edition.

Dr. Danielsen's research interests focus on financial market efficiency, short-sale constraints, market microstructure, and the interaction of derivatives markets with spot markets. His research

appears in the Review of Financial Studies, Real Estate Economics, the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, and numerous other high-quality academic finance and real estate journals.

Best,
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Advancing quality educational opportunities for all North Carolina children by supporting and expanding successful charter schools.

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