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STATE SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, COMMISSION

In a monumental decision the state Supreme Court justices upheld (6-3) the constitutionality of the Charter School Act in the state of WA.

“This decision is a big win for charter students and families who have been fighting tirelessly for more than three years on behalf of their schools,” said Cindi Williams, Chair of the Commission. “Parents can now be secure that their school will continue to provide the innovative, personalized education that they so greatly value.”

The decision also affirmed the authorization and oversight work of the Washington State Charter School Commission. “Today’s decision is a victory and affirmation for the students and families in charter schools around the state,” said Joshua Halsey, Executive Director for the Washington State Charter School Commission. “It sends a clear message that these students have an undisputable right to a high quality public education, and the state of Washington supports that right.”

About Washington State’s Charter School Commission

Washington State’s Charter School Commission was formed with the mission of creating a rigorous and comprehensive proposal process and to hold charters accountable to high standards of quality. The Commission is an independent state agency that exists to authorize and oversee high quality public charter schools throughout Washington with an emphasis on schools designed to expand opportunities

for at-risk students, providing leadership and oversight that is consistent with national principles and standards of charter school authorizers and the provisions of Washington’s charter school law.

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