

To Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents and Chair Boehne, and members of the NKU community.

At our meeting on November 28, 2022, the NKU Faculty Senate issued the following statement regarding the NKU Board of Regents acting as an authorizer of charter schools.

In the 2022 session, the Kentucky legislature passed HB 9, which gave authority to the Northern Kentucky University board of regents to have authorizing jurisdiction for a Kentucky public charter school pilot project. The NKU board of regents must declare by January 1, 2023 whether they confirm their status as a pilot project authorizer.

The NKU Faculty Senate opposes the board of regents serving as a charter school pilot project authorizer for the following reasons:

1. Serving as a charter school authorizer does not further the mission and vision of the university. NKU did not request to be an authorizer of the charter school pilot project.
2. Involvement as a charter school authorizer conflicts with the NKU Core Values, primarily our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
3. As members of the public education ecosystem, we are unequivocal in our support of excellence in public education across the continuum.
4. NKU has a robust partnership with the public P-12 school districts in northern Kentucky. A large portion of our student body comes from northern Kentucky high schools. Numerous NKU graduates serve as teachers, administrators, and counselors in the local schools. These partnerships must not be jeopardized.
5. Charter schools have a mixed track record of support for ALL students and their success.