# Georgia Charter Schools and Charter Systems Annual Report, 2011 – 2012

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#### Georgia's Charter Highlights

Charter growth is steady, but still driven by charter systems

Emphasis on high quality charter schools is paying off

Charter schools outperformed non-charter schools on the Reading CRCT and the ELA and Math EOCTs for each of the past five years

Non-charter schools outperformed charter schools on the Math CRCT each of the past five years -- but charters closed the gap to 0.2% in 2012



#### **A Comparative Perspective**

Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent

### National Landscape 2011-2012

41 states plus DC have charter schools

5,679 charter schools nationwide (5.4%)

2.1 million students enrolled (4.2%)

**Start-Ups: 92% of charters** 

**Conversions: 8% of charters** 

**Charter System Schools: GA only** 

### Georgia Landscape 2011-2012

53 of Georgia's 180 school districts have start-up or conversion charter schools

217 charter schools in Georgia (9.5%) [4.8% excluding charter systems]

130,492 students enrolled (7.7%) [3.5% excluding charter systems]

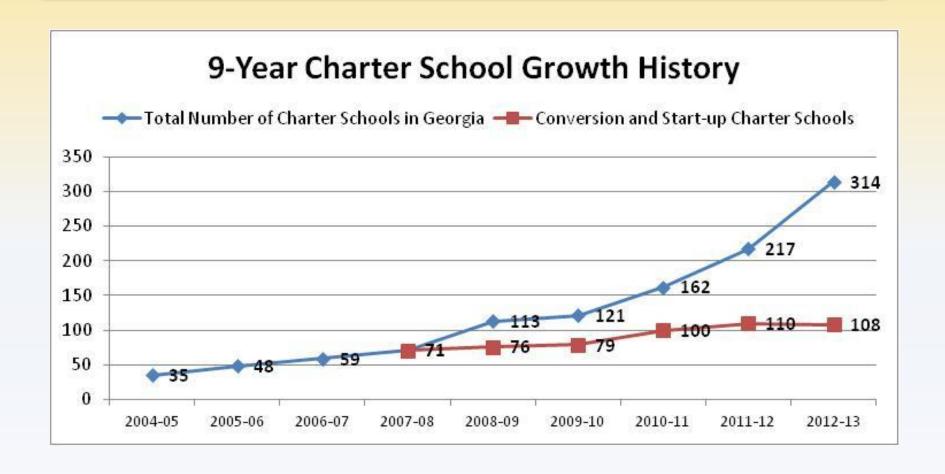
Start-Ups: 37% of charters [73% excluding charter systems]

Conversions: 14% of charters [27% excluding charter systems]

**Charter System Schools: 49% of charters** 

# Charter School and Charter System Growth

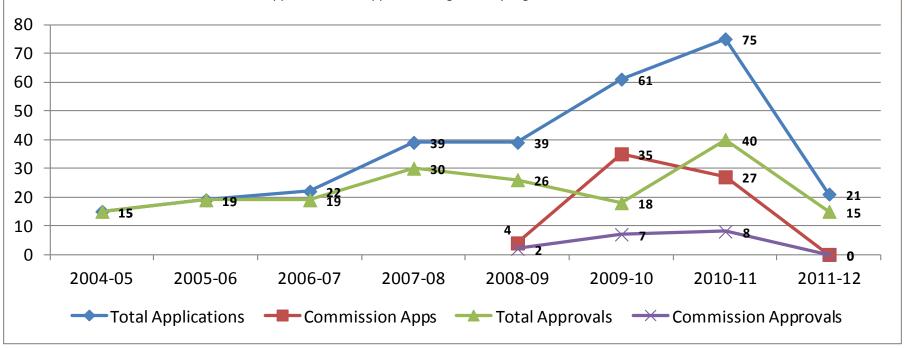
#### **Number of Charter Schools**



#### Number of Applications vs. Approvals

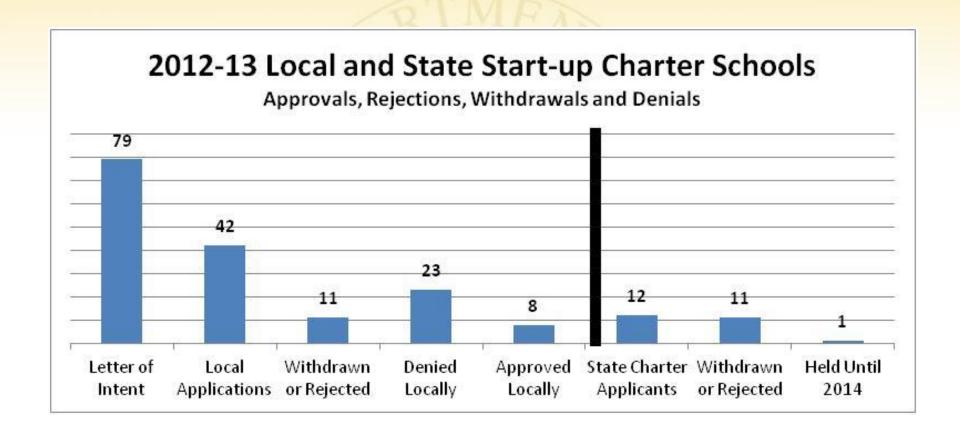
#### **History of Charter School Applications and Approvals**

Note: The 2010 number of applications and approvals is significantly higher because of Commission school transitions





#### 2012-2013 Local and State Charter Actions





# Georgia Charter School Commission School Transitions – May 2011 to February 2013

May 2011 - Georgia Supreme Court ruling leaves 16 Commission schools without an authorizer



June 2011 - 16
Commission schools
apply to become state
chartered special
schools; 7 also apply for
local charter approval



June 2011 - 3 Commission schools are approved by their local districts and 2 of these are approved by the SBOE; 4 are denied locally



June 2011 - 5
Commission schools withdraw their state charter applications; local approval for 1 is rescinded



November 2012 - 1 former commission school receives a 5-year charter renewal from the SBOE



May 2012 – The second locally-approved former Commission school receives a 2-year state charter from the SBOE



May 2012 - 1 locallyapproved former Commission school receives a 5-year charter renewal from its local district and the SBOE



June 2011 - SBOE authorizes 12 statechartered special schools to serve Commission school students



January 2013 – The 4th former commission school to receive local approval is before the SBOE for approval of a new 5-year charter



January 2013 - 6 schools serving former Commission students are recommended to the SBOE for 5-year charter renewals



February 2013 - 3 other former Commission schools will be recommended to the SBOE for 5-year charter renewals

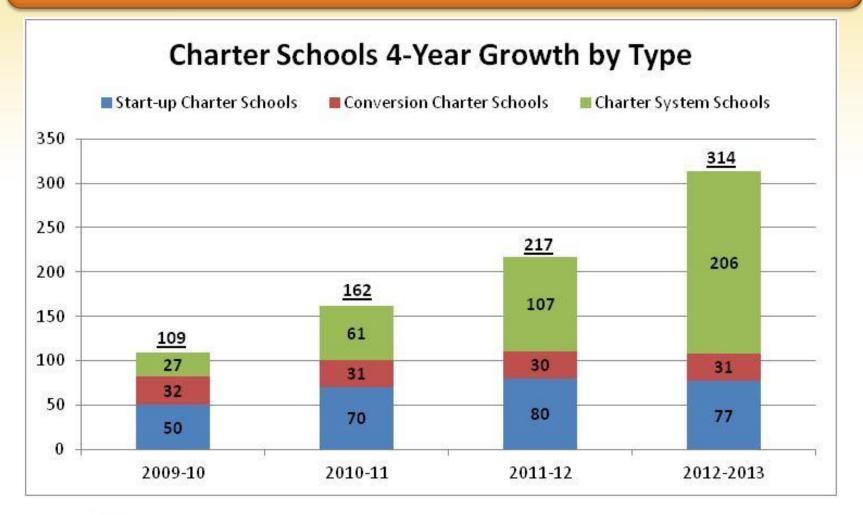


March 2013 – 14 state chartered special schools serving Commission students will be eligible to apply for new Commission charters



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#### **Charter Schools by Type**

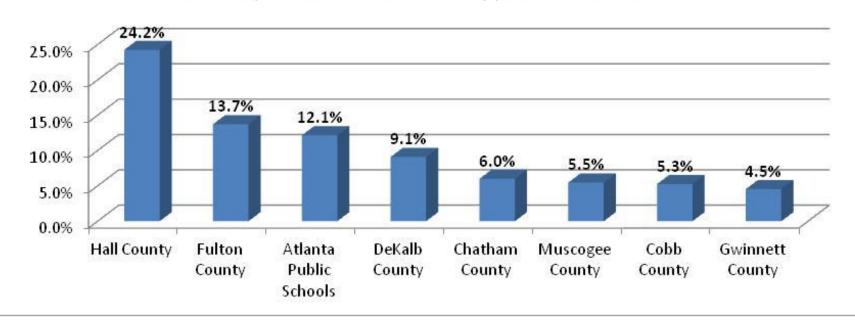




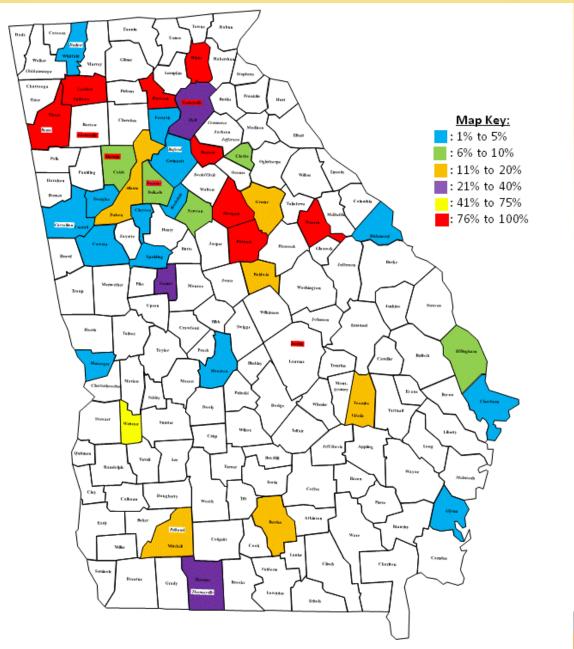
#### **Number of Charter Schools by District**

#### Number of Start-up and Conversion Charter Schools as a Percent of Total Schools in the District 2011-2012

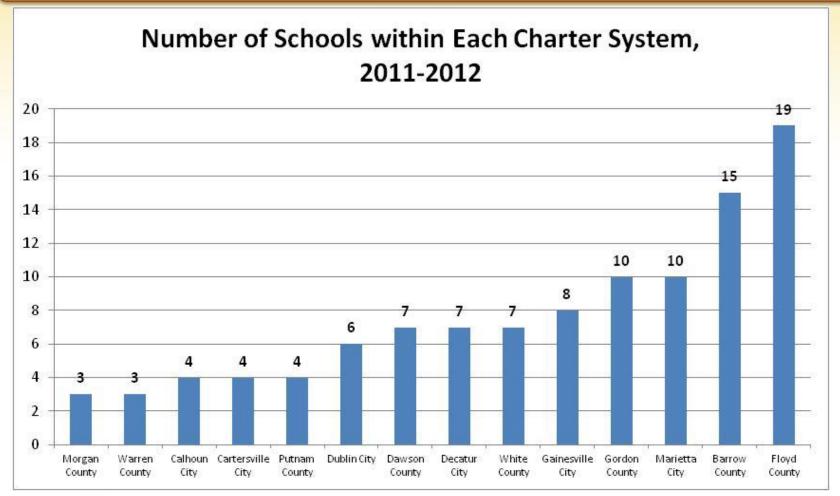
Note: Only includes districts with three (3) or more charter schools





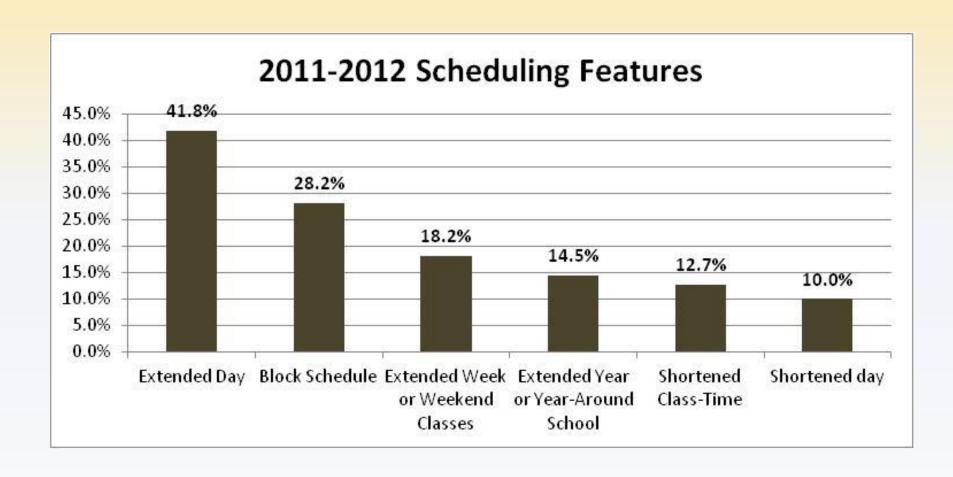


#### **Number of Charter System Schools by District**

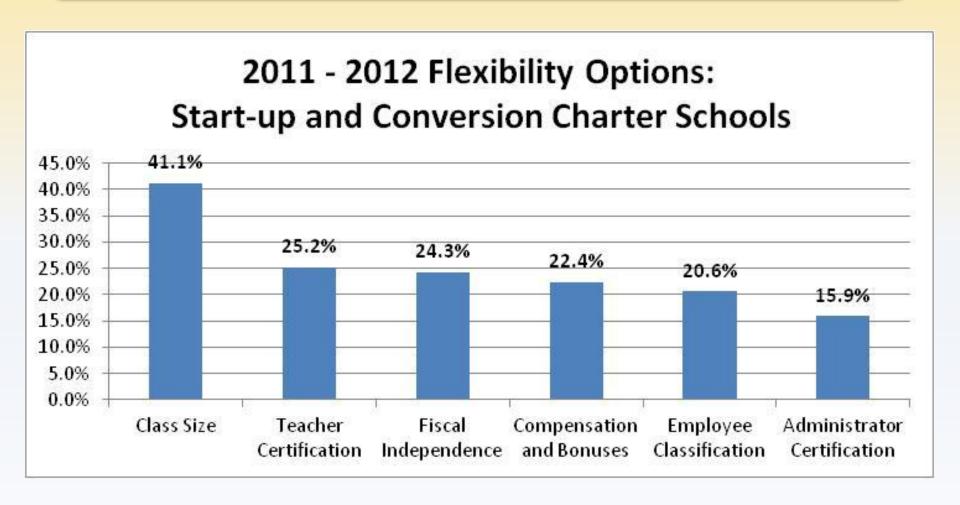




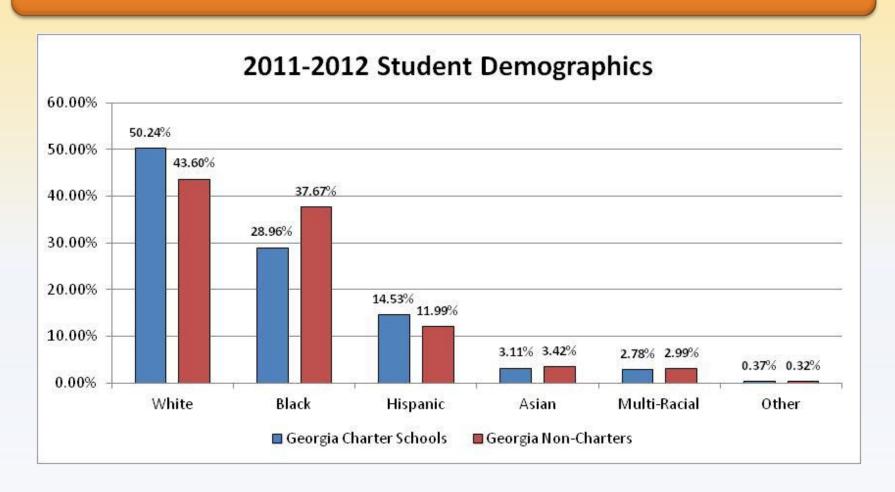
#### **Charter School Scheduling**



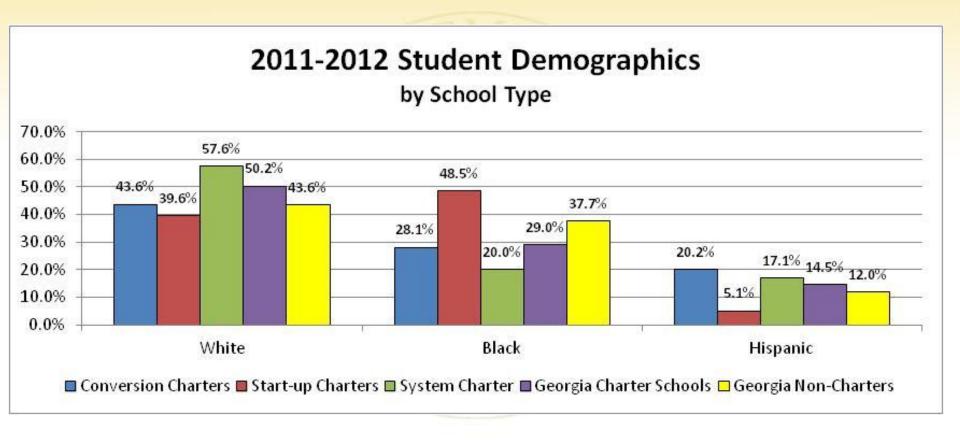
#### **Charter School Flexibility**



#### **Charter School: Student Demographics**

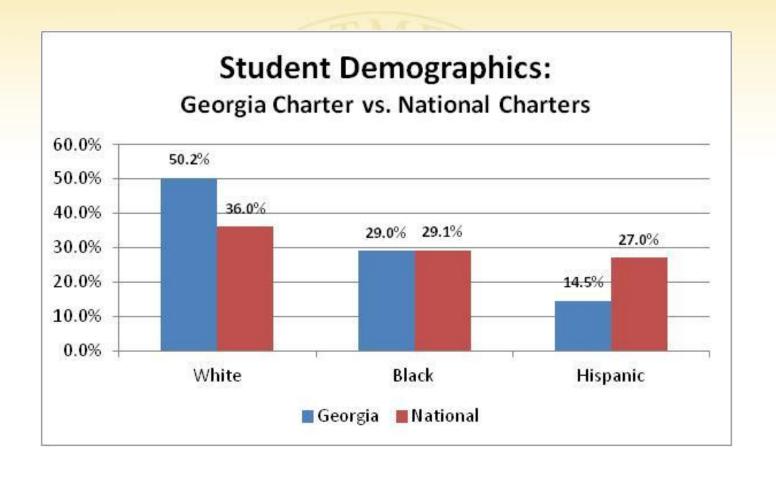


#### Student Demographics: By Charter Type





#### Student Demographics: GA vs. Nation





# Charter School and Charter System Academic Performance

#### **Charter School and Charter System 2011 – 2012 Accountability**

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#### **Reward Schools:** Performing

 4 of 78 Reward Performing Schools were Charters

#### **Reward Schools:** Progress

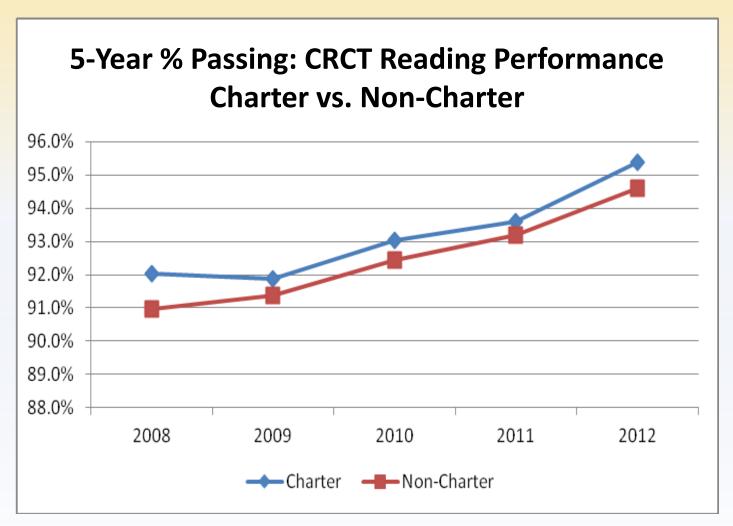
• 8 of 156 Reward High Progress Schools were Charters

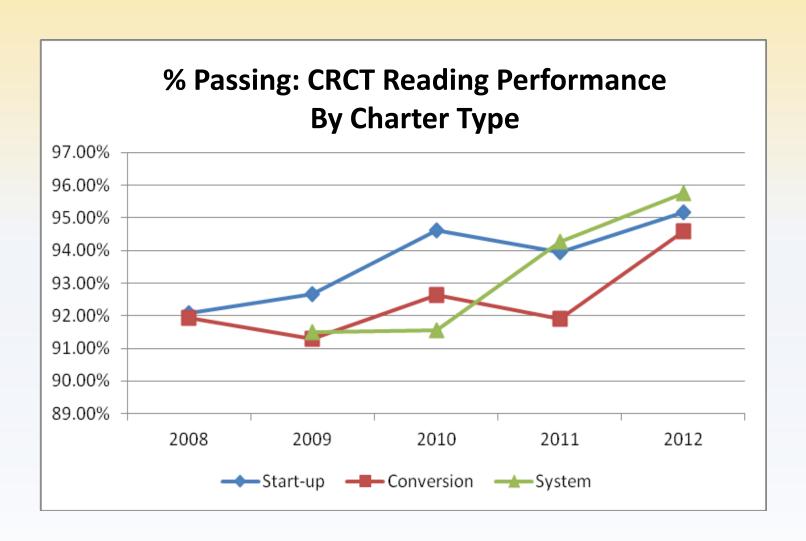
#### **Priority Schools**

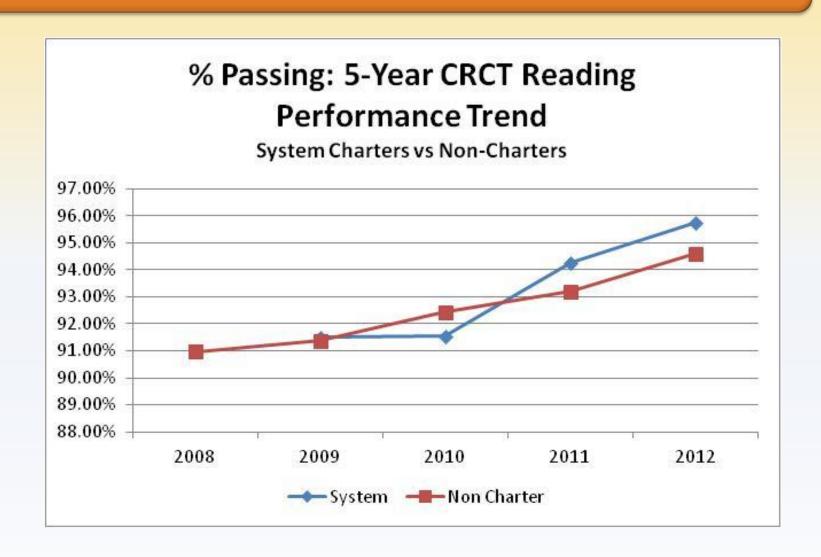
Of the 78 Priority Schools, 2 were Charter

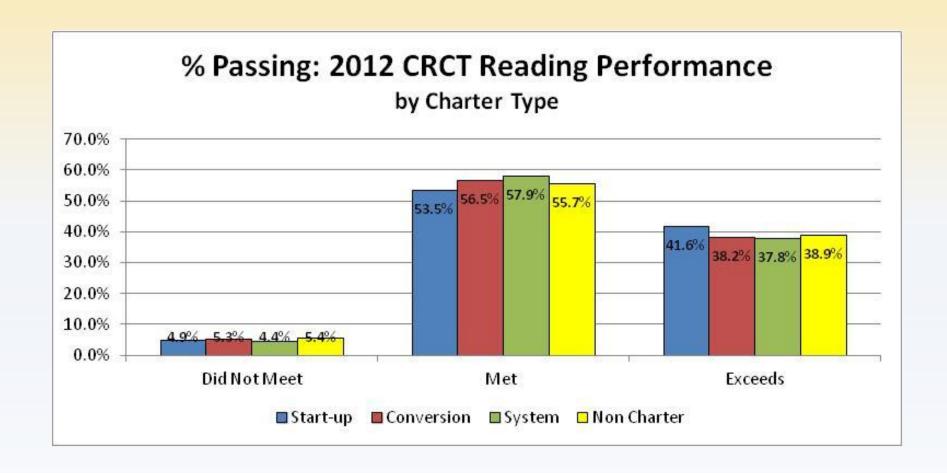
#### Focus Schools

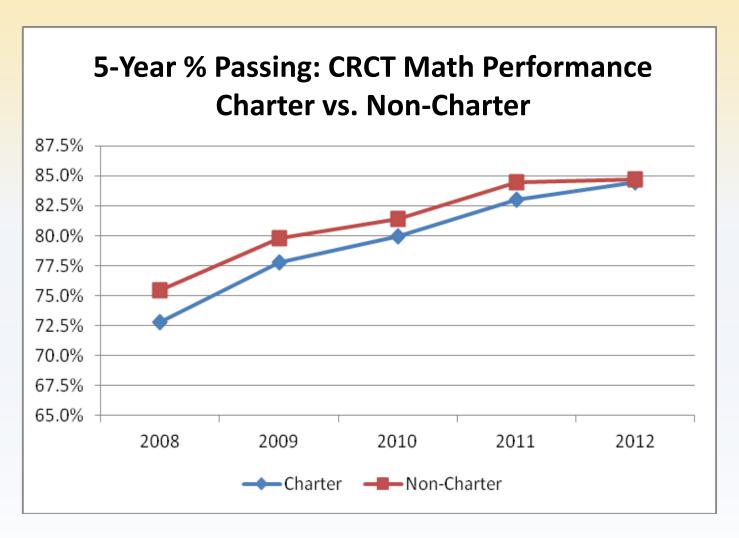
6 of 156 Focus Schools were Charter

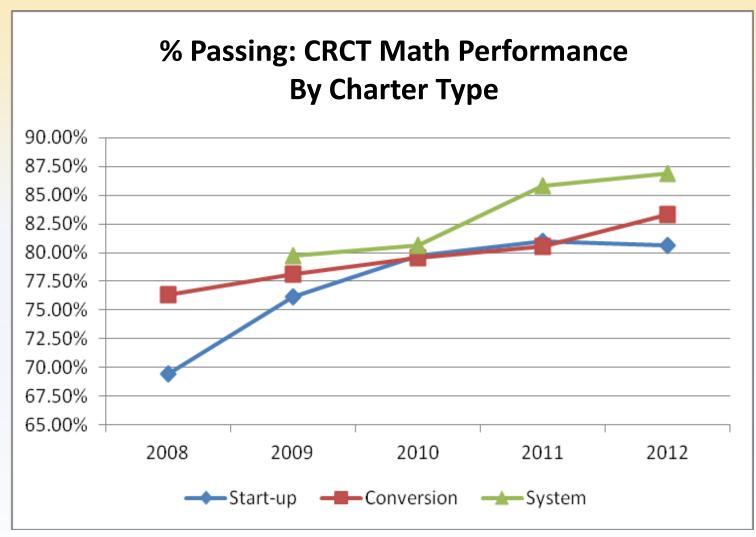


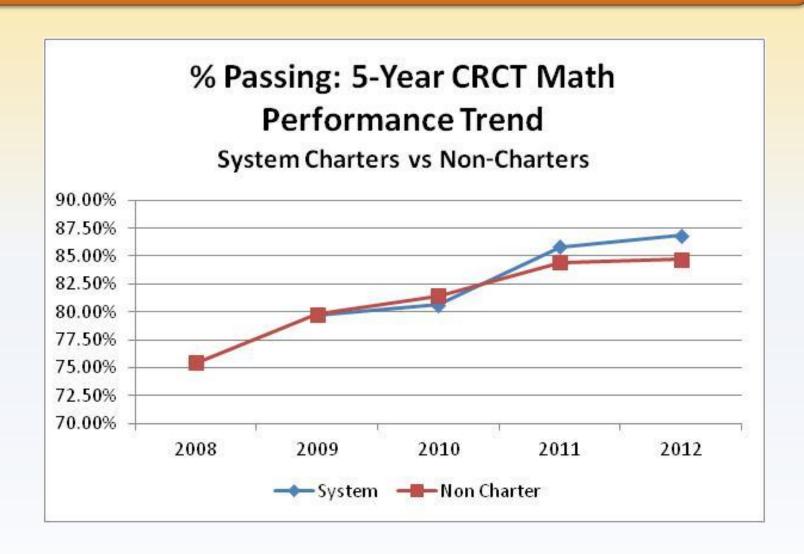


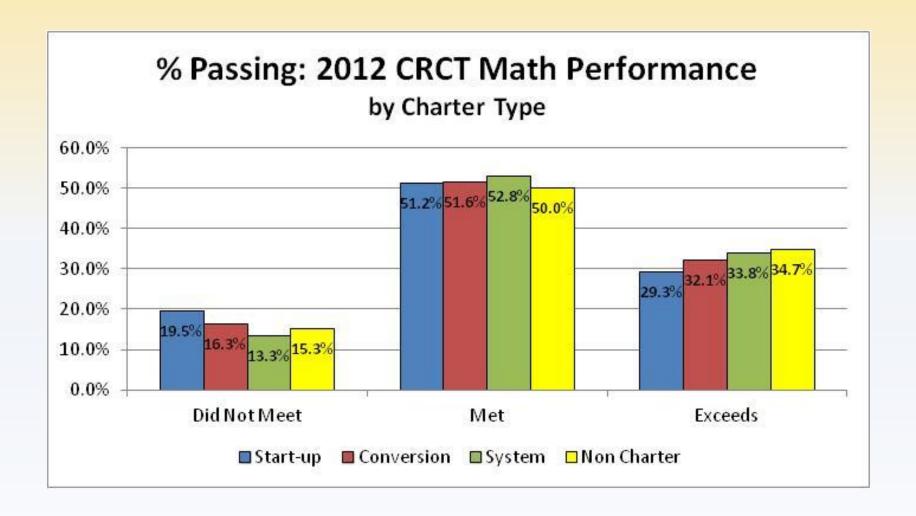


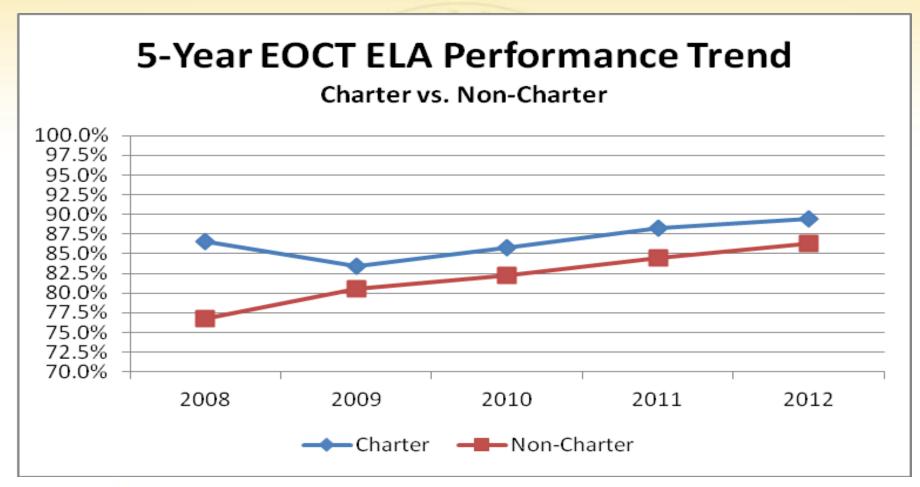




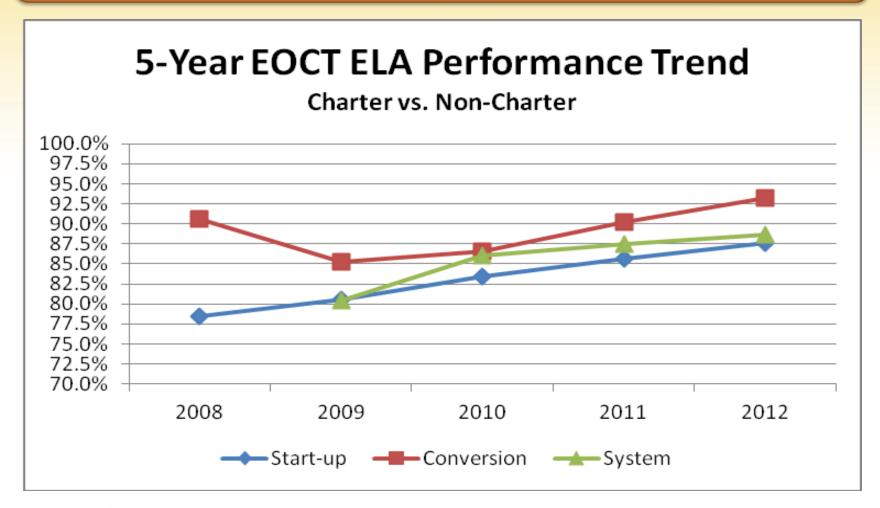




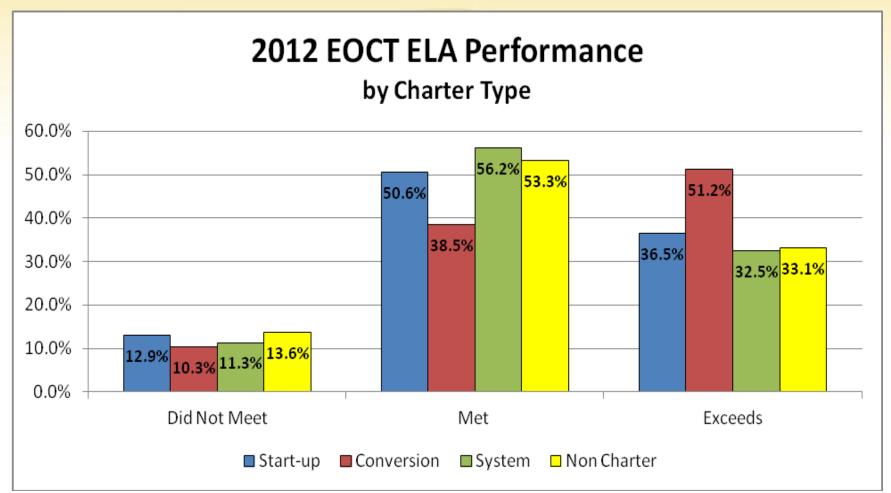




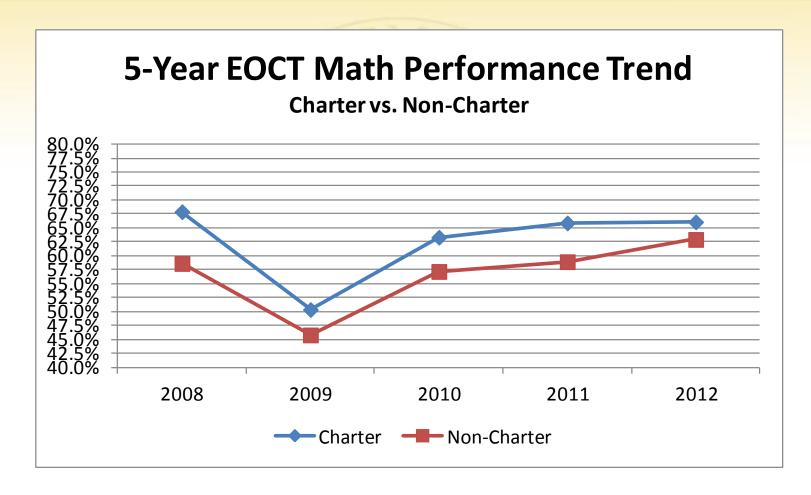




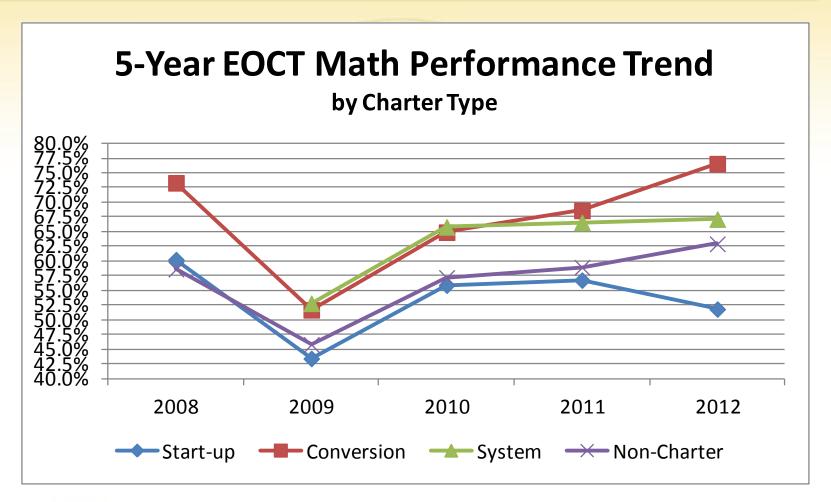




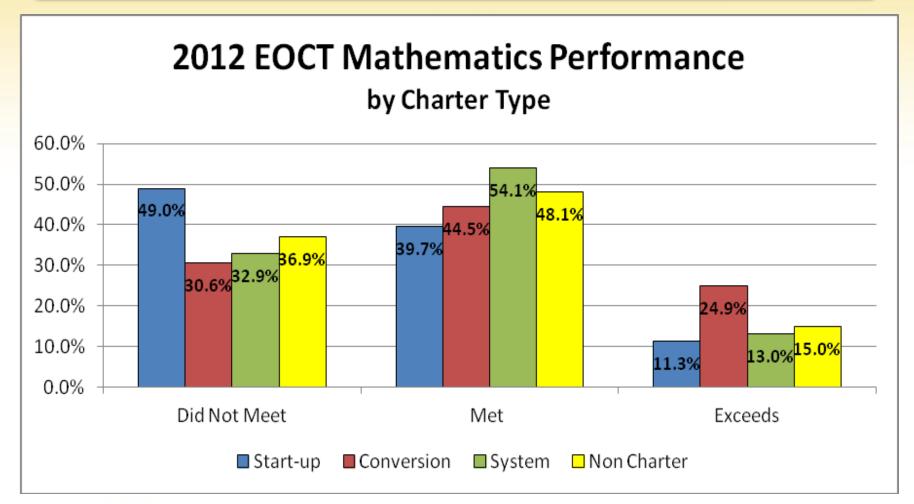














#### Where is Georgia chartering headed?

325+ approved charter schools by the end of 2013-2014

(314 now + (7 start-ups + 2 conversions + 22 charter system schools) in the pipeline = 345)

Increased communication and collaboration with local district authorizers

Expanded partnerships with CAC, TCSG, AdvancED, GCSA, GSSA, GSBA

Expanded
new charter training and
partnerships within GaDOE and
with school districts

New comprehensive Charter Schools Guidance (June 2013)

New independent authorizer – or funding fix for state-chartered special schools

(Both)



# Thank you!

