

Charter Schools Now Political Director

The Charter Schools Now Political Director will be responsible for developing and implementing a plan to inform the public about the need for and benefits of public charter schools, the positions of candidates for office regarding charter schools and issues important to charter schools, and ensuring a pro-charter majority is elected in the Texas State House and Senate. The Political Director is responsible for developing a plan to achieve the goals in the CSN Strategic Plan. This position reports to the Charter Schools Now Board of Directors and will work in close partnership with staff at CSN's sister organization, Texas Charter Schools Association.

Major Responsibilities

- Serve as chief strategist on local and state politics
- Develop and maintain CSN budget; Manage some administrative functions for CSN
- Plan and execute CSN Board meetings
- Ensure that CSN remains compliant with all federal, state, and local campaign finance laws.
- Oversee all CSN electoral efforts including:
 - Interface directly with candidates for elected office
 - Identification, with support from CSN Board, of key strategic opportunities and priority electoral races.
 - Candidate recruitment and vetting, including mobilizing candidates to support CSN and ally issues
 - Work with endorsed candidates to make sure they are running strong campaigns.
 - Coordination of candidate and district research including opposition research and demographic and quantitative analysis of electoral districts

Qualifications, Knowledge, And Skills

- A demonstrated commitment to public charter schools
- At least five years of political campaign, c4, or PAC experience
- Experience developing or managing candidate endorsement process
- Familiarity with political data, latest technologies, and best practices in the field
- Very well organized; excellent written, verbal and presentation communications skills
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate with colleagues and outside organizations and be able to multitask without sacrificing quality of work
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Independent and strong leader that is able to drive project and programs to completion in fast-paced environment
- Ability to work within a coalition of diverse politically organizations and partners
- Self-motivated – proven ability to work independently
- Ability to have significant travel schedule during campaign season
- Bachelor's Degree

Send resume to Erin Tholen, etholen@charterschoolsnow.org.