

TABLE 1. ACCESS ISSUES THAT ARISE AS CHARTER ENROLLMENT GROWS

ENROLLMENT ISSUES	RESOURCE ISSUES	STUDENT EQUITY ISSUES	ACCOUNTABILITY ISSUES	COMMUNICATION ISSUES
If schools have different enrollment processes...	If charters do not have access to free or low-cost facilities...	If charters cannot or do not serve a proportional share of students in each grade or the highest needs students , including students with disabilities, English learners, and students who transfer during the year...	If charter authorizers and districts have different criteria for opening and closing schools...	If charters become a more visible part of the education landscape...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families may struggle to navigate multiple systems. • Districts and charters may face uncertainty related to student counts and funding as students move on and off waiting lists at the start of the year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The supply of schools may not match the demand, leaving some families with many choices, while others have few. • Districts may face intense charter competition in some communities and serve the entire student population in others. • Fewer high-quality charters may open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some families may have few or no options. • Districts must find a placement for those students. • Charters may face criticism for failing to serve all students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families may have fewer quality school options because fewer higher-performing schools are replacing lower-performing schools. • Low-performing schools, including district or charter, may be able to continue operating for too long. • There may be fewer opportunities for excellent charters to open and grow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families may want more opportunities to influence and engage with charters. • Disparities between charter and district practices may draw increasing attention and scrutiny to charter leaders.
If the same information and metrics are not available for all schools...	If charter schools do not have access to free or low-cost student transportation...	If some schools are more apt to use exclusionary discipline policies, such as expulsions and out-of-school suspensions...	If some schools are evaluated using accountability systems that are less rigorous than others...	If the district and charters do not have an avenue to communicate with each other...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families may struggle to compare schools and make educated choices for their children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families must assume the burden of transporting their children to school, or they will have fewer feasible school choices. • Charters must re-direct other funds to transportation or be less accessible to some students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some students may find themselves moving from multiple schools. • Districts must find a placement for those students (and some students may drop out). • Charters may face criticism for failing to serve all students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those schools will appear to families and the public to be better than they truly are. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will struggle to address the issues in this table to the detriment of families, districts, and charters.