



Charter School Monthly Market Update

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Future Events

Upcoming Conferences

Dates	State	Conference
March 9 - 11	GA	Georgia Charter Schools Conference 2026
March 23 - 25	SC	Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina 2026 Leadership Summit
March 24 - 25	NC	North Carolina Coalition for Charter Schools NC Charter Advocacy Summit 2026

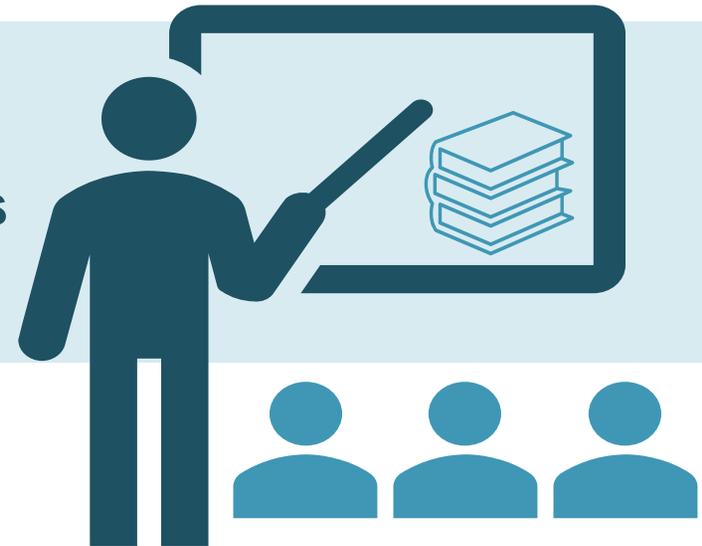
If you are attending one of these conferences, reach out to set up a meeting!

Conference	Exhibiting?	Piper Contact
Georgia Charter Schools Conference 2026	Yes Booth Number: #42	Seth Wagner: seth.wagner@psc.com
Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina 2026 Leadership Summit	No	Nick Hagen: nicholas.hagen@psc.com
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PIPER SANDLER KEY TOPIC HIGHLIGHT

Kentucky Supreme Court: Charter Schools



In February, the Kentucky Supreme Court unanimously struck down House Bill 9, declaring that funding charter schools with taxpayer money violates the state's constitution. Justice Michelle Keller explained that the ruling was based strictly on the plain text of the Kentucky Constitution. Specifically, Section 184 dictates that public education funds can only be used for traditional "common schools." While charter schools have been legal in Kentucky since 2017, none have opened due to a lack of funding. House Bill 9 attempted to solve this by classifying charter schools as "public" to grant them access to state education dollars. The ruling represents another major roadblock for charter school advocates in Kentucky. Supporters claim these schools provide valuable alternative options for families seeking the best education for their kids. Conversely, critics argue that charter schools "take essential resources away from traditional public schools and have the ability to cherry-pick their students".

Sources:

- 1.) Austin Horn, Valarie Honeycutt Spears, Lexington Herald Leader, "Kentucky Supreme Court rules GOP-backed charter schools bill unconstitutional"
- 2.) Dylan Lovan, Associated Press and ABC News, "Kentucky Supreme Court rules that charter schools law is unconstitutional"
- 3.) Lucas Aulbach, USA Today, "KY Supreme Court rules law funding charter schools unconstitutional"

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MOODY'S REPORT

Moody's 2026 Quarterly Education Report

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Key Takeaways for Charter Schools:

The Federal vs. State Divide: Following the U.S. Department of Education's 2025 decision to scale back oversight on federal grants, charter schools gained more freedom in how they spend funds. However, this lack of federal regulation means states are now entirely responsible for keeping schools accountable.

The Risks of Lax Oversight: States with relaxed regulations offer charter schools lower startup costs and less paperwork. However, this lack of oversight can allow hidden financial, academic, or management issues to snowball into catastrophic failures, such as bankruptcy or school closures.

States Stepping Up: To prevent these failures, states like California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and South Carolina are introducing stricter laws. These new rules mandate things like forensic audits, stricter financial reporting, and more proactive oversight from local districts and charter authorizers.

Impact on Well-Run vs. Poorly-Run Schools: For charter schools that already practice good governance and transparency, these new state laws will not be a burden and may actually boost investor and public confidence. Conversely, schools with weak or secretive management will struggle to adapt and face a high risk of losing their charters.

The Bottom Line: Moving forward, the most resilient charter schools will be those with independent boards, strong financial liquidity, and a history of compliance. Those lacking these qualities will be highly vulnerable to policy shifts and reputational damage.

Source:

1.) Moody's, "Education Quarterly : Issues to Watch in 2026"

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SURVEY

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Take the survey to let us know
your thoughts:

Survey Link:
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MARKET ACTIVITY

In the last three weeks, there have been five (5) primary market Charter School transactions totaling to \$241.99 million in par amount. Of those transactions, four (4) were non-rated with a rates ranging from 6.125-7.250% and one (1) was non-investment grade with rates ranging from 5.750-5.750%.

RECENT PRICINGS

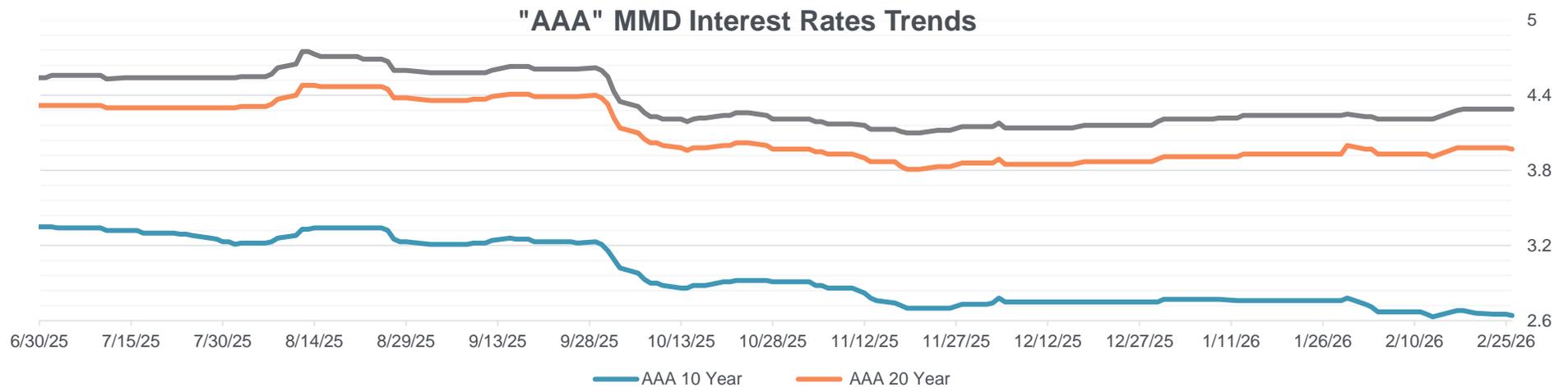
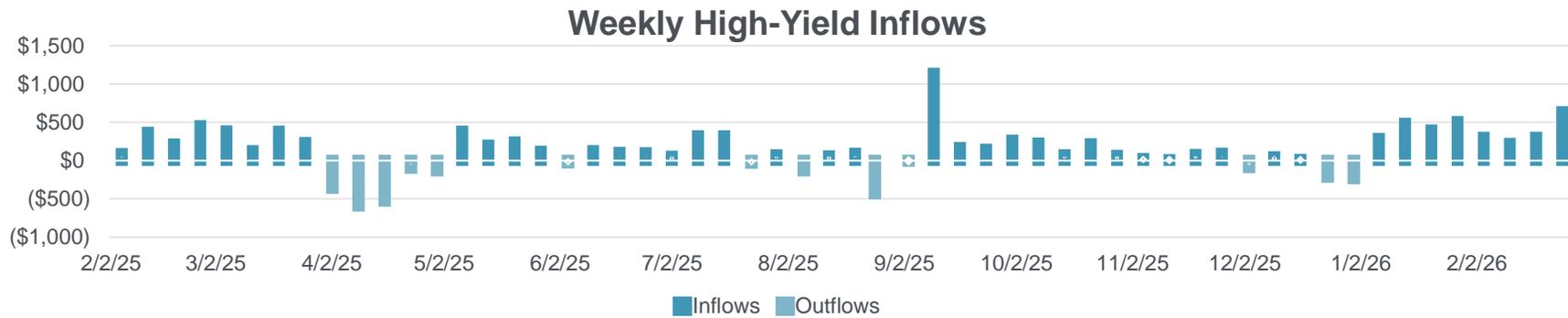
Week Priced	Charter School	Rating (Moody's/S&P)	(\$ Par Amount ¹	State	Final Maturity	Long Coupon	Long Yield	Long Spread
2/9/2026	Zeta Charter Schools	NR/BB	167,680,000	NY	6/1/2066	5.750%	5.910%	1.60
2/16/2026	Millville Public Charter School	NR/NR	10,595,000	NJ	3/1/2061	6.250%	6.500%	2.26
2/16/2026	Arts and Technology Academy of Pontiac	NR/NR	18,630,000	MI	12/15/2056	7.250%	7.750%	3.52
2/16/2026	John Hancock Charter School	NR/NR	10,275,000	UT	10/15/2034	6.125%	6.375%	3.98
2/16/2026	Logos Preparatory Academy	NR/NR	34,810,000	TX	6/1/2066	6.250%	6.480%	2.25

1.) Includes Taxable Tail
Sources: Piper Sandler Research

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MARKET OUTLOOK

The municipal bond sector closed out February on a high note, solidifying its position as a leading asset class early in the year. Although municipal bonds lagged behind a strong Treasury rally last week, the long end of the curve still performed well. In fact, market activity has been heavily concentrated on these longer-term municipal bonds, highlighting where investor demand is currently strongest. This robust demand was also evident in the high-yield sector, which remained positive and recorded inflows of \$640.99 million during the week of February 23rd.

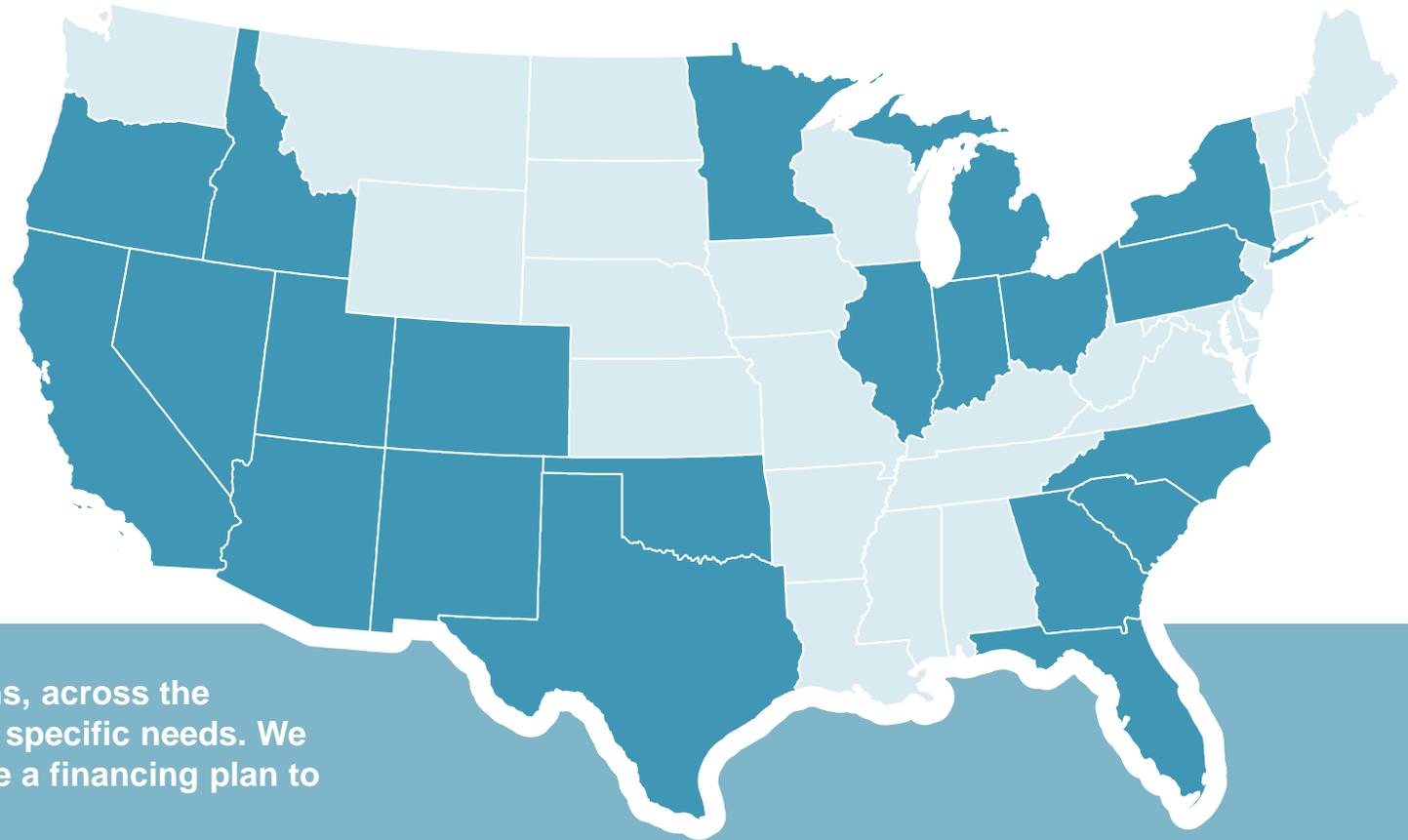


Sources: Bloomberg, TM3 and Piper Sandler Research. Jessica Lerner, Bond Buyer "Munis see small gains, 10-year UST falls below 4%"

Charter School Facility Financing at a Glance

Piper Sandler is the leading provider of facility financings for charter schools across the nation. Our goal is to help charter schools purchase a facility they can afford that meets their needs by providing the maximum amount of funds at the lowest overall cost. Piper Sandler is able to finance a wide range of projects:

- Purchase of land and facilities
- New facility construction
- Renovations or repurposing of existing facilities
- Acquisition of currently leased facility
- Refinancing of existing debt
- Modular financing
- Equipping and furnishing facilities
- Technology improvements
- Working capital



We provide financing solutions, across the country, tailored to meet your specific needs. We listen to you first – then create a financing plan to achieve your objectives.

Charter School Facility Financing at a Glance

Who's Qualified?

Piper Sandler has completed over 200 transactions for charter schools across the nation. This includes a wide variety of school structures:

- Obligated groups
- Stand-alone schools
- CMO programs
- Building corp LLCs
- Leasehold mortgages
- Modified revenues and leases
- Start-up schools

Why Piper Sandler?

Our focus is the execution of the transaction at hand through the delivery of superior client service, resulting in enduring, long-term relationships: Visit www.pipersandler.com/charterschools for more information on how Piper Sandler can help your charter school.

For more information on indicative interest rates, please contact Nick Hagen: nicholas.hagen@psc.com or Seth Wagner: seth.wagner@psc.com



Recent Senior Managed Transactions

\$19,705,000



Nova Classical Academy
Charter School Lease Revenue
and Refunding Bonds
Series 2025

Sole Manager
12/23/2025

NOVA CLASSICAL ACADEMY, MN

- Proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds were used to finance the redemption and prepayment of a portion of NCA's Series 2016A and 2021A Bonds, Fund the acquisition, construction, and equipping of an approximately 28,363 square foot building, Fund a deposit to the Series 2025 Reserve Fund, and Pay costs of issuance relating to the Series 2025 Bonds. .
- Piper Sandler served as sole manager of Nova Classical Academy's issuance of Charter School Lease Revenue and Refunding Bonds.
- Nova Classical Academy (NCA) is a K-12 public charter school located in Saint Paul, Minnesota. NCA commenced its first year of operations in 2003, notably becoming the first classical public charter school in Minnesota. Guided by its core mission, NCA fosters a supportive community and challenges its students through a systematic, accelerated college-preparatory education rooted in the classical tradition. Currently, NCA is in its 23rd year of operation, having served approximately 1,039 students during the 2024-2025 school year.

\$7,500,000



Academy for Classical
Education
2025 Bank Loan

Placement Agent
10/10/2025

ACADEMY FOR CLASSICAL EDUCATION, GA

- Proceeds of the 2025 Bank Loan were used to finance the construction of an approximately 27,000 square foot gymnasium that will include a separate multi-purpose space, weight room and locker rooms, fund the replacement of an existing school facility parking lot, and pay certain costs of issuance relating to the 2025 Bank Loan
- Piper Sandler served as a placement agent for Academy for Classical Education's issuance of their 2025 Bank Loan.
- Academy for Classical Education (ACE) is a K-12 charter school in Macon, Georgia that has been in operation since 2014. ACE was approved for its original charter in 2013 and has been renewed two times, including its most recent five-year renewal in 2025 ending on June 30, 2030. ACE is authorized by the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia ("SCSC"). A five-year term is the longest charter term available in Georgia.

Recent Senior Managed Transactions

\$18,460,000



Miami Community Charter
Schools
Educational Facilities Revenue
Bonds
Series 2025A
Sole Manager
09/17/2025

MIAMI COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS, FL

- Proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds were used to finance construction and equipping of an approximately 38,000 square foot building expansion, fund modifications and renovations, and fund installation of furnishings, fixtures, equipment; and site related improvements.
- Piper Sandler served as sole manager of Miami Community Schools issuance of Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds.
- Miami Community Charter Schools (MCCS) is a K-12 public charter institution that encompasses elementary, middle, and high school education in Florida City, Florida. The mission of MCCS is to cultivate a faculty dedicated to empowering students through mentorship, emphasizing accountability by instilling values of responsibility, mutual respect, and open communication.

\$22,695,000



Athlos Leadership Academy
Charter School Revenue and
Refunding Bonds
Series 2025
Sole Manager
08/28/2025

ATHLOS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY- BROOKYN PARK, MN

- Proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds were used to refund Athlos Leadership Academy's outstanding 2015A Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds and fund certain capital maintenance for the School Facility
- Piper Sandler served as sole manager of Athlos Leadership Academy's issuance through the City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota
- Athlos Leadership Academy is a Pre-K-8 public charter school that began its first year of operations and instruction during the 1994-1995 academic year. Currently, ALA is in its 30th year of operation. ALA believes in providing students with a challenging and comprehensive high school and college preparatory education through high standards for academic scholarship, fitness and nutrition, character development, and student leadership opportunities.

Recent Senior Managed Transactions

\$5,805,000



Valley Inquiry Charter School
Charter School
Revenue Bonds
Series 2025A

Sole Manager
07/10/2025

VALLEY INQUIRY CHARTER SCHOOL, OR

- Proceeds of the Series 2025A Bonds were used to finance the acquisition of an existing charter school facility and the construction and equipment of portable units on the site of VICs's Existing Facilities
- Piper Sandler served as sole manager of Valley Inquiry Charter School issuance through Oregon Facilities Authority
- Valley Inquiry Charter School is a tuition free public charter school established in 2005 as Baker Charter. In March 2010, the School achieved a milestone by becoming the first public elementary school in the Pacific Northwest authorized as a PYP IB World School. Following this achievement, the institution rebranded itself as Valley Inquiry Charter School to better reflect its educational philosophy and mission. Today, VICs serves approximately 158 students in grades K-5, maintaining its focus on inquiry-based learning and international education

\$23,605,000



Redmond Proficiency Academy
Charter School Revenue Bonds
Series 2025

Sole Manager
05/29/2025

REDMOND PROFICIENCY ACADEMY, OR

- Proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds were used to currently refund Series 2015A & Series 2016A. The proceeds were also used to refinance an outstanding bank loan to acquire a building, reimburse the school for improvements on a facility and fund construction on a existing facility
- Piper Sandler served as sole manager of Redmond Proficiency Academy issuance through Oregon Facilities Authority
- Redmond Proficiency Academy began operating in 2009. Currently, RPA operates a middle and high school with over 900 students enrolled. RPA provides students with a proficiency-based education in a personalized learning environment through the creation of learning opportunities that are aligned to the State, national and industry standards.

Piper Sandler Expertise Serving Charter School Borrowers

A National Charter School Leader

Charter School Practice Overview

- **National Leader:** Since 2007, Piper Sandler has completed over 223 financings, cementing our status as a top-ranked underwriter of charter school municipal bonds.
- **Long-Term Client Relationships:** Many of our client relationships go back many years and are a testament to our ability to effectively partner with our clients, instead of viewing investment banking as a transaction-based business.

Charter School Public Finance by the Numbers

223+

Lead-managed charter school financings since 2007

21+

States in which Piper Sandler has successfully completed charter school financing

\$3.4 Billion

Par Amount Underwritten Since 2007

Historical Charter School Experience

 <p>\$16,965,000</p> <p>Great Oaks Academy Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2025</p> <p>Sole Manager 02/13/2025</p>	 <p>\$28,070,000</p> <p>Prairie Seeds Academy Charter School Lease Revenue & Refunding Bonds Series 2024</p> <p>Sole Manager 12/4/2024</p>	 <p>\$31,160,000</p> <p>Constellation Schools Refunding and Improvement Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2024A&B</p> <p>Sole Manager 12/16/2024</p>	 <p>\$34,755,000</p> <p>Alliance College-Ready Schools Charter School Revenue Bonds Series 2024</p> <p>Sole Manager 11/7/2024</p>	 <p>\$10,745,000</p> <p>Alta Public Schools Charter School Revenue Bonds Series 2024</p> <p>Sole Manager 11/5/2024</p>
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