

**NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL SHOWCASE  
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**CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

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**TOPIC: One City at a Time: Growing Charter Schools in Your City**

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Jeannie Allen** - Founder of Center for Education Reform

How to get to the next level - high quality schools everywhere

- fiscal equity and multiple authorizers should be non-negotiable

**Nelson Smith** - President, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

How to get to the next level - one city at a time

- always make it possible for the educational entrepreneur who has the single school idea to get a charter; the network of schools that are being replicated are great but the single, high quality school are also excellent and should be encouraged and supported
- closing low performing schools is a routine outcome of the charter model
- priorities
  - lift caps on charter schools
  - multiple authorizers; get feds to mandate
  - funding equity
  - funding for facilities
  - get federal funding support for resources and the implement NCLB