



STAND FOR
ALL
STUDENTS

**DEFEND GREAT
SCHOOLS
MOBILIZATION
GUIDE**

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LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

STOP AB 1505, AB 1506, AB 1507 & SB 756



“What is happening would end our movement. We will not go quietly. We will not allow them to rip opportunity from students where they are finding belonging.”

Myrna Castrejón

President & CEO, CA Charter Schools Association

Legislation introduced by Sacramento politicians will be voted on in the next 30 days that would result in the closure of hundreds of high-quality charter schools throughout the state and trap vulnerable students in failing schools by banning the opening of new charter schools. Taken together, these bills would eliminate the right of existing charter schools to appeal non-renewal decisions, grant districts broad and subjective discretion to deny new charter schools without regard to the quality of the new petition, and impose a five-year moratorium on new charter schools.

AB 1505 would:

- Eliminate the right of charter schools to appeal denial and non-renewal decisions to the County and State Board of Education. The right to appeal a decision that will impact students is a critical safety net that should not be terminated.
- Allow renewals to be denied based on considerations other than a proven track record of student academic performance being *the* most important factor.
- Reduce the charter renewal term to as few as two years, creating instability for teachers and families and mandating significant new costs for both charter schools and authorizers.

AB 1506 traps students in failing schools by imposing arbitrary caps on the number of students that can attend a charter school in a community. This blanket statewide policy eliminates local control and traps students in schools that aren't serving them well.

AB 1507 limits access to high-quality, innovative educational programs by restricting where charter schools can locate.

SB 756 (Durazo) would impose a five-year moratorium on new charter schools unless the harmful policies contained in AB 1505, AB 1506, and AB 1507 are enacted.



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DEFEND YOUR GREAT SCHOOL

DO NOW

Join A Coalition Letter Customized for Your Representative

Sign-on to a coalition letter with other charter schools in your legislative district, addressed to your legislators to voice your opposition to AB 1505, AB 1506 and AB 1507 by submitting your school leader's electronic signature, name, title, and school's logo to governmentaffairs@ccsa.org no later than May 10. View the coalition letters here: [Opposing AB 1505 & AB 1506](#), [Opposing AB 1507](#), [Opposing SB 756](#).

Meet with your Legislators

Reach out to your State Senator and Assemblymember's local office now for a personal meeting during Fridays in May. No need to travel to Sacramento! For support, contact your Regional Advocate or email: governmentaffairs@ccsa.org

Send an Email to the Governor's Charter School Task Force

The Charter Task Force needs to hear from you! [Email them today](#) and remind them that students shouldn't be denied the opportunity to receive a great public education. Share the impact that your school has locally by describing how you uniquely serve vulnerable students and provide a high-quality and accessible public education option. [Read more here](#).

Educate Parents and Staff about AB 1505-7 and SB 756

Send an e-mail communication to your families by May 10th with the following message:

"A package of bills – [AB 1505](#), [AB 1506](#), [AB 1507](#), and [SB 756](#) – has been proposed by Sacramento politicians that could impact hundreds of high-quality charter schools like ours throughout the state. Learn more and make your voice heard today by visiting www.standforallstudents.org now!"

DO WEEKLY THROUGH MAY 31ST

Personally Call your Legislators

Call your State Senator and Assemblymember once a week up to May 31st. Use the following links to be connected to your representatives and ensure that your action is counted as part of our statewide advocacy effort: Text "4Kids" to 52886 or click [here](#) to be connected.

Personally Write your Legislators

Send a personal, handwritten letters to your State Senator and Assemblymember. Click [here](#) to find your legislator's address and use the following templates as a guide: Letter in Opposition to [AB 1505-7](#) and Letter in Opposition to [SB 756](#)



Ask Teachers, Students, and Parents to Write their Legislators

Customize this letter in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and print copies. Ask your parents, students, and teachers to add their personal message to the Assemblymember and State Senator who represents your school(s). Collect the letters, put them in a big envelope, and mail or hand-deliver them to your representatives by May 17th. Aim for 50% participation among your teachers, students, and parents.

Be Active on Social Media

Make sure that people know where you stand on these bills and invite them to learn more and take action before it's too late!

Sample Posts for your Personal Facebook

"Sacramento politicians are trying to close high-quality charter schools like ours. The vote will happen in the next 30 days! Make your voice heard before it's too late! Visit www.standforallstudents.org to demand that your legislator prioritize #kidsnotpolitics and #defendgreatschools"

"Los políticos de Sacramento están tratando de cerrar escuelas chárter de alta calidad como la nuestra. Haga escuchar su voz hoy visitando www.standforallstudents.org o envíe un mensaje de texto de AZUL al 52886 y exija que su legislador priorice #KidsNotPolitics

Sample Posts for your School's Social Media

"Sign your name to the growing list of parents, teachers, community leaders, faith leaders who are urging legislators to stand up for ALL kids, not just some. [Click here](#)"

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"Los políticos de Sacramento han propuesto una serie de proyectos de ley – [AB 1505](#), [AB 1506](#), y [AB 1507](#) – que podrían afectar a cientos de escuelas chárter de alta calidad como el nuestro en todo el estado. **¡Aprende más y haz que tu voz se escuche hoy!**"

Sample Tweets for your Personal Social Media

"Sacramento politicians are trying to close high-quality charters schools like ours. Demand that your legislator prioritizes #kidsnotpolitics"

"Los políticos de Sacramento están tratando de cerrar escuelas de alta calidad como la nuestra. Exija que su legislador dé prioridad a #KidsNotPolitics"

Sample Graphics for Either Social Media



CHARTER SCHOOL ADVOCATE CALENDAR

Week	Legislative Activity	Take Action to Defend Great Schools
April 29 – May 3	AB 1505 and AB 1506 are headed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Schedule district visits with your State Senator and Assemblymember ✓ Email your school community one of the sample messages above and post on your social media channels linking families to www.standforallstudents.org ✓ Email the Charter School Task Force
May 6 – 10	AB 1507 advances to the Assembly floor for a vote. It must be approved by May 31 or it dies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Email your logo and signature to governmentaffairs@ccsa.org to join the coalition letters ✓ Write thoughtful handwritten letters yourself to your Assemblymember and Senator ✓ Call your Assemblymember and Senator ✓ Confirm district visits with your legislator ✓ Post on your personal and school social media channels
May 13 – 17	5/17: Deadline for whether AB 1505 & AB 1506 advance to the Assembly floor or die in the Appropriations Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ask your parents and students to write letters using our template ✓ Call your Assemblymember and Senator ✓ Conduct district visits with your legislator and send an email to governmentaffairs@ccsa.org to share outcomes ✓ Post on your personal and school social media channels
May 20 – 24	Possible Assembly floor vote on AB 1505 and AB 1506. Must get approved by May 31 or bills die.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Call your Assemblymember and Senator ✓ Ask your teachers to write letters ✓ Post on your personal and school social media channels
May 28 – 31	Possible Assembly floor vote on AB 1505 and AB 1506. Must get approved by May 31 or bills die. 5/31 deadline for when bills must be passed by house of origin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Call your Assemblymember and Senator ✓ Post on your personal and school social media channels

