



EdVoice Statement on AB 1505 and AB 1507

The proposed changes to the charter public school law in California represent a setback for students and families trapped in zip-code assigned historically failing schools and denial of a real choice for an equitable opportunity to access a quality public education and succeed in life.

While some high-performing schools could be re-authorized for an extra two years, schools unquestionably providing strong academic programs for students and best-fit choices for parents would be subject to additional denial criteria unrelated to the academic achievement of students.

The very adults in the districts that have failed the students and their families for decades would be given broad discretion to deny the replication of an exceptional charter and the expansion of existing successful charters trying to accommodate overwhelming parent demand, based on a mere scintilla of evidence.

Oddly, charter schools not successfully serving their student body would be given additional lifelines and not closed immediately.