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## **EdVoice Statement on AB 77 (as amended June 23)**

“We support the adjustment to hardship exemptions on cash deferrals. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

**However, we strongly oppose the charter school or any other quality school growth enrollment moratorium.**

Thousands of parents have found charters and other schools open, safe and teaching students effectively. Especially now during a pandemic, California should not be cutting out successful options for children and families.

The number one example the state uses in addressing pandemic issues is a charter school. Under this language that school would not be allowed to grow!

It makes no sense.

Finally, even with shortcomings, the old LCAP was used to align budgets with learning and include parents and stakeholders in accountability to direct extra billions of dollars to improve equity and achievement gaps. But the State Auditor found what parents knew already, “billions” unaccounted for.

Instead of better transparency and equity, the bill eliminates minimal accountability for extra resources intended for disadvantaged students, short circuits timely parent input, and delays pandemic continuity and attendance plans until after the school year has already begun.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Board of Education should be directed to conduct emergency meetings to get the template guidance done immediately and require stakeholder input so planning can be done in a timely fashion to address learning loss, equity of opportunity and continuity.”

- Bill Lucia, EdVoice President, testimony prepared on AB 77 (as amended June 23) for the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee on June 24, 2020

### **About EdVoice**

EdVoice is a nonprofit grassroots network of over 50,000 parents, community leaders, educators, and the state’s leading education philanthropists, working together to dramatically increase measurable student achievement and eliminate educational inequality for all children.