

NEW BILLS TARGET CHARTER INDUSTRY ABUSES

Our strike sets stage for overdue action in Sacramento

Five critical bills have been introduced in the legislature that would institute a moratorium on charter schools and bring common-sense accountability and oversight to the charter industry.

► **SB 756: CHARTER SCHOOL MORATORIUM**

SB 756 by State Senator Maria Elena Durazo would enact a four-year moratorium on new charters and require analysis of critical issues, such as the impact on students of co-locations and whether charter operators serve similar numbers of English learners and pupils with disabilities as public schools.

► **AB 1505: LOCAL CONTROL OVER CHARTERS**

AB 1505 by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell would give control back to local elected school boards to decide whether a charter school is the right fit for their communities, instead of unelected officials who might be several hundred miles away.

► **AB 1506: CAP ON CHARTER GROWTH**

AB 1506 by Assemblymember Kevin McCarty would establish a cap on the growth of charter schools, limiting the destabilizing impact of the unchecked charter expansion pushed by privatizers and the corporate charter lobby.

► **AB 1507: CHARTERS MUST OPERATE LOCALLY**

AB 1507 by Assemblymember Christy Smith would close a loophole in current law that allows a charter school to operate outside of its authorizing district.

► **AB 1508: FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL DISTRICTS**

AB 1508 by Assemblymember Rob Bonta would allow local school boards to consider facilities, fiscal, and academic impacts on the district when considering new charter school petitions. This is especially critical for school districts like LAUSD, where the unchecked growth of charters drains more than \$600 million from neighborhood public schools.

These bills follow the swift passage in March of Senate Bill 126, which requires charter school boards to comply with the same open meeting and conflict-of-interest laws as district school boards and ensures board members don't have a financial interest in contracts on which they vote.

TAKE ACTION: Legislator delegations

In April and May, delegations will visit the local offices of legislators who are undecided or opposed to these bills.

If you are interested in joining a delegation, email charterbills@utla.net. Provide your home address, and we may be able to match you with the legislator who represents your area.

