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Welcome to the 2016 Legislative Session: League Legislative Priorities and Communications Channels

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2016 Colorado Legislative Session!

The Colorado League of Charter Schools has been gearing up for the 2016 legislative session over the past several months. We are excited to share with you our <u>legislative agenda and priorities</u> for the upcoming months, as well as our plan to keep you in the loop as events unfold at the Capitol.

Governmental Affairs Committee

The League once again convened a Governmental Affairs Committee, comprised of charter school representatives from across the state as well as other community leaders, to help us craft our 2016 legislative priorities (see below). Click here to view the member roster for the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Legislative Priorities

Working in close conjunction with our Governmental Affairs Committee, the League developed a 2016 policy agenda that is focused on four main areas for charter public schools: Funding, Facilities, Flexibility, and Accountability. Click here to view the League's detailed 2016 policy agenda.

These priorities will guide the League's work at the Capitol over the coming months. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns related to these policy priorities.

Legislative Updates

Throughout the 2016 session, we will provide you with the following legislative updates to keep you up to speed on events at the Capitol:

· Legislative Update Emails

We will email legislative updates to you every three weeks, unless something more urgent happens, in which case we may send an Action Alert. Later in the session (mid-March), we will email you bi-weekly as momentum at the Capitol picks up. If you are not currently receiving our updates, please email Stacy Rader at srader@coloradoleague.org to be added to the list.

Action Alerts

If something arises at the Capitol that needs immediate action, we will use the <u>Charter Advocacy Network (Colorado CAN)</u> to send Action Alerts asking you to contact your legislator to make your voice heard about charter related issues. Colorado CAN makes it easy for you to contact your legislator, using a pre-formatted message crafted by the League, with only a few mouse clicks. If you are not signed up to receive Colorado CAN emails, please <u>register today</u>.

Join the Charter Advocacy Corps

We need YOU to join the Charter Advocacy Corps today and make a difference in the lives of charter public school students. As a member of the Charter Advocacy Corps, you will be part of a grassroots initiative working with like-minded individuals including charter school parents, teachers, principals, board members, and concerned citizens to influence positive change for charter public schools across Colorado. Our next call will take place on Thursday, February 18 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Our conversation will focus on effective legislative advocacy as well as the League's Charter Advocacy Day which will take place on Thursday, April 7 at the Capitol. Click here for further

details about the Charter Advocacy Corps and contact Dan Schaller at dschaller@coloradoleague.org to sign-up or learn more.

In Case You Missed It!

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Recently, President Obama signed the <u>Every Student Succeeds Act</u> into law. This bill, which will replace No Child Left Behind, includes a number of positive provisions for charter schools. <u>Click here for an overview</u> and <u>click here to view the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools' priorities</u> related to ESSA.

More Information

If you have any questions about legislative issues, proposed bills, etc., feel free to email or call us at the contact information below.

Here's to a productive 2016 legislative year!

Sincerely,

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