

UNDERSTANDING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THEIR IMPACT

OUR ROLE AND PERSPECTIVES

The ability of public, not-for-profit Charter schools to expand, particularly in underserved communities, is critical. While our Grimmway Schools' plans remain local, focused, and deliberate, it is in our best interest, and those of students and families we serve, to communicate the true facts with stakeholders, and use our network and record of success to do so.

We are supportive of the CCSA's efforts and encourage each of us to visit the CCSA advocacy website (www.ccsafamilies.org) and to share the information and video with your contacts and networks. As far as we know, major media dollars will not be spent in Kern County, so the grass- roots advocacy efforts we support are important. However, the Bakersfield Elementary Teachers Association (www.bakersfieldteachers.org), an affiliate of CTA, is sending out anti-Charter tweets, and we can surmise will become more active on social media in the weeks ahead. We will be taking appropriate opportunities through our upcoming events and parent meetings to lay out the true facts regarding Charter's School's and their impact on public education in California.

JUST THE FACTS: 10 THINGS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. We are public schools, with oversight and accountability to the County and the State.
2. We accept all students.
3. We are open to all who wish to apply.
4. We are Not-for-Profit.
5. We meet or exceed all the same standards as traditional public schools, including teacher credentialing and teacher training/professional development.
6. We reward teachers for performance, not tenure.
7. Our focus is student success, through a college preparatory curriculum and healthy food/life choices.

8. We are nonsectarian and nonpartisan.
9. We do not siphon money from traditional public schools; the money follows the student.
10. Our students are achieving great academic outcomes in English and Math, and almost 100 percent of our parents are involved in their child's success.

KEY QUESTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? IMPORTANT STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION COMING UP ON JUNE 5!

1. The 2018 elections will have a big impact on the future of California's public schools and students. Be sure to register to vote and make your voices heard June 5 – Election Day! Register here: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>.
 2. The deadline to register to vote in the June 2018 CA primary election is May 21. Not registered yet? Register here: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
 3. Statewide elections coming up on June 5! Your vote matters! Register to Vote and make your voice heard! <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
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1. Las elecciones de 2018 tendrán un enorme impacto en el futuro de los estudiantes y las escuelas públicas de California. Asegúrese de registrarse para votar y de hacer oír su voz el 5 de junio – ¡El día de las Elecciones! Regístrese aquí: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>.
 2. La fecha límite para registrarse para votar en las elecciones primarias de California de junio de 2018 es el 21 de mayo. ¿Todavía no se ha registrado? Regístrese aquí: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
 3. ¡Las elecciones a lo largo del estado se llevarán a cabo el 5 de junio! ¡Su voto importa! ¡Regístrese para votar y hacer oír su voz! <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

HOW WILL THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF CA HAVE AN IMPACT ON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS?

1. A charter-friendly Governor recognizes that charter schools are an important part of strengthening California's public education system.
2. Help ensure we get a Governor who supports charter schools and putting kids first. #GOTV June 5 <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
3. Be sure to register to vote and make your voices heard June 5 – election day! Not sure if you're registered? Click here: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

1. Un Gobernador que es amigo a las escuelas chárter reconoce que las escuelas chárter son una parte importante en el fortalecimiento del sistema de educación pública de California.
2. Ayude a asegurar que tengamos un Gobernador que apoye las escuelas chárter y que priorice a los niños. #GOTV 5 de junio <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
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HOW WILL THE NEXT SPI OF CA HAVE AN IMPACT ON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS?

1. The SPI is the most important education officer in our state and manages the California Department of Education – responsible for allocating billions of dollars to charter schools and school districts each year!
 2. Help ensure we get a SPI who supports charter schools and putting kids first. #GOTV June 5
 3. Your vote matters to charter public schools and students across the state! Make sure you're registered to vote on June 5 in the CA primary election! <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
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1. El SPI es el oficial de educación más importante de nuestro estado y administra el Departamento de Educación de California – ¡el que es responsable por la asignación de miles de millones de dólares a las escuelas chárter y a los distritos escolares cada año!
 2. Ayude a asegurar que tengamos un SPI que apoye las escuelas chárter y que priorice a los niños. #GOTV 5 de junio
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MAKE VOTING IN THE JUNE PRIMARY ELECTION EASY!

1. Simplify your life! Registered voters can apply today to vote-by-mail for the June 5 primary election. [It's easy – just click here](http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vote-by-mail/pdf/vote-by-mail-application.pdf) to register: <http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/vote-by-mail/pdf/vote-by-mail-application.pdf>
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