

SPEAK UP FOR YOUR CHARTER SCHOOL



COLORADO CHARTER ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Colorado Charter Advocacy Network (Colorado CAN) is a fast and effective way to support your charter school. Sign up today!

Charter schools are growing quickly in Colorado with nearly 60,000 students enrolled and over 40,000 more on waiting lists.

Yet, all too often, charter schools find themselves fighting for funding equal to their traditional public school counterparts. Each year, the Colorado League of Charter Schools goes to the State Capitol to stand up for your schools. ***Now, you can help!***

By signing up for Colorado CAN you will be part of a grassroots effort that is ready to act when the need arises. We will provide you with tools that will help you contact your elected officials asking them to support Colorado charter schools.

Colorado CAN is free, and easy to use.

Visit www.coloradoleague.org and click "Take Action."



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Join Colorado CAN to:

- Receive news, legislative updates and ALERTS about issues impacting your school.
- Easily send messages to state legislators encouraging them to support your charter school.
Colorado CAN will provide you with a list of elected officials in your area, and a template action message. Use the template or create your own personal note. It's up to you!
- Obtain discounted pricing from Staples.com on school supplies and office products.
Thanks to a special arrangement between the Colorado League of Charter Schools and Staples, members of Colorado CAN will receive preferred pricing from Staples on school supplies and other products, with an average savings of 55% off retail pricing (online purchases only).

"I joined the Charter Advocacy Network during this past legislative session. I greatly appreciated the sharing of information and the ease of which I could contact state legislators. The Network gives charter supporters the opportunity to unite and be a strong voice at the Capitol for our schools."

-Donnell Rosenberg, Parent

Platte River Academy, Highlands Ranch

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During the last legislative session thousands of charter school supporters sent over 10,000 messages to State legislators urging them to support Colorado's charter schools.

As a result, Colorado charter schools:

- Received \$10 million in capital construction funding.
- Were included in the B.E.S.T. Bill (Building Excellent Schools Today)—providing access to half a billion dollars in state grant funding.
- Avoided losing millions of dollars in funds by defeating proposed re-calculation of the School Finance Act that would have been hostile to charters.

Ask your friends and family to join your charter school advocacy efforts by signing up for Colorado CAN.

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"The Charter School Advocacy Network provides an easy and comprehensive method for those who support charter schools to become involved in the complex legislative process that impacts our schools' ability to remain viable. Through the Network, participants can 1) remain informed in a timely way about what is happening in the legislative process, 2) send standardized or personalized communication to lawmakers about issues as needed, and 3) provide messages of thanks to legislators who support charter schools."

**-Patricia Crone, Head of School
Stargate School, Thornton**

"Every legislative session, we are forced to defend charter schools against those seeking to rein in the charter movement. The Colorado Charter Advocacy Network is an effective way for us to work arm-in-arm with the League to help local charter schools receive the funding and support they deserve."

**-Nancy Spence, Colorado State Senator
Centennial**

The Colorado League of Charter Schools is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to supporting the nearly 150 charter schools in our state. The League is committed to helping charter schools reach higher levels of student performance and school success by providing information and resources, including technical support, advocacy and public relations assistance.