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OPPOSE SB 1264

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Dear Gary,

UTLA must oppose your SB 1264 which would lift the CAP on Charter Schools. When you introduced the Charter School bill it was labeled a pilot. Since the statute went into effect less than a year ago it seems to us that no one has had the opportunity to evaluate this program. It is very premature to consider lifting the CAP and proclaiming it a success.

There are many questions that should be answered before any new legislation is enacted:

Are Charter Schools more successful than their public counterparts?

What studies and data lead one to this conclusion?

What adjustments do you suggest for an elementary school if the base revenue limit is for a unified school district?

How should a Charter School pay for special education, transportation and other district-wide mandates?

What effect is there on a Charter School when the local administration changes?

How does a Charter School compare with a regular school that is involved in School Based Management?

What additional costs are insured by the LEA when schools go on charter status?

Do charter schools negatively impact other schools with the host district?

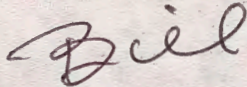
These are but a few of our questions regarding Charter Schools.



We believe that the jury has not fully been selected on Charter Schools and that there should be very conclusive evidence of its success before any changes are made.

We ask for a no vote on SB 1264.

Sincerely,



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