

Advocacy

CSDC has been a leading advocate of the charter school movement regionally and nationally. Since our earliest work in helping to enact California's charter school law in 1992, we have helped draft charter laws in over 25 states and have created a long track record of success in California.

We are a consistent, unwavering, and fiercely independent voice for California's charter movement

CSDC's advocacy is supported exclusively through the support of our member schools. We are financially sustainable and not controlled or influenced by special interest donors.

CSDC has consistently supported ALL charter schools—big and small, innovative and traditional, classroom and non-classroom based.

Our work has resulted in more pro-charter legislation than all other California charter organizations combined

CSDC played a key role in upgrading the Charter Act of 1998, lifting the state cap on charters and strengthening the appeals process for charter schools.

CSDC helped design the charter school "block grant" funding system.

CSDC successfully sponsored key cash flow protection legislation, including advance funding for new and growing schools and authorization to stretch certificated staff payroll over a 12-month period.

CSDC successfully sponsored legislation that gave charter schools the right to appeal revocations.

We tirelessly fight for charter school funding during the state budget process

CSDC has been the most successful advocate in boosting charter funding rates, netting hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding for California's charter schools.

CSDC successfully advocated for the expansion of charter exemptions from cash flow deferrals.

CSDC successfully supported state facilities aid funding and defended this program from proposed cuts.

We vigorously defend charter schools from legislative attack

CSDC has successfully defeated dozens of anti-charter bills, including recent legislation that would have imposed absurdly high charter renewal requirements, the Brown Act, Public Records Act, Political Reform Act, and other onerous Government Codes.

CSDC is the sole opponent of the expanding powers of the state superintendent and state board of education, especially with regards to charter revocation.

We work closely with government agencies

CSDC has successfully advocated for regulations strengthening charter schools' rights during the charter renewal and revocation processes, as well as the beefing-up of "Proposition 39" facilities regulations.

CSDC has successfully advocated for numerous amendments to the "nonclassroom-based" regulatory process and has blunted regulations that would have multiplied the auditing burden upon these schools.

CSDC worked closely with the SBE, CDE, and State Treasurer's staff to successfully apply for over \$500 million in federal start-up/implementation grants and nearly \$100 million in federal facilities grants.

