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Welcome

DAN SCHALLER

President, Colorado League of Charter Schools

2025 Legislative Outlook

SENATOR JAMES COLEMAN (D)

Senate President | District 33 | Denver County

SENATOR PAUL LUNDEEN (R)

Minority Leader | District 9 | El Paso County

League Priorities

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VP of Policy

Parental Engagement

KYLE DEBEER

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Legislative Agenda: 5 Key Areas

#1: High Quality Options in high-need areas

#2: Bolster support for AECs (Alternative Education Campuses)

#3: Reduce regulations and red-tape/requirements that do not benefit students

#4: Increase the Moral Obligation Program Cap

#5: Defense - DO NO HARM

High-quality options in high-need areas

The League will pursue policies that make it easier for operators to open and/or expand in different parts of the state, with a particular focus on those places where students currently do not have sufficient access to high-quality educational opportunities.

Bolster support for AECs (Alternative Education Campuses)

- Support the disproportionate number of charter schools that are AECs (24% of all AECs are charter schools)
- Engage with legislators that have historically not been friendly to charter schools
- Innovate on student count date

Reduce regulations and red-tape on requirements that do not benefit students.

Our schools feel there are increasing amount of mandates on them, often untethered from student impact. We will work with partners to identify and repeal rules and regulations that are no longer relevant.

Increase the Moral Obligation Cap

- Under the Moral Obligation Program, charter schools can finance capital projects under the State of Colorado's credit rating, which lowers borrowing costs and makes Capital projects more affordable for schools.
- There is a cap of \$750 million, and we are close to reaching it.
- We are working to increase the cap so more charter schools can access financing at an affordable rate

Defense

- We defeated the most anti-charter bill in the country, and we are preparing to face something similar again.
- Bills have been introduced that threaten CSI expansion and target charter school teachers.
- Protect what makes charter schools great (Autonomy for Accountability)

Parental Engagement



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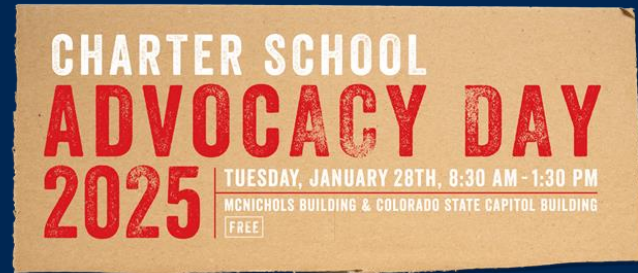
Pathway to Share Parent/Guardian Email Addresses with the League

- School designates parent email addresses as directory information.
- School provides notice of directory information policy and opt-out process to families.
- Following the opt-out period, the League requests a list of parent/guardian email addresses from the school.



Colorado Charter Schools Conference

- February 27-28, 2025
- Member Forum and HOF Ceremony on February 26 at 6pm
- Workshops are available now
- Cocharterconference.org



- January 28, 2025 Denver
- coloradoleague.org/events/advocacy-day.html

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Open until January 22, 2025

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