

Why Contact Your Legislators

As Charter School Leaders, you have the power to strengthen the charter school movement in the Legislature. Elected representatives listen when you talk to them about your support for charter schools. Frequent and consistent contact with your legislator builds an important relationship with them and the school, and sends a clear message of your support of your school and the charter school movement.

The following activities provide good reasons to regularly reach out to your state and local elected officials and their staff and highlight your school’s accomplishments.

Month	Proposed Activities
September	Invite your legislator to the ribbon cutting ceremony for new schools, or for “Back to School” celebrations for existing schools
October	Invite your legislator to speak at your Charter School Board Meeting
November	Invite your legislator to make presentation to civics classes or student government meetings.
December	Invite your legislator to the school’s winter concert or other activity.
January	Invite your legislator to the school’s “Open House”
February	Invite your legislators to speak to your school’s parent association. Invite your legislator to serve as “Principal for a Day”
March	For schools that have academic fairs or other events and competitions, have your legislator serve as a judge. Invite your legislator to review student portfolios on the same night that parents review them.
April	Invite your legislator to read to students during National Reading Week
May	Invite your legislator to a celebration event at your school for National Charter Schools Week.
June	Invite your legislator to speak to your school’s end of the year ceremonies/ celebrations/ graduations.