



We fight better when we stand together

The Education Legal Alliance takes on legal issues that impact schools.

Who we are

The California School Boards Association's Education Legal Alliance initiates and supports litigation on behalf of public schools. This consortium of school districts, county offices of education and ROC/Ps voluntarily join together impacting education issues and case law.

How we're funded

The Alliance is funded by contributions from participating CSBA member school districts, county offices of education and ROC/Ps. Become a member today and show your support for California's kids. In order to have continuing impact, this work requires resources and the support of **ALL** school districts, county offices of education and ROC/Ps.

What we do

Initiate and participate in litigation of statewide importance

- **LAUSD takeover:** Both the trial court and the appellate court overwhelmingly agreed with the position of the Alliance, LAUSD and others that AB 1381 unconstitutionally transferred authority from the locally-elected LAUSD governing board to the Los Angeles mayor. The courts affirmed that the legislature's end-run around the constitution bypassed the constitutional right of the L.A. citizens to have an elected school board.
- **State board of education charter school regulations:** The Alliance has been representing districts as the SBE considers regulations regarding Proposition 39 charter school facilities requirements that exceeds the SBE's authority and charter school conflict of interest regulations less rigorous than those applicable to school and county board members. The Alliance is prepared to file litigation should our concerns not be adequately addressed.
- **Statewide benefit charters:** The Alliance has filed a lawsuit challenging the SBE's approval of a statewide benefit charter without a showing of instructional services of a statewide benefit that cannot be provided by a charter school operating in only one school district.

Filed amicus briefs

Recently, the Alliance has filed amicus briefs on issues such as:

- Union use of district mailboxes for political purposes
- Right of board to adopt a censure resolution

How we work

Cases and issues are selected by a steering committee of board members, superintendents and education leaders from government and private industry. An advisory committee of noted school law attorneys provide legal analysis and strategies to the steering committee.



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