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## Center for Education Reform



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Dear Los Angeles Area Education Reformers:

An important effort is underway to bring about reforms to failing schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Mayor Villaraigosa is planning a major overhaul of low-performing schools that faces opposition from special interest groups like the unions that are happy with mediocrity in defense of the status quo. Part of the Mayor's plan would allow for successful charter school organizations, non-profits and other entities to create new schools and/or take over hundreds more that are failing.

Parents across Los Angeles agree that bold action is needed in order to ensure all children receive a better education. Your action is needed to ensure L.A.'s students have many avenues for success.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP...**

The Los Angeles Unified School Board will be voting on this measure in the coming weeks. They need to hear from you that you support allowing charter organizations and other entities to manage persistently failing schools and to create new school options for families.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2009 at 1:00 pm. You need to **call, write, email and fax the board members** to voice your support for this bold reform. While you are at it **call, write, email and fax Mayor Villaraigosa** to let him know you support this plan.

To learn more check out the Parent Revolution at [www.parentrevolution.org](http://www.parentrevolution.org).

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