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Charter School Funding Survey: *Are You Receiving Your Fair Share?*

Dear Charter Friend:

Are you receiving 100% of funding that other public schools receive in your state? Most schools are not. Some people believe this is at odds with state law – and perhaps with federal.

We need your help! If you want to make sure all charter schools get their fair share, we have to give policymakers information that they need to help them understand the problem. There are also some groups who believe we need to litigate. Make your situation and your voice heard. Take a moment to fill this very brief survey out – or pass it on to the appropriate person to do so. It won't take more than 5 minutes to complete.

Please call us with any questions at 800-521-2118, but in the meantime we need your feedback this week! THANK YOU!

Funding Survey

1) Is your charter school receiving the same type and amount of funding as other public schools in your district? (There may be discrepancies based on student population and demographics, but we want to make sure states are obeying charter law and giving charter schools equitable funding.)

2) If no, how do you know the amount is wrong? Can you point to specific examples in your budget or state/district funding formula and explain in detail where there are discrepancies? (i.e. operating dollars, IDEA, Title I, other categories of funds school does not receive that should, "discretionary" monies the district holds, etc.)

3) How much money does your school receive per pupil? _____

4) Would you be willing to share your story of financial discrimination with CER and others interested in helping you? If aggrieved and the potential for legal action existed, would you be open to filing a lawsuit against your state or the federal government to ensure charters receive equal funding?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey!!!