



Board of Education 2009 Legislative Priorities

INCREASE SMALL CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

JSD supports equitable state funding for charter schools so these educational options are financially feasible for districts. The Board supports legislation giving small charter schools a student count adjustment of 1.17, which would be comparable to the funding for a neighborhood school with an enrollment of 400. Current statute funds charter schools of 150 or more at the same rate as neighborhood schools. Charter schools of fewer than 150 students are funded so inequitably that they are at risk of closing and new ones cannot open. The legislature has recognized the value of charter schools in providing educational options for public school students, but has not provided the funding to make those options truly accessible or available to all students.