

KENTUCKY PTA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2019

FUNDING:

1. Maintain or increase funding for adequate P-12 public school education
2. Oppose any vouchers or tax credits
3. Support tax reform to increase public school funding

CHARTER SCHOOLS:

1. In order to prevent any service reductions and maintain equity, public schools must not divert funding from non-charter public schools.
2. Charter schools must ensure access for all children, be free of tuition and be reflective of district population.
3. Charter schools must be subject to the same assessment, accountability standards, and certification as non-charter public schools.
4. Charter schools must adhere to the service standards for students with special needs (IEP, 504 plans), including which entity is to be the local education agency (LEA) responsible for providing these services and how they are to be funded.
5. Charter schools must meaningfully engage parents in transparent authorizing, review, and any decision making processes, including the involvement of at least two parents on all levels of charter boards.

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS:

1. Parents should never fear sending their children to school and students should always feel safe in their learning environment.

SCHOOL BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCILS (SBDMs):

1. Oppose any reduction in authority and/or dismantling of School Based Decision Making Councils (SBDM) in schools, which includes parent engagement.

SUPPORT TEACHER RETIREMENT PENSION FUNDING