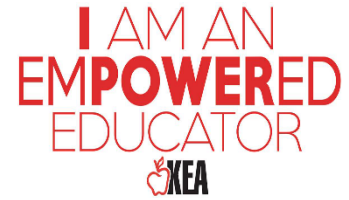


**\*\*\*ACTION ALERT\*\*\*  
KEA OPPOSES  
HOUSE BILL 9  
CHARTER SCHOOLS/VOUCHERS**



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Call your legislators and tell them to VOTE NO on HB9 Charter School Expansion.

**KEA believes the General Assembly should focus on funding Kentucky's system of common public schools for *all* children rather than diverting resources to an unregulated parallel system of schools.** Kentucky's local public-school parents and educators prove every day that we are dedicated to our students and local communities.

HB 9 proposes changing Kentucky's current charter school law to exponentially expand the number of charter school authorizers and shifts state and local tax revenue to charter school operators not approved by the local community.

This harmful legislation could divert millions of dollars of public money to hundreds of charter school authorizers, gutting public education funding statewide. The results would be a confusing and underregulated system of schools, and clearly is not the "efficient system of common schools," that the General Assembly is constitutionally bound to provide for every Kentucky student.

If adopted, HB 9 will remove local control and will allow charter schools to push their way into school districts that do not want them. It will drain funds from local public schools to pay out of state charter operators and it creates new government bureaucracies. Unlike true public schools, charters leave communities at high rates; 25% do not make it past year 5 and over half are gone by year 15, leaving students and families stranded

The General Assembly is responsible to create and equitably fund an "efficient system of common schools." Over the last 15 years, they have consistently passed budgets that include less state funding for education and shifted more of the burden for school funding onto the local property tax base in each county. HB9 would magnify the existing school funding problem, not solve it. If enacted, this bill would empower hundreds of individuals and entities - including out of state, for-profit, unregulated providers - to establish charter schools and be paid with your tax dollars. . Local taxpayers - not the General Assembly -- should decide whether they want to fund charters with their local taxes.

**This destructive bill is already moving through the legislative process, so time is of the essence. Contact your legislator right away at 1-800-372-7181 and ask them to oppose HB 9!**