

# A Letter from ASBCS

## Brought to you by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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#### **Important Dates**

- February 23, 2018: <u>New Charter</u> <u>Application</u> <u>Workshop</u>.
- March 12, 2018: Meeting canceled due to no requests for Board consideration.
- March 16, 2018: Amendment Submissions due for May Board Meeting.
- April 9, 2018: Next Regular <u>Board</u> <u>Meeting</u>.
- May 14, 2018: Deadline for FY19 expansions to be considered by the Board.

### **Enrollment Guidance**

Thursday, February 22, 2018

In December 2017, the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona (ACLU) released a report titled <u>Schools Choosing Students</u> ("Report"), which identifies charter schools whose enrollment processes or documents include "clear violations of the law". Now that the ACLU has made the supporting documentation utilized in the Report public, the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools ("Board") has begun its own review.

To ensure that all schools are in compliance with the law and in an effort to ensure fairness for all students, the Board will conduct an independent review and require identified charter holders to demonstrate that appropriate changes to enrollment procedures and documents have been completed.

For charter holders undergoing a 5-year interval review or charter renewal this year, review and discussion of enrollment procedures and documents will occur during the Academic Systems Review site visit.

An <u>enrollment guidance</u> document has been posted to the ASBCS website. Please review this guidance which addresses the legal

violations described in the ACLU report and review and update your enrollment and admissions policies where appropriate.

The Arizona Charter Schools Association has created resources on the laws and regulations

that govern Arizona charter school admissions and enrollment policies and practices.

