



A Letter from ASBCS

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Important Dates

- **November 13, 2017:** Amendment submissions due for [January Board Meeting](#).
- **November 21, 2017:** Next Regular [Board Meeting](#).
- **March 16, 2018:** Amendment submissions due for [May Board Meeting](#).
- **May 14, 2018:** Deadline for FY19 expansions to be considered by the Board.
- View the [2018 Board Meeting Calendar](#).

Special Education Guidance

Every student is entitled to receive a meaningful education and have equal opportunities at school. It is important that schools understand they are prohibited from denying or limiting admission on the basis of disability and may not influence a prospective student with a disability (or parent) not to apply to or enroll in a school because the prospective student has a disability.

Read the Board issued [guidance](#) on laws governing the admission and protecting the rights of special education students.

The Association also created an enrollment and admissions [fact sheet](#) to address questions and misconceptions about charter school enrollment policies.

Incentivizing with Cash or Other Award?

Charter Board staff want to make sure all schools are informed that the use of state aid for cash or gift cards or other “rewards” may be problematic, and may be a violation of the gift clause.

The primary case law is *Wistuber v. Paradise Valley Unified School District* (1984) and since *Wistuber*, there have been Arizona Attorney General Opinions, more specifically AG Opinion 187-123, which are helpful in the application of *Wistuber*.

This is being provided for informational purposes only and should not be considered legal advice. Charter schools should consult their own legal counsel for further information and advice on this issue.

2018 Calendar and Eligibility Criteria Assurance

In an effort to ensure transparency, a statement of assurance was sent to charter holders which requested that by November 3, 2017 they indicate that they are aware of the new [eligibility criteria](#) for expansions and the [2018 Board meeting calendar](#).

Helpful tips: If the charter holder has multiple charter representatives, only one representative needs to provide the assurance. Likewise, if a charter holder operates under multiple contracts, only one assurance needs to be provided.