

# **HIGH PRIORITY FOR 2018 ELECTION SEASON: HELPING STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT POLITICS, AND HELPING LEGISLATORS LEARN ABOUT CHARTERS**

## **Helping students learn about politics as they talk with state legislators**

Here are several options that some schools have used. This is a list of examples - you may well have other ideas - hope you will share. Please use the ones that make the most sense to you:

- Students help invite legislators to visit
- Students research questions to ask legislators who visit
- Students moderate a candidate debate
- Students study how their school is funded, based on what state legislators do
- Students guide legislators around the school during a visit
- Legislators meet with one or more classes of students to discuss what they do, and answer questions
- Legislators meet with a student assembly, moderate by students, to discuss what they do and explain what they would like to do to help students
- Students compile a history of their school, including the relationship between their school and the relevant state law.
- Students attend a coffee party in the community where a legislator speaks (sometimes there is an opportunity for questions)
- Students attend a fund-raiser where a candidate speaks (sometimes there is an opportunity for questions)
- Students invite families to an afternoon or evening meeting where the legislator is interviewed by one or more students.



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